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Journey as military nurse shapes view

What does it mean to be a military nurse? When I first came into the military, I did not know what that meant. I don't come from a family with a strong military history or an area of the country that has a large military presence. When I commissioned into the military, I saw nursing as a job. I began my career as a military nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.



Commentary by Col. Beth Dion
60TH INPATIENT OPERATIONS SQUADRON

I had two simple goals: Learn as much as possible, and don't make a mistake that could have dire consequences. Pretty common goals for a new nurse. I remember my rookie year vividly. Looking back now, it is amazing I survived. Basic nursing skills such as procedures, prioritization and critical thinking were learned on the fly. There is a steady state of controlled chaos on every nursing unit, but I discovered I loved that chaos. It is surprising how

Commander's Commentary

much medical care a 1-pound baby needs in a 12-hour shift. Even seven years later, I still didn't understand the significance of being a military nurse. Then 9/11 happened. Everyone knows where they were. I was in the NICU at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. I remember my flight commander pulling us all together and telling us, with tears in her eyes and a shaky voice, that the world had just changed and we are probably

going to war; be ready. That was the first day I felt I understood what it was to be a military nurse. Now, fast forward several years and I am deploying to the Intensive Care Unit at Balad Air Base, Iraq. This was an experience that defined me as a nurse and Airman. It was an honor to take care of wounded service members. These patients came in with devastating wounds and their first question would often be, "When will I get back to my unit?" Everyone was giving 100 % and then some. It didn't matter if we were chasing our tails to save someone or holding a hand

so they didn't feel alone. I left there with no questions on what it meant to be part of the U.S. military. Over the past 25 years, the military and nursing have taught me many lessons and molded my belief system. Serving in the military as a nurse has taught me to be humble. Another lesson I learned was to appreciate what you have and the people in your life. They may not be perfect, but they will be perfect for you. Lastly, find your path. There is no one path in this world. There isn't even just one path to chief or general. Remember, it is the experiences that make us strong.

Get to know Airmen to help them, you grow

What comes to mind when you hear someone say, "You should get to know your Airmen?" I've heard this statement throughout my career, I remember as a young noncommissioned officer believing the primary focus was proper feedback. This was how the tone for our working relationship was formed. Once we established our ground rules, I would find ways to submit my Airmen for awards ensuring everything was submitted in a timely manner. This allowed me to feel as if I had taken care of my Airmen. I thought I had it all figured out, but



Commentary by Master Sgt. Clifton A. Robertson
60TH INPATIENT OPERATIONS SQUADRON

looking back, I understand that was just scratching the surface of knowing Airmen. During my career, I've been blessed to receive mentorship from some really great supervisors and senior leaders which directly evolved my leadership style. This, along with experience, was the biggest reason, my perspective on how I take care of my Airmen changed. As I reflect back on the Airmen I've had the opportunity to serve, I've found myself asking is there anything I could have done better. During my introspective, I found that I changed my focus to quality. I've learned that quality over

Enlisted Commentary

quantity is always better, which meant I have to put more effort into engaged mentorship not just with my Airmen, but all Airmen. This means taking the time to produce quality work, which in turn, requires a lot more thought and hard work. Getting to know our Airmen exceeds providing them with an Airmen Comprehensive Feedback. It's providing Airmen with proficient training to sharpen their skills and broaden their knowledge to improve overall job performance. Also, mentorship explains or sets examples for our Airmen to understand they directly contribute to the Air Force and drive the work atmosphere.

We as leaders need to get down to the core of what makes our Airmen tick, what drives them. We need to do more than listen, we need to take notes as if we are preparing for an exam. Once they begin to share we can easily find how to make them successful, taking away barriers they may be fighting with. Getting to know our Airmen comes from the root of "home," what are your Airmen's hobbies, beliefs, morals, family background, life experiences, job experience prior to the military and what does serving mean to them. All of this can be gained by having a one-on-one uninterrupted conversation with your Airmen.

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Band of the Golden West performs for fire victims

Master Sgt. Samuel Kennedy
U.S. AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Galaxy, a country and pop music group from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, performed a special Independence Day concert for the residents of Paradise, California, on July 4. More than 150 men, women, children and U.S. military veterans attended the celebration. Arriving early, they set up lawn chairs on the green, grassy hillside of Paradise Community Park, which is situated in the center of town. On Nov. 8, 2018, a destructive and deadly fire broke out in northeastern Butte County, along Camp Creek Road. The fire burned intensely for 17 days and was battled by thousands of firefighters from around the country. Before the fire was 100 percent contained, it became the largest and deadliest wildfire in California history, killing 85 people and destroying 18,804 structures. The goal of the concert was to uplift the Paradise community, said Master Sgt. Clinton Whitney, Galaxy vocalist. "It was such an honor to perform for these brave men and women who have been through so much," Whitney said. "When they were smiling, singing and dancing, it filled me with so much emotion, and we were thrilled to be able to give them the patriotic celebration they deserve." Nearly a year after the fire, many residents of Paradise are living in campers, trailers and the few houses that are still standing. "Our people needed this so much," said event organizer, Monica Nolan, a member of the Paradise Chamber of Commerce. "So many of our residents are hurting and broken from the fire, and it's so nice to have this positive celebration, and a gesture that their country



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. John Marsh

The rhythm section from Galaxy, the pop and country music ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, perform July 4 at Paradise, California. More than 150 men, women, children and U.S. military veterans attended the celebration.

cares for them." Galaxy performed two sets after being introduced by Jody Jones, the mayor of Paradise, which featured a medley of service songs and concluded with "America the Beautiful." After the concert, the band met with Paradise residents and family members. The band is planning to return to Paradise to perform a holiday concert in December. For more information about the band's performance schedule, follow the band on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bandofthegoldenwest/>.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Senior Airman Sarah Rossman.	Hometown: Aberdeen, South Dakota.	What are your goals? Finishing a bachelor's degree in health care administration.
Unit: 60th Air Mobility Wing Judge Advocate.	Time in service: Five years.	What are your hobbies? Spending time with my family.
Duty title: General law.	Family: Married with a 3-year-old son.	What is your greatest achievement? Having my son.

Wing leadership visits 60th MXS



60th Air Mobility Wing leadership walk toward one of the 60th Maintenance Squadron buildings for Leadership Rounds July 19 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Leadership Rounds is a program that allows wing leadership to get a detailed view of each mission at Travis.

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

Travis plans National Night Out

Nick DeCicco
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Travis Air Force Base will host a National Night Out from 3-5 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center parking lot.

The event is part of an annual, nationwide effort on the first Tuesday in August to boost partnerships between the community and law enforcement.

“It’s not just a base event, but for the whole nation,” said Tech. Sgt. Justin Tanimoto, 60th Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of police services. “A lot of people have questions about what we do. It’s a chance for people to come out and enjoy the event and talk to the people participating.”

This year’s event will feature a variety of activities including handcuff and searching demonstrations, a bouncy castle, a performance by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West and a weapons display.

Tanimoto said the event is “definitely important” in terms of reaching out to the local community as well as building partnerships with other agencies on and off base.

“It’s a good way for us and local agencies to build upon the relationship,” he said. “It let’s them know that we’re here and we’re here to help.”

The base’s first responders, fire department, K-9 unit and medical agencies are also expected to participate in the event.

Additionally, free food will be available, including hot dogs, hamburgers, water, popcorn and shaved ice.

Fierce, effective advocate for Air Force dies at 94

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — Oliver Ray Crawford, who earned his wings and commission in the fading days of World War II and became a fierce and effective advocate for the Air Force for decades to come, died Sunday in San Antonio. He was 94.

While Crawford did not see combat in World War II, his bonds to aviation and to what would become the U.S. Air Force formed early and were unbreakable.

A lawyer who spent 13 years in the Air Force Reserves, Crawford was a charter member of the Air Force

Association. In 1989, he was named the organization’s Man of the Year and went on to serve as AFA president for two years in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Following his tenure as president, Crawford served two additional years as chair of the AFA board.

In 1992, the Air Force officially

recognized his work by awarding him the Exceptional Service Award. The award highlighted his work on Capitol Hill to gain support for stealth technology, among other efforts.

“Ollie was a larger than life guy who had boundless energy to improve the

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Exchange’s offer sweet

Lorraine Harris-Ortega
ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE
SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

From Aug. 1-31, Exchange shoppers can win \$500 gift cards to 10 in the Awake Caffeinated Chocolate Sweepstakes.

Authorized shoppers ages 18 and older may enter the sweepstakes at ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes. No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

“A \$500 gift card is a cool prize in the hot summer for troops, military families and retirees,” said Phonda Bishop, Travis Army and Air Force Exchange Services general manager. “That can buy a lot of chocolate.”

Honorably discharged veterans who have verified their eligibility to shop also are eligible. For more information on determining eligibility, veterans can visit ShopMyExchange.com/vets.

BX brings back-to-school savings

Lorraine Harris-Ortega
ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE
SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Military service members and families at Travis Air Force Base can save on back-to-school fashion with their Military Star cards from Aug. 1-8.

Shoppers will receive 10% off children’s, women’s and men’s apparel purchases of \$100 or more when they use their Military Star card at the Travis Army and Air Force Base Exchange.

“The Exchange is making back-to-school shopping easier for the Travis Air Force Base community,” said Phonda Bishop, Travis Army and Air Force Exchange general manager. “This limited-time offer is one of many promotions Military Star cardholders earn throughout the year.”

Benefits of the Military Star card include:

- Ten percent discount on all first-day purchases.
- Two points per dollar on

purchases, and a \$20 gift card after every 2,000 points earned.

- The lowest flat-rate APR (12.49%) among store cards.
- No annual, late or over-limit fees.
- Reduced-interest deployment plan with no payments required for eligible customers.

The Military Star program generated \$471 million in value for cardholders in 2018 through savings, discounts, financing offers and cardholder-friendly terms and conditions.

34th CTS trains the next generation

Senior Airman Kristine M. Gruwell
19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — The C-130J Super Hercules was built to perform tactical combat airlift while flying and landing in austere environments.

Moving and dropping pallets doesn’t seem to be too daunting until loadmasters have to squeeze uniquely shaped cargo into the back of a C-130, at which point it can seem almost impossible without the correct training and techniques.

“Training as a loadmaster never stops,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mike Martin, 34th Combat Training Squadron joint operations flight chief. “I may know a technique another load doesn’t, so it’s my job to teach them.”

Martin trains loadmasters for unloading distinctive cargo such as Humvees with trailers or pallets containing Reapers. His squadron plans exercises like Green Flag Little Rock to continue enhancing loadmasters’ skills and create a joint environment for Airmen to learn from each other.

“I always have the goal when I get on an airplane to learn something,” Martin said. “There’s always something to learn because in that one instance where something happens, you know how to react.”

Deciding to retrain from an aerial porter to a loadmaster in 2012, Martin realized he wanted to see the end result of the cargo pallet he used to build. From there, he excelled



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristine M. Gruwell

Tech. Sgt. Michael Martin, 34th Combat Training Squadron joint operations flight chief, serves as an observer, coach and trainer for participants of Green Flag Little Rock 19-08.5 July 18 near Alexandria, Louisiana. Martin teaches the next generation of loadmasters techniques and procedures for loading unique cargo.

through his career by constantly learning and understanding the importance of his job, landing him a position at the 34th CTS in the fall of 2018.

“I chose to come to this squadron because of the uniqueness of the mission, being able to teach and give back,” Martin said. “I want to make people better. I have the ability to

teach the techniques I have acquired and pass them on to the next generation of loadmasters.”

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 Buzz Aldrin, lunar module pilot, walks near the lunar module in July 1969 during the Apollo 11 extravehicular activity.

Airmen vital to space exploration

**Air Force Space Command
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WASHINGTON — What's the first thought or word that comes to your mind when you hear Apollo 11? Is it NASA, moon landing, Armstrong or Aldrin?

While all of those are perfectly logical and correct

answers, there's one response that's equally as valid, though not often given: U.S. Air Force or Airmen.

From Air Force Col. Nick Hague, who is currently aboard the International Space Station, all the way back to Buzz Aldrin, who was a U.S. Air Force

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Leader looks at future of flight

**Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs**

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan visited three sites in Florida to highlight investments in the future of flight in air, space and communications, July 19.

Donovan visited Northrop Grumman's B-21 Design and Development Headquarters and the Kennedy Space Center to review the X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle Processing Facility, as well as the newly merged L3 Harris Technologies, Inc.

The B-21 Raider will be a highly-survivable next-generation bomber with the ability to penetrate modern air defenses and hold any target at risk globally. The program has a mature and stable design and is now transitioning to manufacturing development of the first test aircraft. Northrop Grumman is utilizing its Melbourne facility for the design and development of the B-21 Raider.

"We look forward to receiving the B-21 on time and incorporating it into our future

force," Donovan said after meeting with the B-21 Raider team. "The B-21 will be a significant component of our Air Force as we continue to modernize to meet the National Defense Strategy and is a game-changing capability to win the high-end fight."

After his visit to the B-21 Raider facility, Donovan visited Boeing's X-37B facility.

The X-37B is the Air Force's newest and most advanced re-entry spacecraft. The platform performs risk reduction, experimentation and concept of operations development for reusable space vehicle technologies.

"The X-37B is a key component to America's future in space dominance," Donovan said during his visit to the Kennedy Space Center. "As the Department of Defense's only reusable and reliable space platform, its advancements provide a solid foundation for future investments while leveraging the great work by NASA."

The unmanned X-37B is

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U.S. Air Force photo/Yasuo Osakabe

Tech Sgt. Seth Sarrett, 374th Operations Support Squadron survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist, uses hand signals to communicate with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force paratroopers as they prepare to exit a U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules July 16 over Hiju-dai exercise area, Oita Prefecture, Japan, during bilateral jump training.

Airmen, Japan sharpen skills

Yasuo Osakabe

374TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Since exercise Keen Sword 19 last year, Airmen from the 374th Operations Group, Yokota Air Base, and soldiers from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, 1st Airborne Brigade, kept a focus on strengthening ties by executing airborne proficiency operations with combat readiness and interoperability.

The service members met again at Yokota Air Base to conduct jump training observed by 374th Operations Support

Squadron survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialists on Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Hiju-dai drop zone, Oita Prefecture, Japan, July 16.

"Bilateral training missions are important because they improve the working relationship between the U.S. crewmembers and our host nation partners," said Capt. Evan Taylor, 36th Airlift Squadron C-130J Super Hercules pilot and a mission commander. "Also, they allow unique training opportunities for both allies as we share different techniques from those normally utilized."

"A valuable lesson from this training mission was coordinating with the JGSDF to employ an airdrop procedure called a Verbally Initiated Release System, which the (U.S. Air Force) does not typically employ," Taylor said. "Usually, U.S. C-130Js use a Computerized Air Release Point technique to airdrop paratroopers, where the plane's computer automatically analyzes winds and guides pilots to fly to a point in space to begin the airdrop."

The VIRS is a method where a ground controller analyzes the drop zone winds, then uses radio communications to direct

The training mission: More

than 80 Japan Ground Self-Defense Force paratroopers boarded two U.S. Air Force C-130Js at Yokota AB and flew over the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Tsuki Air Base in Fukuoka prefecture. The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force paratroopers geared up and conducted airdrop training from the C-130Js.

"We have four members that have never done this type

Guard conducts joint training in West Virginia

Master Sgt. De-Juan Haley
WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

BECKLEY, W.Va. — Members of the West Virginia Air National Guard participated in a casualty evacuation exercise during exercise Sentry Storm 19 at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, July 20.

Exercise Sentry Storm brings military assets from around the country to train in West Virginia in areas such as conducting joint aircrew and mobility operations, aeromedical evacuation, personnel recovery and support services readiness training for domestic operations. Additionally, Sentry Storm overlaps with the World Scout Jamboree, held July 22 through Aug. 2, and offers airlift and medical support to the jamboree should an emergency arise.

Members of the 167th Medical Group and the 130th Airlift Wing's 167th Aeromedical Squadron practiced procedures to transport a patient to a C-130H Hercules. This involved coordinating with West Virginia Army National Guard and local civilian medical partners.

Capt. Keith Michael, 167th MDG en route patient staging system team chief and officer in charge, led a group of about 14 members in the training. ERPS can stage patients in the field prior to going on an aircraft for an evacuation mission, in addition to providing the manpower to load patients into the aircraft.

For some members, this training has proven invaluable.

"We have four members that have never done this type

of training before, and a few of them have never flown on a C-130," Michael said. "So getting their first interaction with AES and how operations are done is a great training experience."

In addition to working with the ERPS team, AES was able to network and train with the critical care air transport team from the 167th Airlift Wing. A CCATT is used when the military transports critical patients by air. They augment the aeromedical evacuation team by offering a critical care physician, critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist. The Air Force is the only branch to have a CCATT, and the 167th AW recently stood up a CCATT team at the unit.

For Staff Sgt. Loy Nelson, 167th AES aeromedical evacuation technician, it was his first time working with a CCATT team.

"Learning their capabilities and how our two worlds can mesh together to create a higher level of care in the air is an amazing thing," Nelson said. "With the CCATT being able to take higher acuity patients, that means less time people have to spend downrange trying to stabilize out. We can get them home quicker to facilities that can provide better care."

Michael noted that the ability to work with state agencies is a great experience for all participants.

"It's great because we get to exercise all the resources available in the state," Michael said. "This allows us to show our civilian partners the assets that we have and what we can bring to the table in times of emergencies."



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Master Sgt. De-Juan Haley

Airmen assigned to the 167th Medical Group, Martinsburg, West Virginia, secure a simulated patient July 20 during casualty evacuation training for exercise Sentry Storm 19 at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport. Exercise Sentry Storm is a joint exercise that offers military units training in domestic rapid response capabilities to support the World Scout Jamboree.

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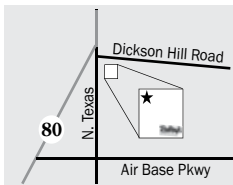
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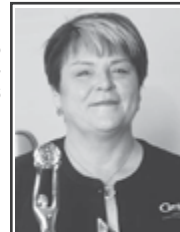
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US, RAF train on refueling

48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MARHAM, United Kingdom — Air-
men assigned to Hill Air Force
Base, Utah, had the opportuni-
ty to train Royal Air Force per-
sonnel on hot pit refueling pro-
cedures at RAF Marham, July
18.

Hot pit refueling is the process in which ground crew Airmen refuel an aircraft while its engines are still running, allowing the aircraft to get back into the air as quickly as possible.

"It's amazing that we have been given the opportunity to come to the United Kingdom and train with the Airmen of the RAF," said Senior Airman Anthony Loudon, 75th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel journeyman. "If one of our F-35s needs to refuel at an RAF base, we now have the confidence and trust that these guys know what they're doing."

This was the RAF Marham Visiting Aircraft Servicing Section or VASS, team's first time refueling a U.S. Air Force

F-35A Lightning II in preparation for future partnership capabilities. The VASS team learned the safety and troubleshooting procedures including

emergency shutdown and evacuation processes.

“We’ve not had the F-35s here very long and this is the

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Amy McNaught, certified flight instructor, trains Kima Farr, Air Force's Aviation-Character Education Solo Flight Program graduate and high school student, for a flight over Tuskegee, Alabama. Forty-eight students, ages 16-22, consisting of 24 Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets, four U.S. Air Force Academy cadets and 20 high school students participated in the flight program. Over the course of three weeks, they completed a combination of 480 flight hours, with over 37 students soloing the airplane.

Program pushes aerospace

Air Force Recruiting Service Detachment 1

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force concluded its Aviation-Character-Education Solo Flight Program, led by the Air Force Recruiting Service, after graduating the final class of the year, July 12, in Tuskegee, Alabama. “It’s impressive to see these incredible students developing into young leaders and aviators,” said Maj. Jeri-Lynn Harper, the Tuskegee A.C.E. class director of operations and a E-3 Sentry pilot.

“They’ve come together and worked hard to improve daily; which was evident in the amazing progress they made in such a short period of time. This has been a phenomenal opportunity for all of the cadre, certified flight instructors and students. We are so grateful to be a part of such an inspirational program.” The A.C.E. Solo Flight Program, which began in 2018, is a unique, STEM-science, technology, engineering and math-focused summer program designed to motivate and mentor

minorities and women to pursue aerospace careers, with an emphasis on Air Force opportunities. For AFRS, the three-week program was a key element in the effort to increase diversity within the Air Force’s rated officer corps. “The A.C.E. Solo Flight Program advances the warfighting imperative of increasing diversity and reducing the pilot shortage through meaningful engagement of the next generation of Airmen,” said Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, AFRS commander.

AFRS set a historic milestone in that the program’s third class in Tuskegee marked the first time the Air Force has conducted flight training operations out of Moton Field since the illustrious Tuskegee Airmen learned how to fly there in the 1940s. The location was specifically chosen to honor the contributions and rich heritage of the Tuskegee Airmen. The other two A.C.E. Solo Flight programs this summer were held at the Citadel, the Military College of

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Goldfein stresses promise of complex operations

Charles Pope

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LONDON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein urged fellow air chiefs from 39 nations, July 18, to fully embrace, institute and refine a warfighting approach that links air, sea, land, space, cyber and information assets in a powerful system for identifying threats and defeating them.

The complex effort, known as multi-domain operations or MDO, “will change the character of modern warfare” Goldfein said in a closely scrutinized keynote address at the Air and Space Power Conference 2019.

“Where we are going is using dominance in one domain or many, blending a few capabilities or many, to produce multiple dilemmas for our adversaries in a way that will overwhelm them,” Goldfein said.

While the concept appears straightforward, putting it into practice is not. The technical challenges require linking systems to collect vast amounts of data from an array of sensors from the various domains in a way the information can be assessed, understood and transmitted quickly to commanders and combatants to produce correct, coordinated, successful actions.

It requires instilling a new culture that moves thinking away from a single “platform” to using a highly connected, agile and resilient system. It refines the familiar command chain to use more heavily artificial intelligence and machine learning that yields better options faster. As Goldfein

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6th ARS conducts one final flight to honor their own



1) Master Sgt. Brad Kretschmer, 6th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender flight engineer, completes a preflight check on a KC-10 before a mission to conduct a flyover for Maj. Brent Burklo's funeral July 16 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Burklo was a KC-10 pilot at the 6th ARS who died July 10 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Joey Swafford
60TH AIR MOBILITY COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A KC-10 Extender and crew assigned to the 6th Air Refueling Squadron, with the unique call sign of “Brent06,” took off early Tuesday morning from Travis AFB on a mission to honor one of their own.

The call sign will only be used once and was in honor of Maj. Brent Burklo, 6th ARS KC-10 pilot, who died July 10 at the age of 32 after a two-year battle with cancer.

The crew flew nonstop to Texas to perform a flyover with the boom down in honor of Burklo's service to the country as his family and friends gathered at the cemetery for a service with military honors.

“As a friend and fellow Airman to Brent, I believe one of his great passions in life was to fly and serve his country,” said Maj. Gregg Boulanger, 6th ARS KC-10 pilot. “Being able to honor Brent's memory with this flight will no doubt mean more than words can express to his friends and family.”

The flight was also meaningful for the crew members who had served with Burklo.

“I feel fortunate to be a part of this flight,” said Staff Sgt. Zachary Ruff, 9th ARS KC-10 boom operator. “Maj. Burklo played a part in many people's lives in the KC-10 community. To be part of this crew means a lot to myself and every one of us flying today.”

“It is a humbling feeling to honor the memory of a close friend and an outstanding Airman,” Boulanger said. “When I was informed of the saddening news, I recall the feeling of helplessness. I am truly grateful to be given the opportunity to honor Brent and his family.”

Burklo flew more than 41 combat missions over Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. He enabled the Airmen of the 6th ARS to offload 13 million pounds of fuel, deliver 3 million pounds of cargo and 1,300 passengers in one year alone.

“Brent was an amazing officer,” said Lt. Col. Vincent Livie, 6th ARS commander, in a note to his unit. “But he was more than that, he was a combat-hardened aviator with his eyes always looking to the sky. His reach was global, supporting nine combatant commanders conducting operations from 65 feet below the surface to the outer reaches of space, and everywhere in between.”

Burklo loved to fly and was proud to be an Airman; his passion for both made an impact on senior leadership and the Airmen who he served with daily.

“Brent was an incredible Airman who loved leading his Airmen and flying,” said Col. Jeff Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. “He wanted nothing more than to get back in the cockpit and to fly with his squadron mates again.”

“He showed that even in the darkest of times, you can have a positive attitude,” Ruff said. “He battled cancer, was told he would never fly again, and still came to work every day with a smile on his face. He did everything he could to get back on flying status because flying was so important to him. He showed what people are willing to do when they truly love what they are doing.”

Burklo's departure will impact many across the Air Force, but his legacy will remain through the Airmen he led.

“The loss of Brent as a pilot and as a leader is significant,” Boulanger said. “Although he will be missed dearly by his fellow Airmen in the 6th ARS and around the Air Force, his legacy will never be forgotten.”



2) A U.S. Air Force KC-10 Extender aircraft and crew with the 6th and 9th Air Refueling Squadrons fly over Maj. Brent Burklo's funeral July 16 near San Antonio, Texas. Burklo was a KC-10 pilot at the 6th ARS who died July 10, 2019, after a two-year battle with cancer. 3) Master Sgt. Brad Kretschmer, 6th ARS KC-10 Extender flight engineer, completes preflight checks on a KC-10 before a mission to conduct a flyover for Burklo's funeral July 16 at Travis Air Force Base, California. 4) Staff Sgt. Mason Wells, 6th ARS KC-10 Extender boom operator, holds an American flag inside a KC-10 while flying over Burklo's funeral.

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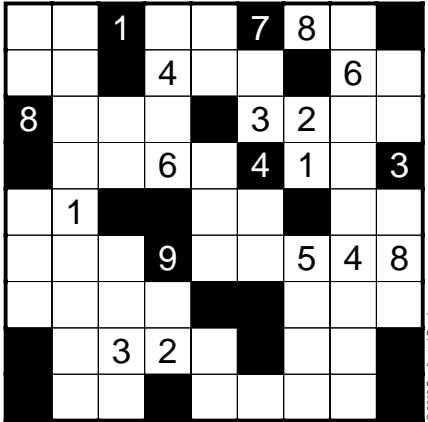
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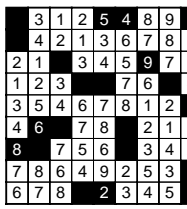
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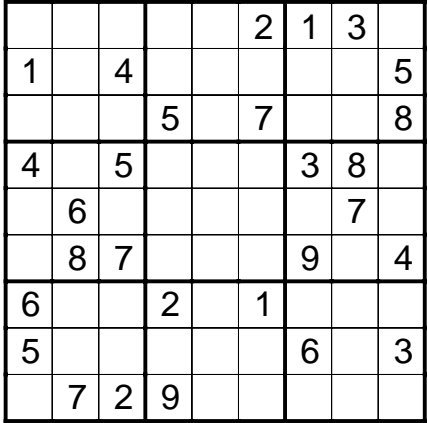
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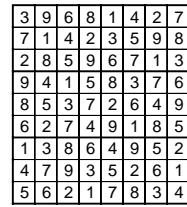
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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Retiree Corner

AAFES recruiting vets to fill downrange positions

DALLAS — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is recruiting veterans to bring a taste of home to warfighters downrange.

The 123-year-old Department of Defense retailer is seeking veterans to deploy to fill various positions wherever the Exchange

operates within Southwest Asia and Eastern Europe.

The Exchange operates 41 direct-run stores on 32 installations in eight Middle East countries, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, as well as on installations in Europe, such as Bosnia, Kosovo, Romania, Poland and Bulgaria.

— AAFES News Service

Chapel programs

Recurring events

Catholic Twin Peaks Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.
- Children's Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon appointment.
- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.
- Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).
- Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex.
- RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, RE Wing.

First Street Chapel

- Mom's Group: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday.

DGMC Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holidays.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Sacrament services: 9 and noon Sunday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fairfield Stake Center, 2700 Carmrose Ave., Fairfield.

DGMC Chapel

- Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.
- For all other inquiries, call LDS Military relations representatives at 707-535-6979.

Protestant

First Street Chapel

- Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Ministry is provided for 6-month-olds through fifth grade.

- Protestant Men of the Chapel, 6-8 p.m. every second and third Tuesday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex, vice 8-9 a.m. first Saturday of the month.

Twin Peaks Chapel

- Protestant Women of the Chapel: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

DGMC Chapel

- Protestant Traditional Service: 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday.

Airmen's Ministry Center

- The Peak is open from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg. 1348. Home-cooked meal from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays followed by Bible study.



For more information about chapel programs, call Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217.

Recurring

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief or request information on joining AFOSI, report to Bldg. 380B, second floor. Send correspondence to AFOSI Detachment 303, 510 Airlift CR, Travis AFB, 94535. For more information, call 707-424-3115 or DSN: 837-3115.

Air Force Recruiting Office. Now open at the Solano Town Center mall. Learn more about what the Air Force has to offer, such as up to 100-percent tuition assistance, 30 days paid vacation per year, free medical and dental care, tax-free housing and food allowance and much more. Contact Tech. Sgt. George Yardley at 707-889-3088 or stop by the office located at 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite P2, Fairfield, in the Solano mall.

Air Force Sergeants Association "Walter E. Scott" Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 2 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club and include a free breakfast. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Reynoldo Rios or Master Sgt. Rosel Agapay.

Airmen's Attic. The Airmen's Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, 560 Hickam Ave. For more information, call 707-424-8740 or visit the Facebook page "The Attic at Travis AFB."

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meetings take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center. For more information, call 707-423-7227.

Base emergency numbers. Mobile phone users must dial 707-424-4911 if they have an emergency on base. Those using government or home phones can call 911. For more information, call the Travis Air Force Base Fire Prevention Office at 707-424-3683.

Base illicit discharge number. To report sewage/water leaks or illegal dumping, call 707-424-2575. For hazardous chemical/material spills, call the base emergency numbers.

Civilian Health Promotion Services. Will perform free wellness screenings from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. every Monday for all DoD federal civilians. Screenings include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and body composition analysis. For more information, visit www.afmccwellness.com or contact CHPS at 707-424-CHPS or CHPSTravis@foh.hhs.gov.

Crisis text line. Free, confidential, 24/7 counseling for teens and young adults. Text 741-741 anywhere in the United States and a live, trained crisis counselor responds quickly.

Employee-Vehicle Certification and Reporting System. Civilian and military personnel must maintain emissions information with the Web-based ECARS system. For more information, call Xuyen Lieu at 707-424-5103.

Exceptional Family Member Program Sensory Play Group. This group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Balfour Beatty Community Center. For more information, call 707-424-4342 or visit the Facebook page "EFMP Travis AFB."

Family Advocacy Parent/Child play groups. Toddlers to the Max play group for children ages 1 to 3 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the First Street Chapel Annex. The Rattles to Raspberries play group for infants 8 weeks to 1 year meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at the First Street Chapel Annex. For more information, call 707-423-5168.

Family and Friends Combat Stress Peer Support Group. Meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center and from 1 to 2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Peak. For more information, contact Amber Quirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travspocombatpdsd@gmail.com.

Government no-fee passports. All submissions of applications for government no-fee passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of Military Identification Card front and back;

2) Passport photo taken in the past six months; 3) Supporting document(s), proof of U.S. citizenship certified copy with state or county seal, if it involved a name change submit a court order or marriage certificate. Passport application cannot be handwritten and printed back to back and must be completed online with 2D barcode at website <https://pdpform.state.gov> and/or <https://travel.state.gov>. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

Hometown News Releases. To submit a Hometown News Release, visit <https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public> and fill out the information.

Mare Island Museum. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. 1100 Railroad Ave. in Vallejo. For more information, call 707-557-4646.

M-50 Gas Mask Fit Testing. Takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at Bldg. 791. All deployers are fit as necessary. For more information, call 707-424-2689.

Mitchell Memorial Library. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday.

MPF self-renewal program. Did you know that dependents can now renew their ID cards online? To participate in this program, visit <http://bit.ly/2mR1gl2>. This program is limited only for renewing dependents' IDs. For all other services, visit MPF during duty hours or call 707-424-8483.

On-base child care. The Air Force requires on-base residents to be licensed by the 60th Mission Support Group if they provide more than 10 hours of care per week in their homes. For more information, call 707-424-8104 or 707-424-4596 or stop by Bldg. 380B.

Photocopying of military identification. The prohibition of photocopying of U.S. government identification Common Access Card announced by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, dated Oct. 27, 2011, does not apply to medical establishments, applying for government-issued, no-fee passport and other U.S. government agencies in the performance of official government business. This requirement does not apply to minors ages 16 or younger. However, it applies to sponsors. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

Professional Loadmaster Association. The Professional Loadmaster Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, call Mark Raymond at 707-416-5331.

Retiree Activities Office. Openings for volunteers. Customers are retired American service members and their family members. It is the RAO's responsibility to maintain open communication and to ensure retirees receive the service and the respect they deserve. If you would like to apply for a volunteer slot and have three hours or more to give, call 707-424-3905.

Solano/Napa Habitat for Humanity. This organization welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. There are recurring events Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, email Staff Sgt. Mathew Clayton at mathew.clayton@us.af.mil.

Travis Community Thrift Shop. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Ongoing need for volunteers to organize, sort and price donations. For more information, contact the Thrift Shop at 707-437-2370.

Travis Composite Squadron 22 Civil Air Patrol. Open to youth from 12 to 18, as well as adults ages 18 or older who train and serve as the volunteer component of the total force. UTA is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Bldg. 241-B-2. Open to all students with a 2.0 or higher grade-point average. For more information, contact CAP 1st Lt. Jo Nash at 707-424-3996 or recruiting@squadron22-cap.us, visit during a UTA or check out <http://squadron22-cap.us>.

Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Building 80, 461 Burgan Blvd., Travis Air Force Base. Escorts required for general public, call center to arrange. Free. 424-5598, www.travisheritagecenter.org.

Travis Legal Office. Power of attorney and notaries are walk-ins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Legal assistance for active duty members and dependents are walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to make an appointment.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

- Dina Patterson-Steward, 60th Aerial Port Squadron
- The VLTP allows an employee who has a medical emergency or is affected by a medical emergency of a family member and is without

News Notes

Death notice. 1st Lt. Ashlyn N. Asipauskas is authorized to make disposition of the personal property of Seniorr Airman Kayli Jefferson-Henkel, deceased, 921st CRS, as stated in AFI 34-501. Any person having claims for or against the deceased person may contact Asipauskas by phone at 707-424-8792 or email at Ashlyn.asipauskas@us.af.mil.

availability of paid leave to receive transferred annual leave directly from other employees. For more information, call 707-424-1720.

Tuskegee Airman Lee A. Archer
Chaper. Meets at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch at the Travis AFB USO Bldg. 1348. Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. For active duty, Guard, reservist and their families.

Local events

Events

Benicia Farmers Market. 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday through August, 4 to 7 p.m. in September and October, First Street between B and D streets. www.beniciamainstreet.org.

Benicia Waterfront Festival. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 27-28, First Street Green. <http://beniciamainstreet.org>.

Fairfield Farmers Market and Thursday on the Green. 3 p.m. Thursday through Oct. 4, Jefferson and Texas streets. www.fairfieldmainstreet.com.

Film Club. "The Biggest Little Farm," 7:30 p.m. Aug. 8, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. www.empresstheatre.org.

Movies in the Park. Begins at dusk (about 8:45 p.m.): "The Lego Movie 2," July 27; "Mary Poppins Returns," Aug. 3; Heritage Park, 611 Village Drive, Suisun City. Free admission. www.suisun.com.

Party on the Patio. Music begins at 5:30 p.m.: Suspects of Soul, Aug. 1; Outta Kontrol, Aug. 15; Cast Iron Grill & Bar, 700 Main St., Suisun City. www.facebook.com/castrongrillandbar.

"Sounds of Suspense." Radio broadcast, noon fourth Friday of each month, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.



Here are the showtimes for this weekend's movies at the Base Theater:

Today

- 6:30 p.m. "Toy Story 4" (G)
- 9 p.m. "Child's Play" (R)

Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. "Yesterday" (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. "Annabelle Comes Home" (R)

Sunday

- 2 p.m. "The Lion King" (PG)

Third Thursday Night Market. 5 to 8:30 p.m. through September, Andrews Park, Vacaville. Free admission. www.downtownvacaville.com.

Vacaville Farmers Market. 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, through October, Creekwalk Plaza at Andrews Park. www.vacavillefarmersmarket.com.

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. www.vallejoartwalk.com.

Vallejo Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets. www.pcfma.com.

Vintage Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every third Saturday, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 101 West St., Vacaville. 925-978-6989.

Music and dance

City Sports Bar and Grill. Music begins at 9 p.m.: JonEmery & The Unconventionals, July 26; Kiss N Tell, July 27; 7155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www.starsrecreation.com.

Creekwalk Concerts. Music begins at 6:30 p.m.: Vinyl Ride, July 26; Crossman Connection, Aug. 2; Creekwalk, Vacaville. www.creekwalkconcerts.com.

Downtown Theatre. Rat Pack Cooler, 3 p.m. July 28, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. www.downtowntheatre.com.

Empress Theatre. Superfly - Curtis Mayfield Tribute, 8 p.m. July 27; Badself, 7:30 p.m. July 31; The Boys of Summer, 8 p.m. Aug. 2; Skynryn Lynnyrd, 8 p.m. Aug. 3; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www.empresstheatre.org.

First Street Cafe. Tune Riders, 7 p.m. July 27; Ken Cooper, 7 p.m. Aug. 2; Open mic, 7 p.m. Aug. 3; 440 First St., Benicia. 745-1400, www.firststreetcafe.com.

Lucca Bar & Grill. Don Bassey, 6:30 p.m. July 26; Erick Eckstein, 1:30 p.m. July 27; Garageland Rodeo, 6:30 p.m. July 27; The Foxcatchers, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 1; Killbillies, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 2; Garrett Reasoner, 1 p.m. Aug. 3; Irish music, 3 p.m. Aug. 4; 436 First St., Benicia. www.luccabar.com.

The Rellik. The Billy Bunch, 9:30 p.m. July 26; Strange Brew, 8:30 p.m. July 27; 726 First St., Benicia. www.therelliktaavern.com.

Sardine Can. Jazz music from 5 to 8 p.m.: Carol and the Jazz Cats, July 28; Nick Philips, Aug. 4; 0 Harbor Way, Vallejo. www.vallejosardinecan.com.

Sunday Jazz on the Waterfront. Music begins at 3 p.m.: Eddie Davis & The Notes of Choice, July 28; CBOP, Aug. 4; Waterfront Plaza, Main and Solano streets. Free admission. www.suisun.com.

Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. Omni Dance: Just the Beginning, 4 p.m. July 27; 1010 Ulatis Drive. 469-4013, www.vpat.net.

Waterfront Concert Series. Food, retail vendors open at 4 p.m.; music begins at 6:30 p.m.: Rolling Heads, July 26; Funky Gators, Aug. 2; Suisun City waterfront. Free admission. www.suisun.com/calendar.

Vallejo Jazz Society. Akira Tana, 5 p.m. Aug. 4, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www.vallejojazzsociety.net.

Museums

Mare Island Museum. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, 1100 Railroad Ave., Vallejo. 557-4646, www.mareislandmuseum.org.

THE FLIP SIDE

Peña Adobe/Mowers Goheen Museum.

Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. first Saturday, 1 Peña Adobe Road, Vacaville. Free. 447-0518, www.penaadobe.org.

Rio Vista Museum. Open 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 16 N. Front St., Rio Vista. Free, but donations welcome. 374-5169, www.riovistamuseum.com.

Solano History Exploration Center. Open noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Lawler House, 718 Main St., Suisun City. www.solanohistorycenter.org.

Airman receives Silver, Bronze Stars for actions

Danielle Knight
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — In the early morning hours of Jan. 11, 2018, a five-man team set out to conduct a seemingly uneventful and successful key leader engagement in Afghanistan. Over a year later, an Air Force Special Warfare Airman stood in front of a crowd at the Lackland Gateway Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, July 18, to be presented with a Silver Star for his actions that secured the safety of his joint

and allied partners. Tech. Sgt. Michael Perolio, an assessment and selection instructor assigned to the 350th Special Warfare Training Squadron at JB San Antonio-Lackland was awarded the nation’s third highest medal for his heroic actions in combat during Operation Freedom’s Sentinel. The presentation of the Silver Star was hosted by Col. James Hughes, Special Warfare Training Wing commander, and the presiding official of the ceremony was Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, Air Education and Training Command incoming commander. U.S. Army Capt. William Clark, the ground force commander of Perolio’s unit in Afghanistan was a guest speaker at the event. “The Silver Star is a big deal,” Webb said. “Mike is going to join the ranks of some notable Airmen such as Chuck Yeager, Bud Day, Jimmy Doolittle and special warfare operators such as Calvin Markham, Cam Kelsch, (Ishmael) Villegas and Brian Cloughsey to name a few.” The citations for both the Silver Star and the Bronze Star Medal were read in front of family, friends and fellow special warfare colleagues. Perolio’s

family looked on, tearful and proud as they heard the details about his heroism for the first time. On that early January morning in Afghanistan, Perolio’s actions under dangerous circumstances distinguished himself as a special tactics combat controller. As his team left the key leader engagement, they were engaged by heavy machine-gun fire from enemy fighters, injuring three members, including Clark. Perolio immediately took charge by treating his wounded

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explained in his appearance to the air chiefs, it means creating a system where “people are on the loop, not in the loop.” “Where we are going, I believe, will change the character of modern warfare,” he said. For the most part, Goldfein’s remarks fell on a receptive audience. The conference, which is one of the most influential air power gatherings each year, attracted more than 40 air chiefs from around the world. Many of those nations are moving to install a multi-domain approach, which explains why the conference focus was “Multi-Domain Operations for the Next Generation Air Force.” Underpinning Goldfein’s focus on multi-domain operations is his belief – commonly and often expressed for more than a year – that modern warfare and tactics are as much about “cognition” as distinct weapon systems. “Our nations are investing in a wide array of technologies which will play key roles in how we advance our combat capabilities, but modernization is not defined solely by hardware; it requires change in the ways we organize and employ forces,” he said. “Victory in combat will depend less on individual capabilities and more on the integrated strengths of a connected network of weapons, sensors and analytic tools. This is important because as air component commanders of the world, we are uniquely positioned to integrate capabilities and we are often the ones



U.S. Air Force photo

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein urged fellow air chiefs from 39 nations, in London, July 18, to fully embrace, institute and refine a warfighting approach that links air, sea, land, space, cyber and information assets in a powerful system for identifying threats and defeating them. who must pull it all together,” he said. With broad agreement on the importance of MDO, Goldfein used his speech to identify specific steps the United States Air Force has taken to establish the programs. “I can report to you today that the U.S. Air Force has made some progress,” he said. The U.S. Air Force, he said, created a new officer career field “focused on multi-domain command and control” and how that connects to operational warfare.

Space

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fighter pilot in the Korean War, Airmen are among the more than 60% of astronauts who came from the uniformed service.

However, the Air Force's long, multifaceted relationship with NASA's human spaceflight program extends well beyond simply serving as a source of astronauts.

North American X-15

The X-15 hypersonic research program was a joint effort between the Air Force and NASA at Edwards Air Force Base, California, that resulted in information that set the

foundations for the success of the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and other space shuttle programs.

In addition to providing five of the 12 pilots who flew the X-15, the Air Force contributed two modified B-52 Stratofortress bomber aircraft used as launch platforms for the X-15. These B-52s, known as "The High and Mighty One" and "The Challenger," were joined in supporting the program by C-130 Hercules and C-47 Skytrain cargo aircraft, as well as F-100 Super Sabre, F-104 Starfighter and F-5 Freedom Fighter chase planes.

Hundreds of Airmen also contributed to the X-15 mission in many ways to include aircraft maintenance, airfield

operations, life support systems and other flight and personnel support functions. In addition, the fastest recorded flight of the X-15 – Mach 6.7, or 4,519 mph – was accomplished by Air Force Col. William Knight.

Pulling Apollo together

Gen. Samuel C. Phillips, former director of the Air Force's LGM-30 Minuteman missile program, played a significant role in the Apollo program as its deputy director in NASA's Office of Manned Spaceflight, where he led a government-industry team of more than 400,000 people through the Apollo 11 mission.

Dr. Wernher von Braun, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center director, honored

Phillips, asserting that Phillips pulled together the various aspects of the Apollo program to make it happen.

After Apollo 11's successful moon landing, Phillips returned to Air Force active duty in 1969. The Smithsonian Institution later awarded him the Langley Medal for his work on the Apollo 11 mission, which placed him in the prestigious company of the Wright brothers and rocket pioneer Robert Goddard.

The Cape

Some of the most historic – and ongoing – contributions of Airmen to human spaceflight are at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, which is operated by the 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB, Florida.

Not only did CCAFS host all the Mercury and Gemini launches that led to the Apollo program, it also hosted the Apollo 7 launch, which was the first manned Apollo mission after the Apollo 1 fire that tragically killed three astronauts: Command Pilot Air Force Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom, Senior Pilot Air Force Lt. Col. Ed White and Pilot U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. Roger B. Chaffee.

Airmen at CCAFS also provided mission and base support to NASA, including housing von Braun and his team as they developed the Saturn V launch vehicle that sent the first humans

to the moon.

Shooting for the moon again

"The Air Force has been a driving force and leader in space since our earliest days in orbit," Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan said. "Today, space is more central to our society and military than ever before, and we are committed to sustaining American leadership in this critical domain. As we aim again for the moon and launch a new age of human spaceflight, we are proud to continue our vital support to NASA and our commercial partners on this momentous endeavor."

Airmen from multiple major commands, bases and specialties are still supporting human spaceflight, including the commercial crew program that, before the end of this year, plans to launch the first astronauts from U.S. soil since 2011 when the Space Shuttle program ended. From the U.S. Air Force Survival School at Fairchild AFB, Washington, the 920th Rescue Wing and the 45th Operations Group, Detachment 3, at Patrick AFB to Air Force Space Command Airmen located all over the globe operating various aspects of the Air Force's Space Surveillance Network, Airmen continue their proud support for human spaceflight programs.

Sharpen

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the aircraft to fly over a predetermined point to begin an airdrop operation.

"The ability to operate with the JGSDF allowed U.S. crewmembers a unique opportunity to employ an airdrop technique during the airdrop training mission that U.S. crews do not normally get to practice," Taylor said.

U.S. Air Force 374th OSS SERE specialists assisted as jumpmasters during the airdrop training mission.

"There is really no issues working with the JGSDF paratroopers. They communicate well on the aircraft and use the same signals as we do," said Tech. Sgt. Seth Sarrett, 374th OSS SERE specialist and jumpmaster. "It was good training for both sides and no simple feat with 80 jumpers from two C-130Js on a tactical DZ."

RAF

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first time we've gotten to work with the F-35A model," said Senior Aircraftman Technician Joshua Staff, VASS personnel. "The U.S. Airmen were very professional and taught us exactly what we needed through a step-by-step process."

According to Staff, it is a great advantage to be able to train with the U.S. as it gives U.K. aircraft personnel the opportunity to strengthen and expand their capabilities to respond to operational mission requirements.

"It was when I picked up my hose and approached the aircraft after they taxied through our cursory and parked by the refueling unit, that the importance of this training dawned on me," Loudon said. "It set in right then that I was a part of the first step to solidifying the partnership with our NATO allies through shared knowledge and growth."

Bilateral training events like this support and expand global reach through combat readiness and increase the U.S. Air Force's ability to deploy alongside NATO allies and deter any adversary.



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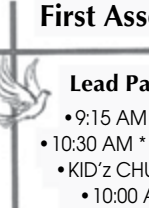
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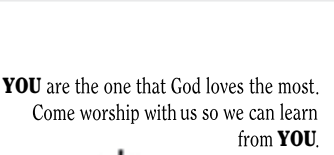
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Trains

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teaching, Martin helps young Airmen problem-solving skills along with new methods of loading.

“I love teaching,” Martin said. “If you show somebody how to do something and you watch them get it the first time – that’s job satisfaction.”

Martin has also learned to mold his teaching process for the next generation of Airmen.

“You have to explain your logic, show your logic and allow Airmen to fail without hitting the airplane or damaging

it,” Martin said. “Then lead them to do the right thing and make the right decision.”

Young Airmen have the opportunity to learn tricky maneuvers with cargo under the watchful eye of the observer, coach and trainer ensuring safe and effective mission execution.

“Employing the C-130J for what it was meant to do, delivering cargo, is very important,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ben Evans, 34th CTS mission operations execution specialist. “The 34th CTS training environment allows crews to work on those techniques and find out what isn’t going to work so that doesn’t affect

someone trying to get home to their family.”

Ultimately, the goal of any C-130J loadmaster is the same – delivering cargo whenever and wherever it’s needed. Martin forges young loadmasters to take the challenge of flawlessly uploading unique cargo and delivering it safely and efficiently in austere environments.

“The 34th CTS takes you outside your comfort zone,” Martin said. “We push you to go above and beyond what you should expect for deployment. Every person deployed as aircrew for a C-130J comes through us to get better at their craft.”

Advocate

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U.S. Air Force for generations of Airmen who would serve after him,” said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan. “He will forever be remembered by the Air Force, and my deepest condolences to his friends and family.”

While not widely known outside of the Air Force community, the results of Crawford’s work and advocacy are both permanent and visible. Crawford was a driving force in creating the Air Force Memorial Foundation, which ultimately led to the construction of the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

“Ollie was a great American – an aviator, leader and statesman,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. “He was truly an original and a pioneer of our time. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family and those who knew him. We will continue doing our part to keep his legacy alive with a strong and ready Air Force.”

Threaded throughout all those years of advocacy was flying. Crawford ultimately accumulated more than 13,000 hours in more than 100 aircraft. Among them was a U-2, which came when he was 84 years old, making him the oldest person to receive a flight in the high-altitude surveillance plane.

Future

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designed for vertical launch to low Earth orbit altitudes where it can perform long-duration space technology experimentation and testing. Upon a command from the ground, the X-37B autonomously re-enters the atmosphere, descends and lands horizontally on a runway.

Randy Walden, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office director, accompanied Donovan during his visits.

“The Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office team is proud of the work we are accomplishing on both the B-21 Raider and X-37B,” Walden said. “The visit has been a great opportunity to showcase the capabilities we will provide to the warfighter.”

Both the B-21 and the X-37B are associated with the AFRCO. AFRCO is a unique program office established to push the bounds of performance for capability delivery. Donovan currently sits on the AFRCO Board of Directors which tasks, approves and oversees program office efforts.

Program

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South Carolina and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals’ Lt. Col. Luke Weathers Jr. Flight Academy in Memphis, Tennessee. Cadres were comprised of Airmen representing operational and support career fields. The program’s success centered upon robust interaction with role models from all components of the Air Force: active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

“It was the most empowered I’ve ever felt,” said Sebastian Almonte, Air Force ROTC cadet, about his solo flight. “I had proven to myself that I had the skills and confidence to take off smoothly, fly safely and land perfectly.”

Forty-eight students ages 16-22, consisting of 24 Air Force ROTC cadets, four U.S. Air Force Academy cadets and 20 high school students participated in the flight program. Over the course of three weeks, they completed a combination of 480 flight hours, with more than 37 students soloing an

airplane. This milestone builds confidence that carries pilots throughout their aviation career.

“Soloing changed my outlook on aviation,” said Daniel Farrell, Air Force ROTC cadet. “It made me never want to stop flying.”

While aviation was the primary theme of the A.C.E. Solo Flight Program, students also benefited from a variety of experiences from their instructors who enhanced their abilities by developing character and education. Students practiced group leadership projects and listened to briefings on a variety of subjects that included aerospace career options, S.M.A.R.T. goal setting and resiliency. Additionally, students engaged in informational field trips to military bases and college tours and had the opportunity to hear from Air Force senior leaders about their career experiences and pathways.

“During the character and education portion of the camp, I learned a lot about myself,” said Sydney Flowers, a high school student. “Specifically, I learned the ways I need to improve in time management and study skills.”



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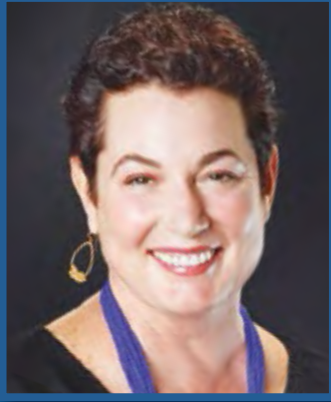
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According to the citation, Perolio's calm thinking under fire and innate ability to manage a crucial situation allowed two members to receive life-saving medical care within 15 minutes of injury. "Perolio is an expert at his job," Clark said. "He's everything that you would want from someone standing next to you in a gunfight. Mike and some very talented surgeons are the only two reasons that I'm here today. He got me out of the worst situation that I've ever been in and I honestly can't thank him enough."



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Tech. Sgt. Michael Perolio bows his head during prayer before he was presented the Silver and Bronze Stars, July 18 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

In response to receiving the medal, Perolio said he felt humbled. "It's pretty crazy to have my name etched on that wall of Air Force Silver Star recipients," he said. "I am honored to be part of that." Perolio's current duty is training new recruits that come through the assessment and selection course for the Special Warfare Training Wing.

Perolio stressed the influence of what he, as an instructor, can provide to each student. "I take a high ownership of training these (students) to get ready for what's to come," he said. "At the end of the day, there's a lot out there that they will be exposed to, and not every experience is the same... it's a big responsibility that we have in Air Force Special Warfare."

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1) A U.S. Air Force KC-10 Extender, assigned to Travis Air Force Base, California, receives regular maintenance prior to flying July 16, out of Brisbane International Airport, Australia, in support of Exercise Talisman Sabre 19. The KC-10 arrived July 12 to support major air operations for U.S. Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force and U.S. Navy aircraft operating out of RAAF Base Amberley for TS19. 2) Tech. Sgt. Dave Pingleton, 6th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, Travis Air Force Base, California, participates in an on-camera interview with local media prior to departing on a KC-10 July 17 from Brisbane International Airport. 3) Senior Airman Corey Smith, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, boards a KC-10 to complete pre-flight maintenance checks July 16 at Brisbane International Airport.



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