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e military measures success by achieved mission objectives.

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by Lt. Col. Katrina Curtis 60TH CONTRACTING SQUADRON

look as you hear the sounds of aircraft taking off and landing. The work and support needed to be successful and the best Air

Force there is takes more than just Airmen. From our leaders to the co-workers by our side in each

Commander's Commentary

squadron, we all work toward the same mission and goals. The relationships that we build with one another are successful, in part, because of the military family.

We rely on the military family to keep us grounded and lift us up when we need it. The military family is big and diverse. It's the spouses, children, parents, siblings and friends of each Airman.

It's everyone who supports us through multiple moves, deployments, job changes and temporary duty assignments.

Robert L. Gordon III, an American business executive and chief strategy officer for APX Labs and the former deputy assistant and deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy, said, "A strong nation is made up of strong families; among the most resilient are our military families."

Our families are resilient, tough, caring and possess a

multitude of great qualities. They change schools, careers, say goodbye to friends and step up in so many ways while their Airman serves.

Our families are the rocks that give us stability. The support of our families is the silent power behind Travis pushing us all to project American power, anytime, anywhere.

The next time you talk to your friends and family, thank them for what they do. Let them know you appreciate everything our families do to support us.

Use adversity as opportunity for personal growth

Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Kimberly La'Pierre 60TH CONTRACTING SQUADRON

want to address topics that are near and dear to people's hearts. Suicide awareness, community struggles, church sermons on life change, our families, friends and my own personal encounters come to mind. It did not take long for me to see the correlation these topics had amongst each other - overcoming adversity.

Each one of us face adversity at some point in our lives. To a lesser degree, we face it as far back as we can recall as a child or teenager. Some of those early childhood adversities may have been at the hand of a bully, the struggle to pass a class or a battle to overcome a debilitating sports injury.

As adults, they range from failed relationships or careers, confrontations

with others and the struggles of parenting. Because adversity is part of evervdav life, each one of us must develop coping strategies and personal connections to combat negative feelings as they're presented to us. If not, it makes matters worse and difficult to overcome.

How do we overcome adversity? The first step is viewing adversity as a journey, one that will eventually provide growth. Recognize that our circumstances are temporary and our initial emotions are normal. Then, as we go through our hardship, ensure we do not react off our emotions because they may cause us to act out of character and harm others in the process. We must take our steps with integrity and seek out help when we need it.

The first place I run to when I face adversity is my spiritual relationship with God, who guides and comforts

Enlisted Commentary

me. Others may have a different way or place to find comfort. Go wherever that is for you, but be sure you have trust there and you are free from judgment. Additionally, take care of yourself while enduring adversity by turning to healthy activities to get your mind off the issue and help you relieve stress. For some people this place is the gym and for others it's on a vacation. Wherever that place is, we should take enough time there to clear our minds.

The purpose of going through adversity is to learn and grow. We should not let adversity pass us by without benefiting from it in some way, otherwise the struggles and hurt we face are for nothing. We cannot allow adversity to appear in the future without becoming

stronger after dealing with it.

I've encountered various forms of adversity throughout my life and I've learned to handle adverse situations. I've grown from each of those experiences and I'm better at responding to adversity today. Now, the initial sting a difficult situation presents, is not as painful as it may have been in the past. I'm also now able to better recognize and handle adversity and the stress it may bring. This is when growth appears

We will make a few mistakes in life and that is OK as long as we recognize those mistakes and learn from them. It's also important to share your experiences with others after you've completely healed. I strongly believe that we go through hardships, not just for ourselves, but to become a guide for others going through similar situations.

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Westwind Inn captures best in Air Force award

The Westwind Inn at Travis Air Force Base was named Sept. 6 as the winner of the Air Force's 2019 Innkeeper Award

Established in 1981, the honor recognizes excellence among Air Force lodging operations. Travis competed in the large base category for facilities with 286-699 rooms against two other finalists: Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. and Hurlburt Field. Flor-

"We pride ourselves on being the finest mobility base and our dedication doesn't start and end with delivering rapid global mobility anywhere in the world," said Col. Jeffrey Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. "We go the extra mile in everything we do, every day to take care of the mission, our Airmen and their families. Our lodging operation and the (60th) Force Support Squadron team truly exemplifies superior customer

Caring for customers is a strong focus for Shereen Mesa. Westwind Inn lodging man-

"I know I speak on behalf of my team - we're humbled, super humbled, and filled with so much gratitude," Mesa said. "When you have folks that love what they do and they're passionate about what they do ...



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Cameron Otto

Cecilia Tiana, Westwind Inn housekeeper, gets a room ready for the next guest July 8 at Travis Air Force Base. Westwind Inn won the Air Force's 2019 Innkeeper Award Sept. 6 for the first time. The Innkeeper Award is an annual honor recognizing excellence in the service's lodging operations.

pride that each and every employee has. You see it."

Rosa Dominguez, the facility's guest services manager, said the level of care impresses guests.

us to (five-star, off-base facilities) and sometimes say we are even better then you know we are doing something right," Dominguez said. "I especially

"When our guests compare hear how professional and those large groups that ar-

have voiced praise.

"I especially hear that from

wonderful the whole staff is." rive at our hotel and expect to Dominguez said large wait to for a long time in line groups of guests in particular to check in, when they are

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Name: Tech. Sgt. Justin Mendiola.

Unit: 60th Medical Support Squadron.

Duty title: Medical information systems light.

Hometown: Mangilao, Guam.

Time in service: Ten years.

Family: Spouse, Tessie; children, Kimora, Kendall and Eli.

What are your goals? Joining the Food Truck Nation Chamorro-style and to follow in the footsteps of the founder of Huy Fong Foods Sriracha

What are your hobbies?

Road tripping with my family, softball, grilling and playing the ukulele.

What is your greatest achievement?

Leading my flight through the successful launch of the Department of Defense's new electronic health record, MHS Genesis.

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Capt. Chance Aycock, 321st Contingency Response Squadron flight commander, receives his weapon during deployment processing Sept. 14 at Travis Air Force Base. Contingency response forces from the U.S. and Royal Australian Air Forces staged at Travis before deploying in support of exercise Mobility Guardian 2019. MG19 is Air Mobility Command's flagship exercise for largescale rapid global mobility operations. Forty-six U.S. aircraft will join aircraft from 29 international partners, along with more than 4,000 U.S. and international Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps aviators in the exercise.

Barrett picked as next Secretary of Air Force

Charles Pope

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. – Barbara Barrett, nominated to be the next Secretary of the Air Force, told a Senate committee, Sept. 12, that establishing a Space Force as a new and separate branch of the military "would be a key imperative," ensuring the nation's defense and maintaining the Air

Force's "competitive edge."

"The Air Force must not only retain its technical edge over potential adversaries, but we must expand it," Barrett said during the Senate Armed Services Committee confirmation hearing. "If confirmed, I will continue investments in modernization and advanced capabilities to better equip our Airmen to prevail in the highend fight."

nation forward to a confirmation vote by the full Senate. Barrett echoed a set of priorities that have been often described by the Air Force's civilian and military leadership.

She emphasized the need for robust modernization to recover from budget cuts in previous day's world. That target was years. She offered unequivocal support for expanding the fleet of F-35 Lightning II aircraft. In a two-hour, 20-minute "The F-35," she told senators, we need."

hearing that moved her nomi- "is our future and we need it. And we need it sustainably."

She offered support for an Air Force analysis calling on the service to expand to 386 squadrons from 312. That number is needed, the analysis says to meet all demands and challenges posed in tounveiled last year after extensive review and is captured in shorthand as "the Air Force

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Conrad The air traffic control tower at Travis Air Force Base, California, coordinates and tracks transient aircraft within and around the base's air space Sept. 13. The tower played a crucial role in the 2019 iteration of Mobility Guardian, Air Mobility Command's largest exercise that's designed to build and test the Mobility Air Force's readiness to compete and win in contested operations against near-peer adversaries as outlined by the National Defense Strategy.







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STEP promotion surprises sergeant



Col. Jeffrey Nelson, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Derek Crowder, right, 60th AMW command chief, present Staff Sgt. Denise McHaney, 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health supervisor, with her Stripes for Exceptional Performers certificate for technical sergeant Sept. 13 at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, California. The STEP promotion program offers commanders a limited opportunity to immediately promote enlisted members to staff sergeant or technical sergeant.





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develop a resilient organiza- 1 p.m. Oct. 23 on the ACC Pub-The chief master sergeant

uled to play video games with



lic Affairs YouTube channel, ACCNewsTV. The ACC Airmen will be chosen through a video contest that ends on Oct. 11. "This stream has two pur-

poses," said Michelle Clougher, the ACC public affairs chief of command information. "One, we get to see exactly how far one person's character can reach and how each Airman has tremendous influence in todav's Air Force. And two, this is a really great chance to hear from senior Air Force leadership on what we can do to take care of each other, look each other in the eye and make sure we are all okay."

Viewers may watch the stream and ask questions by visiting https://www.youtube. com/user/ACCNEWSTV.

Those who are not able to watch the video live will be able to view the video at a later date on the link above and on https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/ ACCPA.

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Defense Health Agency greets new leadership

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Army Lt. Gen. Ronald Place became the third director of the Defense Health Agency in a ceremony Sept. 4 at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls

He succeeds Navy Vice Adm. Raquel Bono, who is retiring after 36 years of service and has been the DHA director since

Affairs, who served as host of medicine is "better off for your DHA. decision to dedicate yourself to public service. Congratulations

He said Bono led the DHA transforming military medicine. during "some of the most profound and far-reaching changes" in the history of military medicine.

Bono became the DHA director in late 2015, two years after the DHA was formally established on Oct. 1, 2013. During her four-vear tenure, the DHA launched MHS Genesis, the Department of Defense's single integrated inpatient and outpatient electronic health record; consolidated TRICARE Health Plan secretary of Defense for Health programs from three to two; and most notably began the process the ceremony, said it's been an of transitioning nearly 450 milhonor to work with Bono. He itary hospitals and clinics from thanked her, saying military the individual Services to the

> McCaffery said he has confidence in Place, who's "no stranger to the changes underway" in

Place led the Military Health System's National Defense Authorization Act 2017 Program Management Office, which oversaw the review of some of the most sweeping organizational changes in military medicine in decades.

In the past two years, Place has served in DHA leadership roles. He led the National Capital Region Medical Directorate and later the transitional Intermediate Management Organization that oversaw the transition of the first set of military hospitals and clinics to the DHA.



Army Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, Defense Health Agency incoming director, speaks Sept. 4 at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, Va.



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Guardsman earns Air Force Cross for valor

Staff Sgt. Joshua Horton 123RD AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tech. Sgt. Daniel P. Keller, a Kentucky Air National Guard, 123rd Special Tactics Squad- and those like Tech. Sgt. Keller ron combat controller, was who always have, and always awarded the Air Force Cross during a ceremony Sept. 13 for his heroic actions on a battlefield in Afghanistan.

award — second only to the agree, Dan," Goldfein added. Medal of Honor — for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States during his participation in Operation today who are still taking the Freedom's Sentinel.

"Only 10 Airmen since 9/11 have received this honor," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, who pre- tached to a combined joint spesented the medal in a hangar cial operations assault force on at the Kentucky Air National Aug. 16, 2017, Keller embarked Guard Base. "We never know on a clearance operation in when Airmen like Dan will risk Nangarhar Province, Afghanieverything for a fellow team- stan, against 350 Islamic State mate in a really bad situation, but that's exactly what he did." tained contact, the assault

the special tactics community will always make the impossible seem effortlessly possible," Goldfein continued. "This is a great day for our Air Force, and may God bless this nation will, defend her."

"I'd like to say these events and actions are remarkable. because I truly feel that to Keller earned the combat be the case, but I doubt you'd "I think you'd probably say you were just doing your job - doing your job like so many are fight to our enemies in faraway lands. Congratulations, Dan."

While serving as a joint terminal attack controller atfighters. After 15 hours of sus-



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Staff Sgt. Joshua Horton

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, left, pins the Air Force Cross to the uniform of Tech. Sgt. Daniel Keller, 123rd Special Tactics Squadron combat controller, during a ceremony Aug. 13 at the Kentucky Air National Guard Base in Louisville. Kv.

personnel and wounding 31.

Less than 10 feet away, Keller was knocked over by the force of the blast, resulting in traumatic brain injury. Struggling to his feet, he executed air-to-ground engagements "As your chief, it gives me team struck an improvised ex- while returning fire, repulsing great strength to know that plosive device, killing four an enemy assault less than 150

meters away.

"I don't remember much," Keller said. "Initially, I thought ter arriving back at the outpost. I was blind. Everything went Keller was evacuated for his inblack. Then I got up and re- juries. alized I wasn't blind, it was just a massive black cloud of smoke and debris. Your ears pertise whilst under fire diare ringing, but you could just rectly contributed to the surscreaming and gunfire."

a hail of enemy fire," according tion said.

your future-we'll help you get there.

to the award citation. When medical evacuation helicopters were unable to identify the landing zone, he sprinted to the center of the field, exposing himself to enemy fire in order to marshal in both aircraft and aid in loading the casualties.

Once the helicopter departed, the ground force commander aborted the mission. In spite of his injuries, Keller loaded wounded personnel into vehicles and volunteered to walk 2.5 kilometers back to a combat outpost, escorting other wounded teammates. During this movement, he repulsed a three-sided enemy attack by returning fire and simultaneously passing enemy positions to another joint terminal attack controller, allowing friendly forces to break contact. Af-

"His personal courage, quick actions and tactical exhear screaming - just guys vival of the 130 members of his assault force, including Keller helped move 13 crit- 31 wounded in action, and reically wounded casualties to a sulted in an estimated 50 enehelicopter landing zone "under my killed in action." the cita-

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1) Joe Connolly, Sketchbox3D head of product, adjusts the straps of a GoPro camera on Staff Sgt. Kevin Robinson, 22nd Airlift Squadron loadmaster evaluator, Sept. 6 at Travis Air Force Base. 2) Capt. Drew Pagenkopf, left, tactics flight commander, and Capt. Jose Hinojosa, right, C-5 evaluator aircraft commander, both with the 22nd Airlift Squadron, watch as Robinson uses a C-5M Super Galaxy emergency escape slide Sept. 6 at Travis. 3) Peter Le Bek, left, engineering manager and Joe Connolly, head of product for Sketchbox3D, use 3D laser scanning technology to image a C-5M Super Galaxy cargo bay Sept. 6 at Travis. 4) U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance crews work on top of a C-5M Super Galaxy T-tail, Sept. 6 at Travis.









Travis partners with VR company

Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Scanning the interior and exterior of the largest aircraft in the U.S. Air Force is no small feat

A team from Sketchbox Inc.. an augmented and virtual reality prototyping company based in San Francisco, took six hours Sept. 6 to obtain multiple 3D scans of the C-5M Super Galaxy at Travis AFB. The data will be used to create virtual reality scenarios to enhance training for mobility Airmen.

"We scanned the entire C-5 using a laser scanner." said Joe Connolly. Sketchbox Inc head of product. "We will take the scanned data, which is a collection of points in 3D called a point cloud, and merge it with other high-resolution images we collected. After the merge, the point cloud data combined with the image data, will enable us to create a 3D model of the C-5 that can be rendered in virtual reality."

"Once we have the model of the C-5, we will be able to use our VR design tools to make the model interactive and provide Airmen with experiences as if they're actually inside the C-5, such as opening doors or flipping switches," Connolly said. "Over the next 11 months, we'll work closely with the 60th Air Mobility Wing and the Travis Phoenix Spark Cell to build VR training simulations for the C-5."

The idea of using VR to train C-5 crew members came from Airmen assigned to the 22nd Airlift Squadron at Travis AFB, said Capt. Joev Hinojosa, 22nd AS chief of C-5M wing aircrew training. He shared the concept with Travis' Phoenix Spark Cell in April.

"We only have so much resources, money and manning," Hinojosa said. "We have to effectively do everything we can to train our Airmen so they can adapt to the mission and the constant changes that global mobility requires.'

One of those requirements is the possible deployment of emer-



U.S. Air Force photos/Heide Couch

5) Staff Sgt, Kevin Robinson, 22nd Airlift Squadron loadmaster evaluator, deploys a C-5M Super Galaxy emergency escape slide Sept. 6 at Travis Air Force Base. Robinson wore a GoPro camera to record the process which will be used to develop a virtual reality training program on aircraft procedures.

exit the C-5 quickly and safely. When Hinojosa introduced the VR training idea, he said he did so with the emergency slide deplovment in mind.

Most loadmasters haven't actually deployed the emergency slide before and the training video currently used to show how to do that was produced in the 1980s. he said.

"Right now, the first time one of our Airmen have to deploy one of the slides could be during an actual emergency," he said. "We need to take advantage of innovative technology such as 3D models and virtual reality, so we can not only enhance training, but possibly save lives."

During the scanning of the C-5, the Sketchbox team recorded the deployment of one of the slides.

"Today, we are here to obtain all the data we need to create a virtual reality trainer to deploy slides and in the future, we could use Sketchbox technologency slides that allow people to gv to create training aids for the tization of virtual reality will that."

loadmaster training program so certainly lead to enhanced trainour Airmen can see what it's like to load cargo onto an airplane in a VR environment and practice that before they have to perform those tasks for a mission," Hinojosa said.

The Travis Phoenix Spark Cell sent a written request to AFWERX in May seeking approval to move forward with 3D scanning and VR training. The innovation hub received approval from AFWERX Aug. 22.

"Through Phoenix Spark, the 22nd AS submitted a proposal to work with Sketchbox under the Small Business Innovation Research program championed by AFWERX," said Maj. Kristofer Fernandez, 60th AMW Phoenix Spark Cell chief. "The Air Force Research Laboratory and AFW-ERX approved the proposal and prototyping has been ongoing over the past month."

The major said there are no bounds to the benefits VR training can provide.

"The increasing democra-

ing for Airmen across all Air Force specialties as we transform knowledge typically gained from technical orders to VR." he said

"The possibilities are endless," Hinojosa added. "We could apply this technology to enhance training of our flight engineers, pilots, crew chiefs, all of our Airmen. The KC-10 Extender community is working with Sketcbox right now to develop an aerial refueling trainer from the pilot's perspective. This will allow pilots to familiarize themselves with the refueling process before an aircraft is 10 feet away from them somewhere high above Earth."

The team at Sketchbox is thrilled to be in a position to help, Connolly added.

"Better training leads to more resilient, confident and knowledgeable Airmen, which leads to a more efficient force," he said. "We are excited to be a part of

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue

September highlights

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In observance of Food

Safety Education Month

in September, the Defense

Commissary Agency joins

the CDC, the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture-Food

Safety Inspection Service,

the Department of Health

and Human Services and

other organizations to help

prevent foodborne illness-

es by increasing awareness

News Notes

Release of Angels Ceremony. A pregnancy and infant loss ceremony. 1-2 p.m. Oct. 3 at the courtyard near the David Grant USAF Medical Center chapel.

Retiree Appreciation Day. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26 at the David Grant USAF Medical Center auditorium. This event supports and recognizes more than 65,000 retirees and family members by providing a venue to connect them with the services they need and to also see what the Air Force has been up to since they retired.

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 Wing.

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

DGMC Chapel

Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35

The Church of Jesus Christ

 Sacrament services: 9 and noon Sunday Fairfield Stake Center, 2700 Camrose Ave., Fairfield.

• Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.

Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to

• Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to

Children's Ministry is provided for

 Protestant Men of the Chapel, 6-8 p.m. First Street Chapel Annex, vice 8-9 a.m. first Saturday of the month

In the next week ...

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■ ____ Vacaville Jazz Festival. Sept. downtowntheatre.com. 20-22, downtown and Nut Tree Village, Vacaville. www. vacajazzsociety.org.

"She Loves Me." 8 p.m. Sept. 20-21, Sept. 27-28, 6 p.m. Sept. 22, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. www.

• Moms group. Jesus Cares ministry, EFMP children's ministry, 4:30-6:30 p.m., every third Saturday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex

Twin Peaks Chanel

• 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.

Greek Festival 11 am to 7

n. Sept. 22, noon to 6 p.m.

Sept. 22. Sts. Constantine and

elen Greek Orthodox Church,

1224 Alabama St., Vallejo.

www.stscah.com.

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.AFMCwellness 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 "FFMP 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 Ouirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travsopcombatptsd@gmail.com.



RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday First Street Chapel

p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holidays

of Latter-day Saints

at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

DGMC Chapel

For all other inquiries, call LDS

Military relations representatives at 707-535-

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at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the

Retiree Activities Office. Openings for

service members and their family members. It is

Delta Breeze Club. For more information, call

volunteers. Customers are retired American

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.

This organization welcomes volunteers and

supporters from all backgrounds. There are

more information, email Staff Sgt. Mathew

Clayton at mathew.clayton@us.af.mil.

for volunteers to organize, sort and price

Thrift Shop at 707-437-2370.

recurring events Tuesday through Saturday. For

Travis Community Thrift Shop. 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Ongoing need

donations. For more information, contact the

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

information contact CAP 1st Lt. Jo Nash at

us, visit during a UTA or check out http://

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through

www.travisheritagecenter.org.

Tuesday Wednesday and Friday

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Force Support Squadron.

movies at the Base Theater:

• 6:30 p.m. "Overcomer" (PG)

9 p.m. "Ready or Not" (R)

Program

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707-424-3996 or recruiting@squadron22-cap.

Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center.

Saturday, Building 80, 461 Burgan Blvd., Travis

Air Force Base. Escorts required for general

public, call center to arrange. Free. 424-5598,

notaries are walk-ins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday.

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retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to

walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The

following Travis employees are approved as leave

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Here are the showtimes for this weekend's

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Travis Legal Office. Power of attorney and

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Travis Composite Squadron 22 Civil

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Mark Raymond at 707-416-5331

Hometown News Releases. To submit https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public and fill out

a Hometown News Release, visit

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call 707-424-8483

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

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

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

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

• 6:30 p.m. "Blinded by the Light" (PG-13) • 9 p.m. "Angel Has Fallen" (R)

Sunday

• 2 p.m. "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" (PG-13)

 Mark Holmes, 10th Contracting Squadron.

 Dina Patterson-Steward, 60th Aerial Port Sauadron.

 Jason Perkins, Grand Forks AFB. Gina Silva, Air Force Academy

headquarters

 Maria Thammasen, 60th Force Support Squadron

 Dennis Weaver, Air Force Manpower Agency

The VLTP allows an employee who has a medical emergency or is affected by a medical emergency of a family member and is without 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 **Chapter**. 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 Wednedsay. For active duty, Guard, reservist and their families.

Local events

Events

Benicia Farmers Market. 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday through Oct. 24, First Street between B and D streets. www.beniciamainstreet.org.

Candypalooza. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 28-29, Jelly Belly Visitor Center, 1 Jelly Belly Lane, Fairfield. https://candypalooza.jellybelly.com.

Dixon Scottish Games. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 28, Dixon May Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St. www.scotsdixon.org.

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

Friday Nights on the Farm. 4:30 to 9 p.m. through Oct. 4, Green Valley Road at Vintage Lane, Fairfield. www.visitfairfieldca. com/events/friday-nights-at-the-farm/

Party on the Patio. Music begins at 5:30 p.m.: Whiskey & Honey, Sept. 19; Outta Kontrol, Sept 26: Iron Grill & Bar 700 Main St. Suisun City. www.facebook.com/castirongrillandbar.

"Sounds of Suspense." Radio broadcast. noon fourth Friday of each month. Vacaville Public Library-Town Square 1 Town Square Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.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.valleioartwalk.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.: Strange Brew, Sept. 20; 7155 Browns



Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www. starsrecreation.com.

Downtown Theatre. Aretha Franklin Tribute 8 p.m. Oct. 12: 1035 Texas St. Fairfield www.downtowntheatre.com.

Empress Theatre. Kalimba: Tribute to Earth, Wind and Fire, 8 p.m. Sept. 21; Real Imposters, 5 p.m. Sept. 22; AJ Crawdaddy, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo 552-2400, www.empresstheatre.org.

First Street Cafe. Parts & Labor. 7 p.m. Sept. 20; Open mic, 7 p.m. Sept. 21; Bryan Girard, 2 p.m. Sept. 22: 440 First St., Benicia. 745-1400, www.firststreetcafe.com.

Lucca Bar & Grill. Chris James & The Showdowns, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20; John Paul Hodge, 1 p.m. Sept. 21; Soulful Security, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22; Killbilles, 3 p.m. Sept. 22; 436 First St., Benicia, www.luccabar.com.

The Rellik. The Landbirds, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 21; 726 First St., Benicia. www.therelliktavern.

Sardine Can. Jazz music, from 5 to 8 p.m.: Nick Phillips, Sept. 22; 0 Harbor Way, Vallejo. www.valleiosardinecan.com

Solano Symphony. Opening concert, 3 p.m. Oct. 6. Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. 1010 Ulatis Drive. www.solanosymphony.org/

Solano Winds. "How Suite It Is," 8 p.m. Oct. 11, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St. www.solanowinds.org.

Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre.

Paula Poundstone, 8 p.m. Sept. 21; Life in the Fast Lane: Eagles Tribute, 4 p.m. Sept. 29; 1010 Ulatis Drive, 469-4013, www.vpat.net.

Vallejo Symphony. "Beginnings and Endings" 8 p.m. Nov. 2, 3 p.m. Nov. 3, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. https://

vallejosymphony.org.

Museums

American Armory Museum. Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. 4144 Abernathy Road, Fairfield. Call 389-6846 prior to visiting.

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.

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.

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.

Vacaville Museum. "Through the Lens: Our Fruitful Heritage," through September; open 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, 213 Buck Ave. 447-4513, www.vacavillemuseum.org.

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. Fall fundraiser 6 p.m. Nov 2: open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 734 Marin St., Vallejo. 643-0077, www.valleiomuseum.net

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winner," he said. "It's not about the award. It's about the teamwork and camaraderie that goes into winning the award. The award's just icing on the cake

"They do a phenomenal job day in and day out," he said. "Even when no one is considering them for awards, this is what they do every day."

The trophy will be presented during the 2019 Lodging Managers Leadership Training Nov. 5-8 at Joint Base Langlev-Eustis, Virginia.

it," she said. "I want everyone "(Award programs like Innto come in and experience that. keeper) are important to instill I want them to know how much pride in managers and employ-I love and appreciate them. It's ees, and to bring out the best in people," said Daran Steele, Air The Westwind Inn is one of Force Services Center lodging the busiest lodging operations management specialist, earlier in Air Mobility Command, generating \$9.2 million in activity this year when evaluations began in a story published on the

The facility falls under the AFSVC website. purview of the 60th FSS. Its Travis previously won the Innkeeper Award in 2002. commander, Lt. Col. Nate Williams, said the award is mean-2008 and 2011 at the major ingful and is the culmination of command level. For more information, visit

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Savings

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a patron could expect to save on grocery purchases in comparison with local grocers in that area. DeCA measures savings for a region so it can better monitor how much commissary patrons actually save in the geographic area in which they shop. The agency also periodically checks local prices at major retailers near commissaries to see how DeCA pricing compares in order to ensure that commissary patrons are saving money when they shop their commissarv.

For first quarter of fiscal up 1.3 points.

During the second quarwere 22.2%, up 2.2 points.

2.8 points from the same stores and U.S. savings were 22.7%, up 3.1 points.

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2019, overall global savings were 25.4%, an increase of 1.3 points from the same stores measured during the 2016 baseline. Overseas savings were 43.3%, down 0.7 points: and U.S. savings were 21.9%,

ter of fiscal 2019, overall global savings were 25.7%, an increase of 1.6 points compared to the same stores measured during the 2016 baseline. Overseas savings were 43.8%, down 0.4 points; and U.S. savings

During the third quarter of fiscal 2019, overall global savings were 26%, an increase of measured during the 2016 baseline. Overseas savings were 42.7%, down 1.4 points;

Because the cost of living varies by geographic region, Congress requires DeCA to report on savings regionally. DeCA compares prices with up to three commercial grocers, including one supercenter, in the local area of each commissary in the United States. The savings comparison measures 38.000 items at a regional level and local prices on about 1,000 products, which are representative of a shopper's typical



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monitors the material for a dental mouth guard as it heats up to the proper temperature Sept. 13 at David Grant **USAF Medical Center** at Travis Air Force Base. On an average day, the dental clinic has around 160 dental appointments for active duty service members, including oral and maxillofacial surgical services. 2) Chief Master Sgt. Derek Crowder, **60th Air Mobility Wing** command chief. ties on a protective mask as part of Leadership Rounds. 3) Col. Jeffrey Nelson, left, 60th AMW commander, and Crowder listen to Senior Airman Sooa Choi, center, 60th DS laboratory technician, explain the procedure of creating a mold from a dental impression as part









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