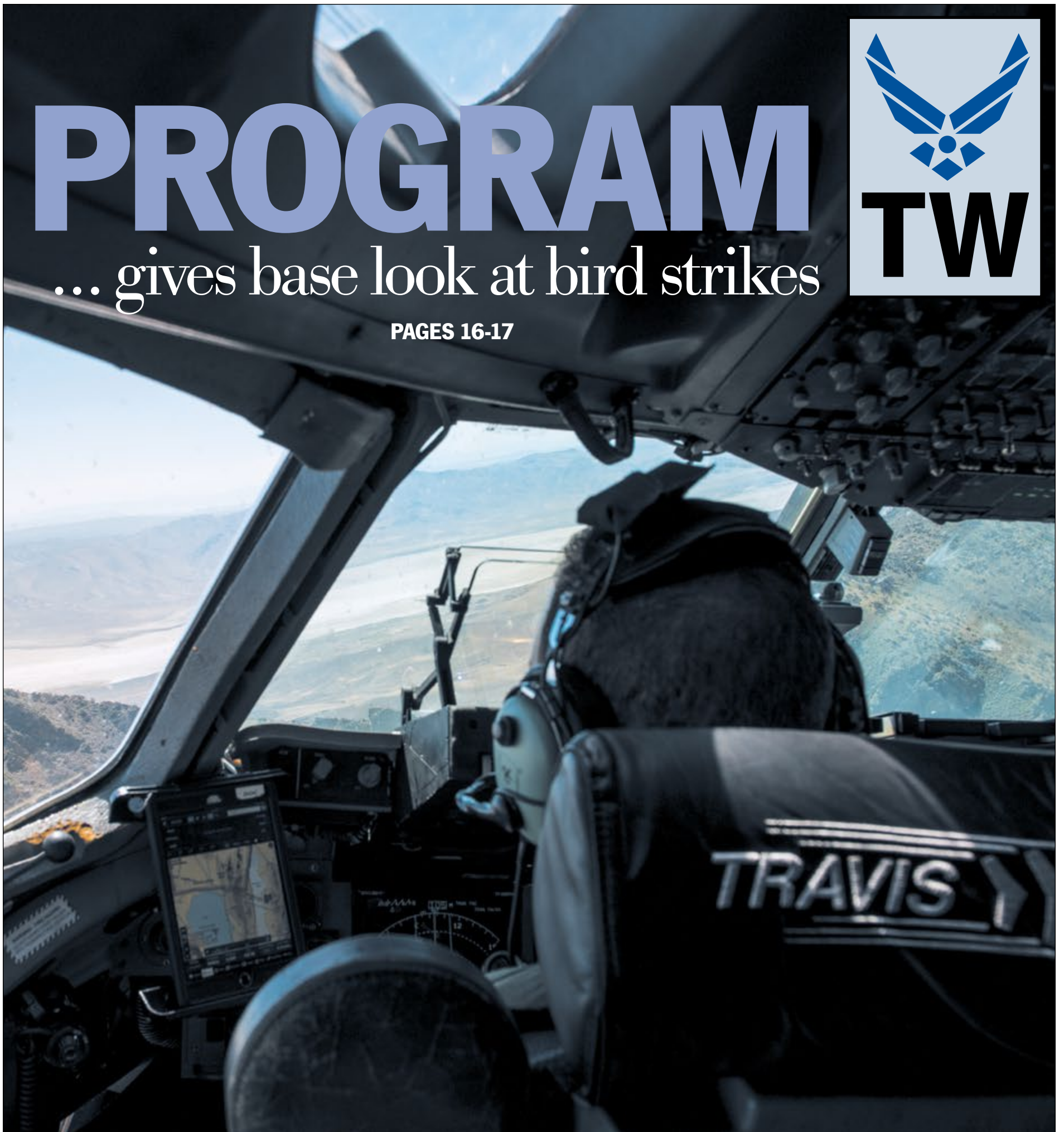


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Klein rides on fini-flight ahead of change of command



U.S. Air Force photo/Lan Kim

Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, receives a spray of water from his wife and children upon completing his fini-flight June 27 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Klein has served as wing commander since June 2016 and will soon begin his new assignment with the Council of Foreign Relations in New York.

Sweet lessons: 70th anniversary of Berlin Airlift

Ashley M. Wright

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON — The end of World War II brought on a new, different conflict – a cold war.

An immediate battleground became the divided country of Germany. The Allies divided the defeated Germany with the French, British and Americans taking the western half of the nation spreading the ideals of democracy, and the Communist Russians taking the eastern half of Germany, but were still looking for more. In June 1948, Russian forces blockaded the Allied-controlled areas of Berlin, shutting off food, coal and medicine to 2 million Germans.

The 9-month-old U.S. Air Force answered the call with open arms to new

allies in need, showcasing the effects of humanitarian aid to keep peace.

One of the most famous veterans of the Berlin Airlift is Retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, known as the “Candy Bomber.”

“We learned very clearly that the new enemy was Stalin,” said ,” Halvorsen. “He was taking over where Hitler left off. We knew exactly what Stalin had in mind.”

The Soviets struck June 24, 1948, blockading thousands of Germans from food and supplies. Within a few days, their aggression was answered.

“We knew that most of the folks in Berlin were women and children. That was all that was left (after the war),” the Utah native said. “They were cutting off all the milk to the kids. That did it.”

The next day, Halvorsen and his C-54

Skymaster were bound for Europe.

“I had never been very far from home, but my mom and dad taught me several points of character that will make your life more rewarding to you and some of those around you,” he said. “The first one is service before self. If a man needs help, you do it. (Dad) taught that to me from day one. You see the need, not what is in it for me.”

This life lesson came back to him as he prepared to feed the capitol city of Hitler’s regime only three years after their surrender. Once landed in Germany, having no suitable barracks, the influx of Airmen found a place to stay in the attic of a barn on the air base.

Some Airmen had mixed emotions at first about aiding the former enemy that was shooting at American pilots just

three years ago. Halvorsen posed a question to a fellow crewmember.

“It is a hell of a lot better to feed them than kill them,” his friend said. “I’m glad to be back.”

That is service before self. That is what causes your enemy to become your friend, Halvorsen said, admitting that he had issues at first with the mission, but it quickly changed.

“The solidifying factor for me was when I landed that first flight over Berlin. The Germans, some in mixed uniforms, come streaming at the airplane. I had the enemy eyeball-to-eyeball right in my cockpit. They looked down at the flour and thought it was from heaven. That sealed my thoughts and I never looked back.”

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Air Force celebrates three-peat at contest

Lt. Col. Vanessa Saks

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Air Force took top honors for the third year in a row at the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Leadership and Academic Bowl in Washington, D.C., on June 23-25.

The Air Force Junior ROTC team from Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, battled it out to take home the trophy for the third time.

Even for returning champions, there was still a level of uncertainty on how tough the competition would be.

“For me, the most difficult part was definitely not knowing how the other teams are doing - what their strengths and weaknesses are,” said Cadet Jackwin Hui, from Scripps Ranch High School. “So going into each new game, it’s an entirely new scenario and really

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mary Gant

From left, Capt. Rafael Toro-Quinones, commander and conductor of the Band of the Golden West, Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Cruz, on solo percussion, and Tech. Sgt. Marco Muñoz, composer, pose for a photo during rehearsal June 22 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Airmen collaborate through music, culture

Senior Airman Mary Gant

U.S. AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST

LOS ANGELES – The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West Concert Band recently returned from their summer tour across various parts of Southern California to include Bakersfield and Santa Clarita.

During the tour, the band had the unique opportunity of highlighting three of their Air Force musicians on a musical and cultural collaboration performing a composition entitled, “It’s Not Just Something You Hit.”

“In light of current events from this past year, to include the hurricane victims and the

Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Cruz, on solo percussion, Tech. Sgt. Marco Muñoz, composer, and Capt. Rafael Toro-Quinones, commander and conductor of the BOGW. All three musicians are from Puerto Rico, which made this performance special as it was the first time in U.S. Air Force band history for this type of musical and cultural partnership.

“In light of current events from this past year, to include the hurricane victims and the

Airmen lost in the plane crash from the 156th Airlift Wing National Guard unit, it is especially important for the band to be able to honor these individuals and show respect to their Puerto Rican culture and heritage,” said Toro-Quinones.

Muñoz wrote the piece in 2010 for his good friend and colleague, Cruz. The two have known each other since middle school and have performed

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Travis sergeant among top Airmen of 2018

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — A senior master sergeant from the 6th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, was among the 12 individuals Air Force officials recently announced as an outstanding airmen of the year for 2018.

Senior Master Sgt. Lucero Stockett represented Air mobility Command as one of 12 individuals named.

In addition to Lockett, the winners are, listed alphabetically:

- Senior Master Sgt. Melissa A. Beam, Air Combat Command.
- Staff Sgt. Elizabeth G. Caulfield, Air Force District of Washington.
- Staff Sgt. Wilson B. J. Gardner, Air National Guard.
- Senior Master Sgt. Ruth

C. Griffin, Air Force Global Strike Command.

- Tech. Sgt. Brett M. Laswell, Air Force Special Operations Command.
- Master Sgt. Kit C. Lui, Air Force Reserve Command.
- Master Sgt. Joshua A. Matias, Air Education and Training Command.
- Tech. Sgt. David E. Miller, U.S. Air Forces in Europe.
- Senior Airman Patrick O. P. Schilling, Air Force Materiel Command.
- Tech. Sgt. April A. Spilde, Air Force Space Command.
- Senior Airman Jon R. Taitano, Pacific Air Forces.

An Air Force selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center considered 36 nominees who represented major commands, direct reporting units, field operating agencies and Headquarters Air Force. The board selected

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60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, California, is participating in an international recognition program that allows patients, family members and peers to recognize the nurse or medical technician they consider the most skillful and compassionate with a DAISY. Not the flower, but the award created by the Disease Attacking Immune System Foundation.

More than 3,000 healthcare facilities across the nation and in 17 countries participate in the program, including Kaiser Permanente and Dignity Health facilities; NorthBay Medical Center in Fairfield, California; Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles; and the Naval Medical Center in San Diego.

"The award gives patients a voice to recognize those who meant something special to them," said Capt. Kristin Taylor, 60th Medical Group in-patient medical surgical unit. "It will also build morale and give nurses and med techs something to strive toward."

Mark and Bonnie Barnes created the DAISY Award in 1999 to recognize the nurses who cared for their son, J. Patrick Barnes, who died in a Seattle, Washington, hospital at age 33 following complications from an auto-immune disease.

"We vividly recalled the skillful and compassionate care Patrick received from his nurses during his eight-week hospitalization," the Barnes state on the foundation's webpage. "We wanted to say 'thank you' to nurses everywhere by establishing a recognition program."

Although Army and Navy medical facilities already participate in the award program, Travis is the first Air Force base to participate, said Taylor.

And, unlike civilian hospitals, military facilities can recognize medical technicians with a DAISY Award because they have more responsibilities than their civilian counterparts.

"Techs insert Foleys (urinary

catheter) and IVs, draw blood and administer medications," said Taylor. "When deployed, they assess patients."

Taylor received a DAISY Award in 2016 while working in oncology at Chandler Regional Medical Center in Chandler, Arizona.

"The patient that nominated me was battling intense pain from cancer," said Taylor. "She was told she needed to stop her IV pain meds. She started crying."

Taylor sat and discussed a plan with the patient to taper off the medications.

"I didn't see it as going above and beyond, but my patient did," said Taylor.

When she arrived at Travis last year, Taylor suggested that DGMC leadership consider implementing the award program.

"Nurses and med techs are definitely hardworking every day," said Taylor. "They put a lot of energy into the job, which is not always appreciated."

A 2014 Health Services Research study shows that when hospitals explicitly reward and support staff, patients and their family members rate patient care more favorably and are more likely to recommend the hospital.

Research also shows that nurses nominated for the DAISY Award report lower levels of burnout and secondary traumatic stress.

"The strategic impact of the program on nurses and their organizations is deep," it states on the foundation's website. "It affects nurses' job satisfaction, retention, teamwork, pride, organizational culture, healthy work environment and more."

DGMC employs 249 active duty registered nurses; 386 medical technicians, including 65 government and contract employees; and 58 Veterans Administration medical technicians who are part of a joint venture program, said 1st Lt. Kevin Hopper, 60th MDG clinical nurse in the Family Medicine Clinic.

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Airman first woman in 5 years to finish ADM training



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Kristine M. Gruwell

Senior Airman Jennifer Gamez, right, 19th Security Forces Squadron installation entry controller, prepares to fire an M24 sniper weapon system at a range June 6 at Camp Robinson, Ark. Gamez waited for her spotter to provide her with the best shot on target for her advanced designated marksman qualification.

**Airman 1st Class
Kristine M. Gruwell**

19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — The coolness of the metal spread over the left side of her face as she gently laid her cheek on the buttstock of an M24 sniper weapon system.

"Send it!" The command was given.

She emptied the hot air from her lungs and peered through the sweat dripping from her brow down the rifle's scope as she slowly squeezed the trigger. Boom!

The only sounds able to pierce through the foam barriers wedged in her ears were the commands given and the explosions of weapons being fired in the distance. The blast from the barrel jolted her back, which caught her off guard, but she quickly regained her focus and waited on the next command from her spotter.

Senior Airman Jennifer Gamez, 19th Security Forces Squadron installation entry

controller, qualified as the first female advanced designated marksman in approximately five years.

ADM training was nowhere in the scope of opportunities for Gamez when she considered joining the Air Force. She worked as a civilian in the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland dining facility in San Antonio, Texas. After watching trainees day-in and day-out go through Basic Military Training, Gamez decided to join the Air Force.

In the moment she made that decision, Gamez began her journey of resilience.

She initially had a hard time finding a recruiter, but she didn't give up. Once she found one, she struggled to pass the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery test. None of those challenges discouraged her. She was determined to join the less than one percent of Americans who protect their country through military service. Eventually, she passed,

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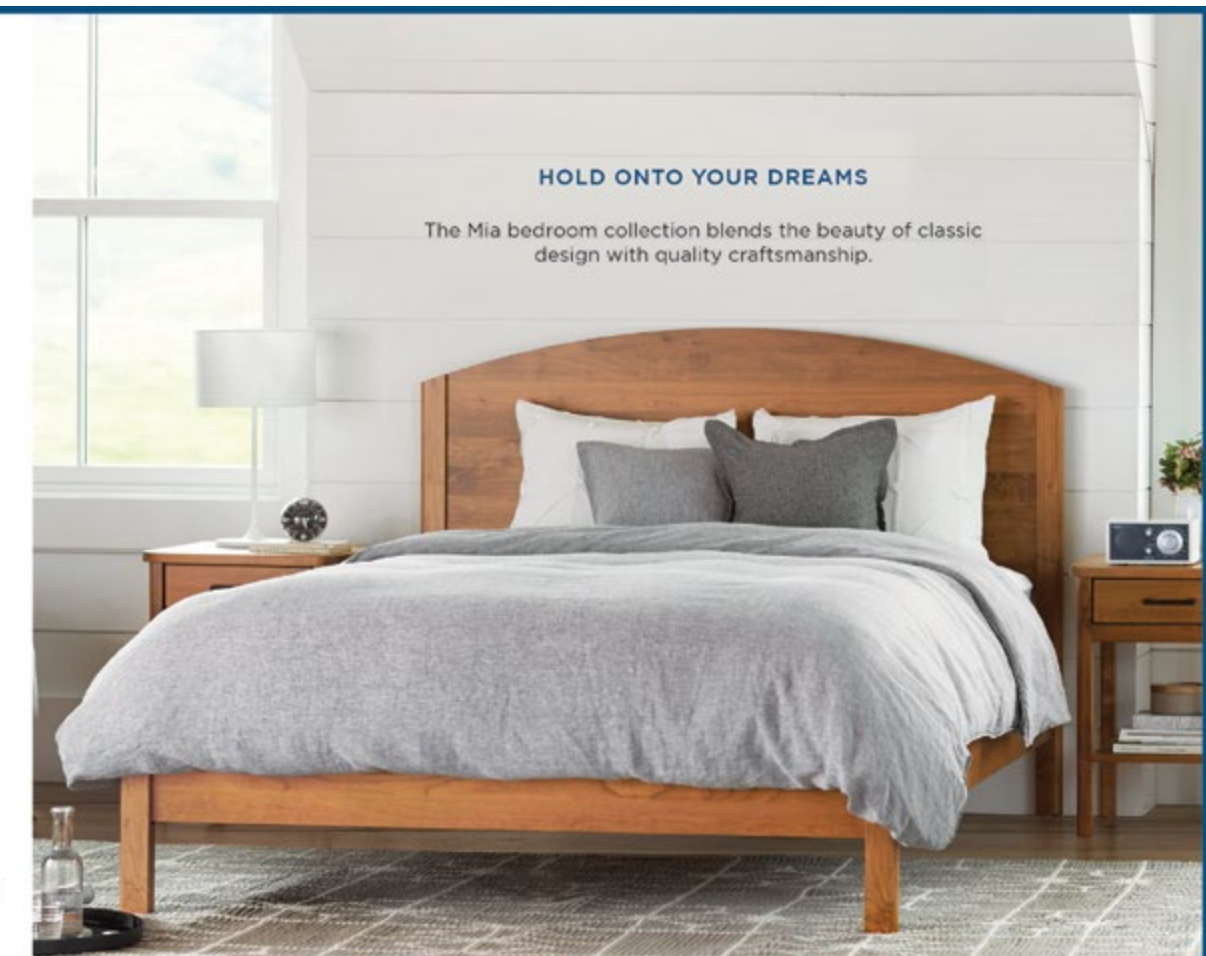
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Life without liquor: Sergeant reconsiders his life



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There are 2.5 million alcohol-related deaths worldwide each year, according to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

Military Health System Communications Office

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The cycle would start with a few drinks on Monday, grow to half a liter of vodka with lemonade on ice by Thursday and reach two liters or more of alcohol to get through the weekend. Then the cycle would start all over again.

“I thought it was normal,” said retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Gibson, who lives in Charleston, South Carolina and asked that we not use his first name. “I didn’t think it was a problem because I still paid the bills, cut the grass, and helped the kids with their homework. People with drinking problems,

I thought, couldn’t maintain a normal life.”

Gibson hit rock bottom during the Fourth of July weekend in 2014, when he was still on active duty. After days of round-the-clock drinking, he got an ultimatum from his wife: Choose between his family or alcohol. At that time, he couldn’t fathom living without the latter.

“My life revolved around alcohol. I couldn’t go to an event or restaurant that didn’t serve (it),” said the 40-year-old father of three. “How could I fold the laundry sober? Watch football? I thought I was never going to be happy again.”

Gibson had decided to kill himself, but that night, his son came downstairs and, in a

moment Gibson describes as a “God shot,” told him he loved him.

“That was my jumping-off point,” Gibson said. The next day, he called his supervisor and referred himself to the Air Force Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program. Gibson has been sober ever since.

“I wouldn’t be here without ADAPT,” said Gibson. “The best thing they did for me was introduce me to Alcoholics Anonymous, which is where I found my solution.”

The Air Force established the ADAPT program to help Airmen overcome alcohol abuse. The program provides a

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20th EBS aid in rescue off coast of Guam

Tech. Sgt. Jake M. Barreiro

36TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — The B-52 is world-famous for its long-range capabilities, but during a routine flight June 25 near Guam, crew members with the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and deployed to Andersen AFB, were tasked with a unique situation: To use their aircraft’s versatility in the search and rescue of a lost local vessel with six passengers onboard.

It was approximately 11 a.m. and Capt. Sean Simpson, 20th EBS aircraft commander, and his crew were airborne over Guam. At this time the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Rescue Coordination Center made a call to the 20th EBS at Andersen AFB requesting assistance locating a historic Pacific Island-style canoe that had been

missing since June 19.

The canoe’s sailors were supposed to make a one-day journey from Piagailoe Atoll with minimal provisions. But after they went missing for six days, their families contacted the Coast Guard for help.

The information was relayed to the crews of the already airborne B-52s. At first, they were surprised.

“This was a unique situation for us,” said Simpson. “It’s not every day the B-52 gets called for a search and rescue.”

Operating under the knowledge that the vessel could be anywhere within a 275 x 230 nautical mile radius south-east of Guam, the crew knew the mission wouldn’t be easy. Even finding a familiar or large missing vessel is a tricky task, and Simpson and his crew didn’t know what this historically-styled canoe looked like.

“We’d never heard of this

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Progress made in opioid fight, says DHA director

Lisa Ferdinando

DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — The Military Health System is making progress in preventing and managing opioid abuse among its beneficiaries, but further actions in education and prevention are needed, the director of the Defense Health Agency said yesterday.

Navy Vice Adm. Raquel C. Bono told the House Armed Services military personnel subcommittee that the Military Health System has an obligation to provide the best care for its beneficiaries, including in pain management, while taking steps to prevent addiction.

“The department has made strides in managing opioid abuse within our system and is continuously looking to further enhance our programs,”

bureaucracy doesn’t always allow innovation to happen, and that’s one of the reasons for creating things like AFWERX,” Wilson said. “To take some of the innovative capacities of the people who work in high-tech companies who can help the Air Force connect with a community that has a university partner, where we’re very likely to find entrepreneurial talent and ideas, a supportive local government, a business and innovation culture and try to connect and embed as part of a team.”

Wilson also toured the Pilot Training Next facility at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in Austin.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Gwendalyn Smith

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson visited AFWERX-Austin June 27 in Austin, Texas. During her visit to Texas, Wilson learned more about the mission at AFWERX-Austin, Pilot Training Next, 12th Flying Training Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph and Basic Military Training Wing at JBSA-Lackland.

Wilson talks Air Force innovation

Senior Airman Stormy Archer

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson visited AFWERX-Austin, Pilot Training Next and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, June 27-29 to see firsthand the focus Airmen in the area are placing on improving readiness, cost-effective modernization and developing exceptional leaders.

Her first stop was AFWERX-Austin, the Air Force’s newest public innovation and collaboration hub focused on bridging external communities and the Air Force to create mutually-beneficial partnerships.

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Master Sgt. Brian Yorke, left, Staff Exercise 18-4 Joint Personnel Recovery Center planner, and Maj. Rob Arduini, STAFFEX 18-4 planner, both from Ninth Air Force, discuss JPRC options available for the exercise scenario June 20 at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Exercise highlights humanitarian efforts

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Dick
9TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — Ninth Air Force held its fourth Staff Exercise June 18-22 since being tasked by Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein to stand up an Air Force Joint Task Force-capable headquarters.

The June exercise focused on a fresh scenario and combatant command not evaluated in previous iterations – humanitarian assistance in the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility.

"The purpose of STAFFEX 18-4 was to expose Ninth Air Force staff to another mission set and expand their knowledge," said Maj. Rob Arduini, Ninth Air Force STAFFEX 18-4 planner. "...We are trying to expose ourselves to mission sets we could perform as a JTF, which only enhance our capabilities when we are called upon as one."

"Similar to the mission sets, we want to expose ourselves to all six of the geographic combatant commands, and U.S. Africa Command is an AOR where a lot of humanitarian assistance is needed," Arduini continued.

This STAFFEX also had some new facets outside mission or location, especially with the addition of a surgeon general section filled by two public health technicians who added a layer of planning Ninth Air Force does not currently have on staff.

"Our job in this exercise was to provide medical guidance on things like proper sanitization and immunization for those headed in country. We provided the medical reference for the commander," said Staff Sgt. Shane DeHuff, STAFFEX 18-4 medical planner and a 110th Medical Group public health technician from the Michigan Air National Guard.

According to Tech. Sgt. James Mack, STAFFEX 18-4 medical planner and a 127th Medical Group public health technician from the MIANG, much of that medical guidance was determining what type of sanitization, immunization, or Expeditionary Medical Support package would be needed for the exercise's AOR.

For Ninth Air Force staff, public health was integral to the exercise's scenario.

"Public Health is absolutely critical to any humanitarian mission, particularly in a place like Africa where significant

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Fuel Tank: Team MacDill turns ideas into reality

Staff Sgt. Tori Long
6TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, Col. April Vogel, hosted the first Fuel Tank event June 27 at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

Fuel Tank, much like the Air Force's Spark Tank competition, called upon Airmen to pitch their innovative ideas to 6 AMW leadership.

Sixteen Airmen submitted 12 ideas to be a part of the 10 that will receive funding from the \$237,000 dedicated by wing leadership.

For some Airmen, these ideas were a culmination of years of hard work and planning finally paying off.

"The first time I tried to reach the 12 o'clock position on a KC-135 engine I realized there were serious constraints preventing me from doing my job," said Tech Sgt Eric Holston, support section NCO in charge assigned to the 6th Maintenance Squadron. "I never had the avenue to express my idea and funding was never there."

Through the encouragement and funding of Fuel Tank, Holton garnered a \$75,000 award toward his F-108 engine maintenance stand initiative and hopes to implement the stand throughout the Air Force.

Another \$50,000 was granted to the Airman Leadership School commandant and dining facility to purchase tablets in an effort to go paperless, saving time and money.

Overall, the wing funded a thermal imaging camera, power converters and air conditioners for the KC-135, skin cancer detection software and sun-screen dispensers, a dorm resident app, a digital photo studio scheduling program, customer service training for the 6th Medical Group and continuous process improvement training for the wing.

"I was blown away," said Chief Master Sgt Sarah Sparks, the command chief of the 6 AMW. "We have amazing Airmen with innovative ideas and I think this is going to spark the future of this wing."



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Tori Long

Maj. Ryan Garlow, 6th Air Mobility Wing, presents an idea for a portable air conditioner for the KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft to 6th AMW leadership during Fuel Tank on June 27 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Fuel Tank, much like the Air Force's Spark Tank competition, called upon Airmen to pitch their innovative ideas to 6th AMW leadership in hopes of getting funded.

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Widow vows to bring awareness to invisible wounds

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Air Force veteran Stacey Pavenski, 46, of Palm Bay, Florida, has post traumatic stress disorder, but she didn't get it from serving in combat. It came from her husband's combat struggles that drove him to take his own life in their bedroom, Sept. 18, 2017, while she was in the kitchen. He was 45.

That fateful day has led her on a journey to bring awareness to PTSD and traumatic brain injury disorders that contributes to the 22 veterans a day who take their own lives. During PTSD awareness month, she has joined forces with several nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to those suffering with PTSD and has vowed to share her story and get the resources out there to help others.

Wearing shorts and a T-shirt with the words 'Not All Wounds are Visible' broadcasting her new mantra, she shares glimpses into her life as a military spouse and living with PTSD.

She met her husband, Master Sgt. Pete Pavenski, at Moron Air Base, Spain, where she was stationed in 2002. They fell in love and she left the service



Courtesy photo

With 10 years serving on active duty and another 10 serving in the Air Force Reserve as an aerial gunner, Master Sgt. Pete Pavenski saw a lot of action. He performed duties in the back of a combat-search-and-rescue helicopter where he took part in dangerous rescue missions on the battlefield, saving the lives of an untold number of injured service members. But the missions got to him. He took his own life, Sept. 18, 2017.

to be with him. They were married in 2010.

"He was such a good man," said Stacey describing her husband as her best friend and a selfless servicemember who saved lives as part of an Air Force Reserve rescue unit.

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He was plagued with PTSD and sought help. Stacey even went with him to counseling to try to understand his plight.

That dark September night after a seemingly normal argument, Pete calmly walked past Stacey. A few minutes later he yelled to Stacey, "This is going to be loud!" He then pulled the trigger and shot himself.

"What I heard, what I saw and what I continue to relive in my head daily is why I have PTSD. It never goes away."

"Pete got rid of his pain, but now everyone has pain," said Stacey, referring to the couple's entire family. "I don't want anyone else to have to die."

Pete's death also came as a shock to his squadron members, a very tight-knit group of helicopter aircrew personnel. Known as the unit jokester, no one saw Pete's suicide coming. "We had no idea and that's what was unnerving for us," said Chief Master Sgt. Randolph Wells, 301st RQS chief enlisted manager.

88th SFS named 2018 Verne Orr Award winner

Richard Salomon
AIR FORCE'S PERSONNEL CENTER
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials recently named the 88th Security Forces Squadron at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as the winner of the 2018 Air Force Association Verne Orr Award.

The AFA established this award in honor of former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr to recognize mission-oriented accomplishments and achievements by units that made the most effective use of human resources.

The 88th SFS has approximately 400 defenders who are providing continuous protection, security and safety for the installation 24/7 year-round and recently earned the 2016 Air Force Materiel Command Large Security Force Unit Award for its achievements in providing outstanding service.

AFA representatives will present the award during their 2018 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition this September in Washington, D.C.

For more information about Air Force awards, visit <http://www.afpc.af.mil/Recognition/>.

Moving can shift TRICARE options

TRICARE.mil Staff

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Are you starting a new adventure in a new location soon? If so, that's a TRICARE Qualifying Life Event.

A QLE is a major life change, like moving, getting married or divorced, or becoming eligible for Medicare. Moving doesn't change your TRICARE eligibility. Your TRICARE coverage moves with you. But moving may change your TRICARE health plan options.

Because moving is a QLE, that means you'll have 90 days from the date of the move to change your TRICARE health plan based on your eligibility. A QLE lets you enroll in or change your TRICARE health plan outside of the annual open season. When a QLE happens for one family member, it creates a QLE for the entire family. This means all family members may be able to switch TRICARE health plans when one person in the family has a QLE.

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- Don't disenroll from your current plan before you move.
- You're covered by your current TRICARE health plan on your way to your new location.
- Update your address and other new information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.
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Moving stateside

If you're enrolled in TRICARE Prime and moving to

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Sergeant determined to make better life



U.S. Air Force photo/Robb Lingley

Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Jauregui, Air Force Space Command enlisted aid to the deputy commander, poses for a photo at the 21st Space Wing portrait studio June 20 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Jauregui made a life decision in 2008 to separate herself from gang activity and joined the Air Force.

Robb Lingley
AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Growing up in Gilroy, California, she had everything a girl could wish for: money, designer clothes and so much more. Shortly after high school graduation, her father took everything from her and kicked her to the streets.

Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Jauregui, Air Force Space Command enlisted aide to the deputy commander, was determined to make her life right but struggled to get there. She talked about her past March 30 to fellow Airmen during Storytellers at The Club on Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

"Growing up in Gilroy was a place where everybody knew each other," said Jauregui. "The way I was raised my dad gave me everything I wanted. I was the girl who spent up to \$3,000 on myself every month."

Although it seemed that everything was perfect on

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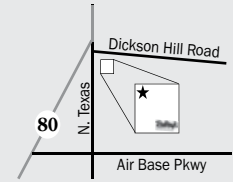
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Better

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the outside, her home life was not great.

"My dad was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, for which he didn't take his medication and he was an alcoholic," said Jauregui. "When he came home we wouldn't know what kind of mood he would be in and he would just trash the house. The next day he would leave a \$1,000 check on the table to replace what he broke."

Jauregui became tired of depending on her father and his money. When she was close to graduating high school he told her he wasn't going to pay for her college.

"I decided that since I wasn't going to college I would join the Air Force," said Jauregui.

Two weeks before her high school graduation, she was in a car accident and injured her back. The injury was serious enough for her that she wasn't able to enlist in the Air Force right away because she was on pain medications.

A week after she graduated high school, her father kicked her out of the house and completely cut her off.

"I could only take with me what I paid for with my own money," said Jauregui.

Jauregui bounced around living with various friends until she settled in with her cousin and his wife. For a while things went well. Her cousin gave her a car and she had a job. The problem was her cousins were Crip gang members.

If you're moving to an area where TRICARE Prime isn't available, the QLE will allow you to change your enrollment. TRICARE Prime isn't available everywhere. You may have different TRICARE health plan options when you move. ADSMS may only use TRICARE Prime.

If you're already enrolled in TRICARE Select, update your personal information in DEERS. Then find a new TRICARE authorized network or non-network provider in your new location. Using a TRICARE network provider will help keep out-of-pocket costs lower.

For Jauregui their gang affiliation didn't bother her because for the first time in years she felt like she was a part of a family. She was close with her cousins and their friends and having fun. Because of this she actually wanted to be more involved with the gang.

Two of Jauregui's cousins sat her down and explained to her that if she joined the gang there would be only two ways out of the gang: death or prison.

"My cousins wouldn't let me become a gang member," Jauregui said. "They told me I was young, had a clean slate, and they didn't want that life for me because I had so much potential."

Her cousins gave her money and kicked her out of the house. She ended up moving in with her boyfriend. After a while he quit his job and they were living off her \$12.99 an hour salary. To help make ends meet they sold all of their furniture, leaving them with just a mattress.

"All we could afford to buy was ramen and frozen burritos," said Jauregui. "We couldn't even afford toiletries. My boyfriend and I had to share a bar of soap, which was disgusting."

Jauregui's low point came when she couldn't afford to buy soap to bathe with. She took a bottle of laundry detergent from the laundry room of her apartment. She and her boyfriend used that to wash themselves.

They weren't be able to buy anything, but her boyfriend bought and sold drugs. Jauregui told him she wanted to join the military and couldn't be around drugs.

Moving overseas
Before you move, call the appropriate TRICARE Overseas Program Regional Call Center for your new area. Active duty family members must be command-sponsored for TOP Prime or TOP Prime Remote coverage. Retirees and their family members aren't eligible for TOP Prime options, but may be eligible for TOP Select.
During this moving season, remember that your TRICARE coverage moves with you. Take command of your health by learning more about QLEs and the upcoming open season.

The following summer Jauregui went to stay with her best friend after she returned from college. Her friend's parents, seeing how desperate she looked, bought her necessities. Before going on vacation, her friend dropped her off at her apartment where her boyfriend was throwing a party.

Jauregui got really mad and took a walk around the neighborhood.

"I was walking when I saw a mother with her young son and daughter," said Jauregui. "All of a sudden I heard a car screech up and then gun shots. I remember ducking behind a pillar and watched the mother chuck her kids in her apartment as she hid behind a pillar as well."

In that moment, while gun shots were going off, she thought to herself, "What am I doing here? This isn't the life that I wanted."

After, she went to a pay phone and called her grandmother in Del Rio, Texas, for help. Her grandmother immediately flew her out to Texas in July 2008. Two months later she was finally able to join the Air Force.

"What I learned is that life is hard," Jauregui said. "It literally takes one second to wreck your entire life. I almost joined a gang and did drugs and that would have ruined my entire life."

Jauregui remembers when her cousin prevented her from joining the gang, and told her not to make a bad decision that would negatively impact her life just because she was having a bad day.

She made the right decision.

Flight helps teach about bird strikes

U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Joey Swafford



1) Capt. Sean Harte, 60th Air Mobility Wing Safety Office flight commander, performs pre-flight checks on a 21st Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III aircraft before a safety office familiarity flight July 2 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The flight allowed members of the safety office who manage the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Program to get a first-hand view of what the pilots see during routine training flights near the base. 2) Senior Airman Matthew Swift, 21st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, goes over pre-flight checks on a C-17 aircraft before the flight. 3) Harte goes over a pre-flight briefing with other crew members. 4) Capt. Doc Schumacher, 21st AS C-17 pilot, flies a C-17 over California during a safety office familiarity flight July 2.



5) Capt. Sean Harte, 60th Air Mobility Wing Safety Office flight commander, goes over a pre flight briefing with other crew members before a C-17 Globemaster III safety office familiarity flight July 2 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. These type of flights allow members of the safety office who manage the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Program to get a first hand view of what the pilots see during routine training flights near the base.



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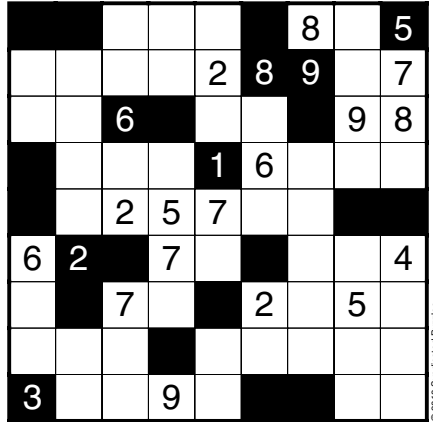
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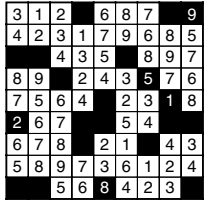
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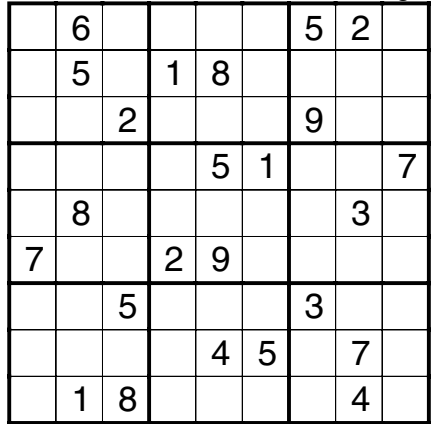
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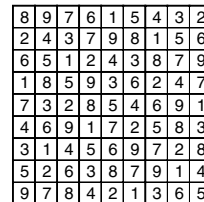
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SUDOKU

No. 393 Tough



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

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Retiree Corner

Remains of astronaut's MIA brother laid to rest

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Maj. James Blair White went missing in Southeast Asia on Nov. 24, 1969. He was finally laid to rest June 19 at West Point.

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, White was in a flight attacking enemy

troops when weather conditions deteriorated and contact with him was lost. No remains were recovered. White was identified recently using mitochondrial DNA analysis, dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence.

He was the brother of Air Force Lt. Col. Edward H. White II, the first American to walk in space.

— Air Force News Service

News Notes

Career Fair. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 27 at the Delta Breeze Club. Encourage all members to ask questions to prepare for future transition from the military.

60th FSS

Summer activities for children

Sideline Sports Camp. July 16-20 for ages 9-12 and 13-18. Participants will be instructed on and demonstrate the ability to participate in sports like Ultimate Frisbee, badminton, fencing and lacrosse. Space is limited to the 35 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp. July 30 to Aug. 3 for ages 5-18. Children and youth will learn basic skills in theatre production, acting, stage presence and team building throughout the week. Space is limited to the 60 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Say It with Music Camp. Aug. 13-17 for ages 9-12 and 13-18. Children will learn everything from music production to music writing and poetry. Space is limited to the 35 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Archery Camp. Sept. 24-28 for ages 9-12 and 13-18. This camp will instruct on and demonstrate the ability to participate in activities to enhance targeting accuracy, strategy, tactical analysis and physical fitness. Space is limited to the 35 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Upcoming

MLB discount tickets. Get tickets to the upcoming games: Oakland Athletics at Giants on July 14 and Atlanta Braves at Giants on Sept. 11. For more information, call 707-424-0969.

News and notes

Dependent ID card renewal. Dependents can now renew their ID cards online at <http://bit.ly/2C01q9e>.

Closures

NAF Human Resources Office hours. The office will close every Thursday. Business hours are 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday. NAF HRO also is closed on federal holidays. For more information, call 707-424-4749.



For more information on FSS, visit <http://www.travisfss.com>.

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.

In the next week...

Blues and Brews Festival. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. July 7, Town Square, Vacaville. www.downtownvacaville.com.

- 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 11 a.m. Sunday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fairfield Stake Center, 2700 Camrose Ave., Fairfield.

DGMC Chapel

- Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.
- For all other enquires, 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: 8 to 9 a.m., first Saturday of every 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 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg. 1348.

- Home-cooked meal at 6 p.m. Tuesday's followed at 7 p.m. 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.

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Air Force Sergeants Association

“Walter E. Scott” Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 2 p.m. on the second Friday of every month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Angell Nichols or Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Linden de Romero.

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.

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.

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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 playgroups. Toddlers to the Max Playgroup 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 Playgroup 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 1-2 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 travsupcombatpds@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.

LGBT Alliance. General membership meetings take place at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, email lgbtalliance707@gmail.com or call 707-424-2486.

Mare Island Museum. Free admission from Memorial Day to Labor for active and Reserve military, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and dependents with ID cards. 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.

Montezuma Shrine Club. Meets every third Thursday of the month at the Masonic Center, 412 Travis Blvd., Fairfield. For more information, call Mike Michaelis at 707-427-2573 or Cal Gitsham at 707-425-0060.

Motorcycle licensing and training. California Rider Education offers the Motorcyclists Training Course, Basic Riders Course 2 and the Military Sportsbike Riders Course on base. MTC classes take place most

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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.

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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.

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Solano/Napa Habitat for Humanity. This organization welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. There are

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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 Heritage Center. The facility is looking to add to its historical collection. It is missing the past 15 years of conflict in which Travis was involved. Do you have something special to donate for generations to appreciate? The center also seeks volunteers. The gift shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Rick Shea at 707-424-5598 or email richard.shea@us.af.mil.

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Tuskegee Airman Lee A. Archer Chapter. Meets at 1 p.m. third Saturday of the month at Nut Tree Airport. For more information, call James Harris at 707-631-6361.

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

- Jessica Pope, 349th Air Mobility Wing.
- Tony Brown, Scott Air Force Base.
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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 Art Walk. 2 to 7 p.m. second Saturday of the month in July, September, October, downtown. www.artsbenicia.org/benicia-artwalk.

Benicia Farmers Market. 4 p.m. Thursdays, through October, First Street between B and D streets. 745-9791.

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Thursdays, through Oct. 7, corner of Jefferson and Texas streets. www.fairfieldmainstreet.com.

Ghost Walk, Benicia. 8 p.m. July 6, July 20, leaves from 90 First St. 745-9791.

Ghost Walk, Suisun City. 8 p.m. July 21, leaves from Virgil's Bait Shop, 201 Main St., Suisun City; 8 p.m. July 22, leaves from the Lawler House, 718 Main St. www.suisunwaterfront.com.

Ghost Walk, Vacaville. 7 p.m. July 11, leaves from 618 E. Main St. www.napaghhosts.com.

The Hub. Open mic, 7 p.m. July 6; Fantasy role playing, noon July 7; Poetry by the Bay open mic, 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, 350 Georgia St., Vallejo. www.thehubvallejo.com.

“Lunchtime Laughs.” Noon the first Friday of each month, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

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

Vacaville Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 27, Creekwalk Plaza at Andrews Park, downtown Vacaville. www.facebook.com/VacavilleFarmersMarket.

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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.

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Arts Benicia. “Cutting Edge – Nontraditional Glass,” July 21 through Aug 26; open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, www.artsbenicia.org.

Benicia Plein Air Gallery. Mary Lou Correia is July's featured artist, reception 3 to 6 p.m. July 14; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 307 First St., Benicia. 495-2940, www.beniciapleinair.com.

The Corner Store Gallery. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 320 Cernon St., Vacaville. 688-8889, www.thecornerstoregallery.com.

El Comalito Collective. QOTOC + Pride Mural, through July 28; open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 302 Georgia St., Vallejo. www.elcomalitocollective.com.

ADM

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and her new life blasted into motion.

Gamez entered the security forces career field, and although she initially was not too excited about it, she grew to enjoy her job.

One day while Gamez was out working, she got a call to leave her post and come back to the squadron. Butterflies filled her stomach as she came to her flight chief's office worried she had made a mistake on the job, unaware she was about to be chosen for a highly sought-after opportunity.

"I was scared I wasn't going to do well," Gamez said regarding her selection to qualify as an advance designated marksman. "One of my biggest fears is failure. My squadron was sending me and relying on me to pass, and I didn't want to disappoint them."

Despite her uncertainty in succeeding, Gamez traveled to Fort Bliss, Texas, with another security forces member to complete training.

ADM training qualifications rely heavily on individuals working in teams of a shooter and a spotter. To her surprise, Gamez's journey of resilience continued when working as a team didn't come as easy as she'd imagined. Being disconnected greatly affected the probability of qualifying, so she knew they'd have to dig deep and work harder.

"Your qualification is in your spotter's hands, so they can fail you," Gamez said. "If you don't pass, you're going home."

Right before her first qualification, Gamez and her comrade came together, and like a well-assembled weapon, their execution was accurate and

unstoppable, she said.

From that moment forward, Gamez and her partner went above and beyond to pass the course. The trust they developed for one another helped Gamez achieve the title "Best Spotter" and her comrade "Best Shot."

"It's awesome how we got better at being able to trust each other," Gamez said. "Trust is everything when it comes to qualifying at ADM training."

Gamez and her comrade completed their training and returned to the 19th SFS as advanced designated marksmen. Gamez overcame her fear of failure and realized she could do more than she ever thought she could.

"(The 19th SFS) chose me for a reason," Gamez said. "They see something in me I don't see in myself."

Gamez continued to work in the squadron like normal until another individual came to her and congratulated her on becoming the first female in about five years to complete ADM training. Shocked, Gamez double-checked the information, and sure enough, she was notified of this incredible accomplishment.

She hopes that other females realize that if she can break through her fear of failure and complete ADM training, others can too.

"If I can do it, anybody can do it," she said. "I passed ADM and know they can do it too."

Gamez's path of resilience gave her the ammunition it took to succeed. Every fear and uncertainty that crossed her path was one more challenge Gamez set her mind to overcome.

"Whenever my mind is set on something, I'm stuck on it," Gamez said. "I'm going to finish it."

And she did.

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Opioid

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Commitment to patients, nation

The Military Health System’s mission is to ensure the medical readiness of the nation’s armed forces and provide world-class health-care for its 9.4 million beneficiaries, Bono told the committee.

As part of the larger U.S. health system, the Military Health System has a shared responsibility in addressing the nation’s opioid epidemic, she said.

“This crisis is touching the lives of so many of our fellow citizens and the department is committed to playing its part to help combat the epidemic and ensure our patients receive the finest care we can provide,” Bono said.

She explained DoD’s approach to the opioid crisis has a dual focus: to implement a comprehensive model of pain management that focuses on nonpharmacologic pain treatments; and to optimize safe usage for patients when opioid use is necessary.

The department, according to Bono, is “making headway, but there is more to be done in educating our patients and providers on threats from opioid addiction and strategies to reduce abuse.”

Efforts

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medical risks exist,” said Maj. Gen. Scott J. Zobrist, Ninth Air Force commander. “Having Public Health engaged in our scenario forced us to think about and plan for medical issues we had not previously encountered.”

Another vital piece to STAFFEX 18-4 included the expanded role of the Air Reserve components like that of DeHuff and Mack. In addition to

Michigan, this iteration included ARC members from units in California, West Virginia, and Connecticut.

“The Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard continue to play a huge role in our JTF manning,” Zobrist explained. “When operational, roughly half of our JTF manpower will come from the ARC. In addition to military proficiency, our guardsmen and reservists bring a host of other real-world experiences and fields of expertise to our JTF.”

JOSE

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conducted an in-depth analysis of office supply purchases. This records review showed approximately 1,600 GPC cardholders across U.S. Air Forces in Europe bought office supplies from more than 400 different vendors meaning there wasn’t any bulk purchase benefits. U.S. Army Europe office supply purchases were similar – 900 cardholders making more than 9,000 buys

from 300 vendors.

Together, the Army and Air Force spent about \$13 million without any discounts on their approximately 20,000 purchases.

“As the strategic sourcing opportunity continued to look more promising, the results were shared with our Army colleagues at the 409th Combat Support Brigade through our cross-talks,” she said. “The 409th was so very interested in participating that they offered to conduct the procurement.”

With today’s JOSE program, the Army continues to spearhead contracting activities and the Air Force serves as program management. Together, the services now purchase strategically and continue to look at opportunity for growth and additional savings.

“We have experienced a great partnership with the Army on this program,” Shatto said, with the joint team meeting quarterly to discuss program status.

“It’s been so successful, we

have recently decided to pursue a follow-on effort since the original blanket purchase agreements end in May 2019,” Shatto said.

As part of the program, AFICA also receives quarterly business analytics from the three vendors without extra charge. This introduces spend data that isn’t provided from US Bank GPC reports and opens the door to further strategize office supplies, said Marianne Seufert, chief of AFICA’s strategic sourcing operation in Europe.

In addition to the Army partnership, Seufert recently attended the European Contracting Conference in Naples, Italy, where she “extended usage of our savings producing contract to Navy installations in Europe,” she said.

Additionally, she briefed the JOSE program to other Department of Defense and NATO contracting personnel in an effort to expand participation to potentially leverage more buying power and save additional taxpayer dollars.

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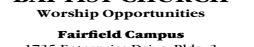


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Music

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together professionally with various musical groups. “For me, one of the best parts of getting to perform this piece is to have a chance to work with my good friend and colleague one more time,” said Muñoz. The concerto begins with a melody on cowbells, then transitions to the second part based on the Peruvian Waltz Cajun rhythm, representing the composer’s various musical tours and performances in Peru. The composition concludes with a section based on Cuban street parade rhythms.

Mostly influenced by Cruz’s father, both musicians grew up playing these rhythms in Puerto Rico. “In my opinion, what makes this piece important to me is the fact that a very close friend had the thought of writing something for me, based on my experience, musicality, and percussive expressions,” said Cruz. Airmen musicians have the chance to interact with the general public and recruit through music on a regular basis. Collaborating on this piece of music was just another way Air Force musicians demonstrated the excellence and diversity of the U.S. Air Force.



Cadets Alan Hang, Jackwin Hui, Albert Gu and Raymond Sun from Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, compete at the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Leadership and Academic Bowl June 24 in Washington, D.C.

Three-peat

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just approaching what needed to be done.” Television host Alex Trebek and his production team from the game show “Jeopardy” added to the excitement of this year’s competition, interviewing cadets for an upcoming teen version of the show. While the Junior ROTC Academic Bowl is an educational program designed to prepare students for high school exit and college entrance exams, it also served to educate Trebek. “This event is an eye-opener,” Trebek said. “I had heard of ROTC. I had not heard about Junior ROTC and all of the goals that it tries to fulfill for the young students before they get to college.”

The Junior ROTC Academic Bowl is a multi-level competition for high school Junior ROTC units to participate in throughout the school year. Following online qualifying rounds, 16 teams traveled to Washington, D.C., to compete for the chance to represent the Air Force in the championship round. This year, 327 Air Force Junior ROTC teams participated, an increase of 80 teams from last year’s competition. The competition includes a mix of Junior ROTC curriculum, English, Math and Science, all skills that contribute to the Air Force Junior ROTC core mission of developing citizens of character. “Our goal is to support our country,” said Col. Paul Lips, Director Air Force Junior ROTC. “But, these are high

Reconsiders

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thorough assessment and identifies treatments and tools that have been proven to help people beat an alcohol-use disorder. Lt. Col. Mikel Merritt, Air Force Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment branch chief at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, said ADAPT sees 6,500 referrals a year for intervention and assessment. Of that number, 2,000 are diagnosed with an alcohol problem. An Air Force staff sergeant in Montgomery, Alabama, who asked to remain anonymous, credited ADAPT with saving his life. Years of heavy alcohol use caught up with him in 2016, he said. By then, he had become paranoid, going so far as changing trash bags so that no one could see the empty liquor

bottles, and patronizing liquor stores that were miles out of his way so that he wouldn’t see anyone he knew. A phone call with his mother, who told him he reminded her of his alcoholic father, motivated the staff sergeant to go to ADAPT. “In the military, you (could be) fighting two wars,” said the 37-year-old medical-group worker. “Alcohol was a terror for me. ADAPT gave me the tools to fight it.” Merritt explained that ADAPT’s treatment is based on motivational interviewing, a therapeutic practice that helps service members foster a desire to make changes in their lives while building their confidence to do so, and cognitive behavioral therapy. While ADAPT doesn’t require that members attend AA, it doesn’t discourage them, either. “(I’ve found that) evidence for AA is mixed,” Merritt said. “It seems good at providing support to the member, but (by itself) isn’t

“Alcohol was a terror for me. ADAPT gave me the tools to fight it.” — Anonymous staff sergeant

as beneficial as a stand-alone treatment.” The Joint Army/Navy/Air Force military treatment facility at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, has a similar philosophy. While the AA 12-step model is a component of its program, the facility also relies on other resources to promote sobriety, such as motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral therapy, family therapy, and art and recreational therapy. Army Maj. John Hunsaker, medical director of the residential treatment facility at Fort Belvoir, said some service

members may ask for help with alcohol problems on their own, while others have to be directed by their commander. He said there are warning signs to look for, such as: • Drinking to deal with emotions or stress. • Craving alcohol. • Inability to have just one drink. • Decreased performance at work. • Stealing or lying to cover up substance use. • Experiencing withdrawal symptoms. Hunsaker said the number of warning signs that apply can indicate the extent of the problem. He reiterated that no one will be punished for coming forward and seeking treatment. By not getting help, drinking can become worse and cause missed days of work or even a DUI conviction, Hunsaker noted. “The goal is to prevent those things from happening,” he said. Although asking for help was a difficult decision for Gibson, the rewards have been great. Today he’s able to be mentally present while his son does his homework – which wasn’t the case before treatment. “The only way I was able to go to ADAPT was (by) accepting that it was literally a choice between life and death, he said. “(I chose) life.” In addition to the Air Force program, the other Services have substance treatment programs: Army Substance Abuse Program, Navy Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program. There’s also the Veterans Affairs Substance Abuse Program. And the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers a national help line, 1-800-662-4357, which is staffed 24 hours a day; or visit Military OneSource for more information.

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Berlin

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Taking on the feeding and care of thousands would take a monumental effort and a minimum of 4,000 tons of food and fuel per day.

“We flew in 12-hour shifts. If we started out at 8 o’clock, we would be flying all night into the next day,” Halvorsen said. “There were two major shifts, one was at daylight, and one was at night. We would get up a couple hours ahead of time and head out to the airplane and pre-flight check.”

This was not always a milk run. The weather was a particular danger.

“Later on, we got radar, and our blood pressure went down 10 points. Radar saved our lives. Every approach we would make would be an instrument approach whether it was clear as a bell or not because you had to keep the distance between the airplanes. Every landing felt like you were in the clouds,” Halverson said.

At the height of the Berlin Airlift, aircraft were landing every three minutes, supplying up to 13,000 tons of food, coal and medicine a day, according to the Air Force Historical Support Division.

This coordinated effort relied larger on the weather. One day while waiting for the rain to stop, Halvorsen noticed something.

“I saw all these children at the end of the runway,” he recalled.

But he and the others did not give them much thought as they all felt the Soviets could not keep the blockade up much longer.

“I wanted to get around town to West Berlin and get movies of all this destruction we see from the air and how these kids were living,” Halvorsen said.

Little did he know how much those Berlin children would reinforce his Utah family’s second life lesson: Gratitude.

Halvorsen and his crew finished their flights around noon one beautiful mid-July day. Normally, the aircrews would catch a few hours of sleep before the next 12-hour shift. But today was different, Halvorsen still hankered to see the ground of Berlin and he had his movie camera with him that day.

“I told my co-pilot and crew chief to go to bed; I was going to Berlin,” he announced.

On the flight line, a colleague was about to start engines. Halvorsen had already called ahead to arrange a jeep for his sightseeing visit when he hopped on the cargo plane.

“When I landed, I told the Jeep driver to hold on I would be right back,” he said. “I ran to the end of the runway and shot pictures of the airplanes coming up over the bombed out buildings. Eventually, the children came up to the fence. Those kids were friendly. I was there for almost an hour. I was just taken with them as they spoke English pretty well. We were having a great time.”

Turning back to the car, a voice chimed into his head.

“I had been to other countries where the kids had chocolate,” he said recalling that moment nearly 70 years later. “When George Washington visited his troops, he had little hard candies in his pocket for the kids. That was nothing new. But these kids had not had chocolate for a couple of years. Not one out of the 30 broke ranks and said ‘Do you got candy?’ When I realized that, it just hit me like a ton of bricks; black and white. I just could not believe that quality of character called gratitude. They were so grateful. They were thankful for their freedom. When I realized that, I thought I got to do something. I reached in my pocket, and all I had was two sticks of gum.”

Convinced that everyone deserved a treat or no one did, Halvorsen took about three

more steps and the little voice came back clear as a bell directing him back to the fence.

“Boy, when I stopped and started back, those kids came to attention,” he said. “I pulled out two sticks of gum and broke them in half and passed it to the kids doing the translating. I couldn’t believe what I saw. The other kids didn’t push or shove or try to grab it. The kids that got half a piece of stick of gum tore off the wrapper and passed it. The kids that got a strip of paper, put it up to their nose, smelled it and their eyes got big. They were dumbfounded. They clutched it in their hands to go home and show their parents, if they had any.”

An idea came to Halvorsen – return tomorrow.

“I will be flying overhead, and I will drop enough chocolate for all of you,” he announced to the children. “When that translated to everybody, there was a celebration going on.”

Halvorsen made one demand of the children. They must share the candy. They agreed, but another question arose. With planes arriving every few seconds, how would the children know which one was Halvorsen’s?

“When I would fly over the farm (back home), I would wiggle the wings back and forth. So

I said, ‘Kids, you watch the airplane. When I come over the center of Tempelhof, if it is clear, I will wiggle the wings.’ That is how it began.”

The candy bomber was born and the act would soon be named Operation Little Vittles.

With his mind made up that he was doing the right thing, Halvorsen used his candy ration cards for chocolate bars and planned for the flight.

Flying between barbed wire and bombed-out buildings, Halvorsen instructed his flight engineer to push the candy wrapped with a small, cloth parachute out of the a flare shoot.

“Every day, we would see a few more kids come out there. We did that about three weeks before we got caught. It turned out okay,” he said.

By the time the news hit the papers of the candy bomber, it was too late to stop the momentum.

What started as a few bars of chocolate because of the gratitude of a few dozen kids turned into worldwide news as the donations of chocolates and little parachutes allowed a total of 23 tons of candy to be dropped to children in their war-torn town. Letters came in through the mail, a volunteer packing station was set-up in Massachusetts.

“It was just a synergy that went crazy,” he said. “I couldn’t believe where it all came from. It just warmed my heart to see the generosity.”

The other quality his father instilled in him and made the operation a success was attitude, Halvorsen said.

“The kids thought someday we will have enough to eat, but if we lose our freedom, we will never get it back. One philosopher said something like, ‘I can really control how I feel about 95 percent of the things that happen to me.’ That is attitude...It makes good things happen and makes lemons out of lemons.”

Eleven months after the start of the blockade, the Soviets caved and in May 1949, the seizure ended. However, for Halvorsen things would never be the same.

“That little decision with two sticks of gum changed the rest of my life,” he said. “Little decisions you make put your footprints on the path that leads to your destination – good or bad.”

Hight

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of victory at sea, conquests on land and some of military aviation’s greatest successes. The added medals and insignia laud moments of heroism known to us all. I wear the uniform of my country because, as America is a blend of races and cultures, my uniform is a woven, visual history of her people’s courage, determination and unique love of freedom.

Without a word, this uniform also whispers of freezing troops, injured bodies and Americans left forever in foreign fields. It documents every serviceman’s courage, who by accepting this uniform, promises the one gift he truly has to give: his life. I wear my uniform for the heritage of sacrifice it represents and more.

No factor in America’s growth has been greater than the men and women who have worn her uniform to help keep her strong. In war and in peace, they have circled the earth and journeyed to the moon, always carrying America’s ideals with them. Their service to her has been a legend of honor.

I wear my uniform with pride for it represents the greatest nation of free people in the world. America serves as an example of those who strive to be free. They recognize this uniform as standing for millions of Americans who respect their world neighbors and wish to live in peace with them. My uniform is an extension of my people and my nation.

Most importantly, I wear the uniform of my country because others do not. America’s freedom is a right given by God, but defended by man. It is our overwhelming responsibility to preserve our heritage of freedom for all Americans and I accept that challenge willingly.

I wear the uniform of my country because of its history, its heritage of honor, its service to America, its representation of my people and because of my desire to live in a free land. Hopefully, I wear this uniform in peace. But America’s enemies must know that I will stand fearlessly in war as those before me have stood.

I pray only that I do not stand alone.

Klein

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our families. We enjoy tremendous relationships with our Reserve partners in the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 621st Contingency Response Wing, and the host of other mission partners around the base. Travis is fortunate to reside in the heart of Solano County where we enjoy exceptional support from the surrounding communities, civic leaders, businesses, and institutions. “Team Travis” truly extends well beyond our fence line. I must also acknowledge the selfless support and sacrifice of our families and loved ones – including my own – who so often bear the challenges of military life. Thanks to all of you for the incredible support you so genuinely provide.

I have also been blessed with an incredible command team over the past two years. To my command chief, and past and present vice commanders, group commanders, deputies, and superintendents, squadron commanders and their superintendents, first sergeants, and the wing staff – thank you for your hard work, support, loyalty, and dedication to our Airmen and the mission. These are incredible leaders who selflessly draw from deep wells of dedication and talent to serve their organizations and the people within them. They and their families have my utmost respect and admiration.

Time has now come for new leadership to take the helm. The Air Force prides itself on continuously renewing its leadership pool in order to prevent stagnation and to encourage

Wilson

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Pilot Training Next is a program to explore and potentially prototype a training environment that integrates various technologies to produce pilots in an accelerated, cost efficient, learning-focused manner. The training uses immersive technology to see how Airmen can learn more effectively.

“Technology has changed quite a bit, but the syllabus for pilot training had not significantly changed in about 20 years,” Wilson said. “The Air Force is partnering with industry and educators to build a training environment that integrates today’s latest technology to improve pilot training.”

The next stop for Wilson was a visit to Joint Base San Antonio.

innovative progress in its organizations. I am excited for the wing that I get to pass the flag to Col. Ethan Griffin, whom I have known for the last decade. He is an outstanding leader who will apply his own leadership style to build upon the successes we have achieved over the last two years. He and his wonderful family will certainly shepherd the wing well. I ask you to embrace the change that will surely occur with leadership turnover throughout the wing and quickly get on with supporting your new commanders and their visions for your units.

As my family and I depart this special place I will leave you with this bit of advice: as the 60th Air Mobility Wing and Travis Air Force Base move forward, I ask you to believe deep down that there are no bounds to what you can achieve personally, professionally, and operationally. I ask you to continue to embrace challenges and obstacles, to lead and innovate in order to adapt and overcome. I ask that you continue to seize opportunity and take calculated risk. You are empowered to create a better way. Continue to ready yourselves to win tomorrow’s wars. Own your job, your unit, your morale – tomorrow’s Air Force lies within *your* hands.

I could not be more proud of you and the community in which we serve – well done. I feel that the Klein family is not necessarily leaving Travis, but rather taking it with us. I am extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as your commander. It has been the most cherished duty of my career.

With deepest respect and gratitude, thank you, Team Travis.

At JBSA-Randolph, Wilson met with members of the 12th Flying Training Wing to discuss the pilot instructor training, introduction to fighter fundamentals, weapons systems officer training and remotely piloted aircraft pilot and basic sensor operator training missions.

While at JBSA-Lackland, Wilson had the opportunity to engage with new Airmen and their families, and also serve as the reviewing official during the Basic Military Training graduation parade. There she welcomed 628 new Airmen into the Air Force.

“To our newest Airmen, every one of you comes here with a story,” Wilson said. “You bring with you your history and your family’s history to our nation’s defense, and you are now part of our story as Airmen in the greatest Air Force in the world.”



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Hot cups

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be produced that are stronger than the handle now on the hot cup.

Nicholas Wright, a volunteer 3D designer and printer with the Phoenix Spark office, worked on creating the prototype for the new handle.

“The process took us about a week to develop a solution for the hot cup handle from learning the software to figuring how to physically print it,” said Wright. “We talked to air crew members about how they’d like it designed. They recommended a more ergonomic design. The reason for this is because the original handle is placed upside down so aircrews wanted a mix between comfort and strength. We achieved that in about seven days.”

The solution Wright and his team came up with features a curved handle.

“The handle currently on the hot cup has a square bottom, which creates a weak point on the handle, so any time it is dropped, the handle splits shortly after impact,” he said. “Our new rounded handle reduces that weak point. The handle we designed is stronger and capable of being printed at most Air Force bases.”

One of the reasons the curved handle is stronger, Wright said, is because of the layered printing that’s possible with 3D printing.

“Think of a tree that has multiple layers so it’s extremely strong in multiple directions,” he said. “The new handle has stacked layers with a solid piece around it so it’s similar to the layers of a tree.”

With the new design, the handle is also much cheaper to replace. Over the past three years, the 60th APS has spent nearly \$56,000 to replace broken hot cups.

With the new design, the unit could save thousands of dollars, said Wright.

“Imagine you have to replace 40 hot cups each year at ever-increasing prices,” he said. “It’s much cheaper for us to replace the handle on 40 cups at about 50 cents per handle rather than purchasing 40 cups for more than \$1,200 per cup.”

The prototype for the new handle was shared with the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The center is responsible for total life cycle management of Air Force weapon systems.

“They are working through all the



A hot cup sits on a counter inside a KC-10 Extender June 21 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The base is working on developing a new handle for the cup, which could save the Air Force thousands.

processes, quality standards and materials to try and put out a playbook on how we can 3D print the handle so it’s approved to be on an Air Force aircraft,” said McGuire. “Once we get that guidance, we can print the handles at Travis.”

Wright said he’s proud he could make a positive impact on the Air Force mission.

DAISY

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The nursing staff serve in almost every capacity, from critical care and education to flight and squadron commanders. Technicians are also spread throughout DGMC – in

clinics, laboratories, in-patient wards and pharmacies. As they progress in rank, technicians can become superintendents and flight chiefs.

“We also help train new (resident) doctors and advocate for our patients,” said Hopper.

Taylor, Hopper and David Evans, 60th MDG nurse

supervisor, will coordinate the DAISY Award program, but a civilian panel will select the quarterly winner, said Taylor.

“The winner will be recognized at a ceremony in front of the entire unit and receive a pin, certificate of recognition and a hand-carved stone sculpture that is made in

“I’m here to help,” he said. “By being here, I’m supporting a cause I believe in, helping the Air Force save money and man hours. That’s important because if you save money and man hours, you can put those things toward other resources such as research and development, training and readiness.”

Zimbabwe,” she said.

The foundation will feature award winners on its website and provide cinnamon rolls for the winner’s unit. Cinnamon rolls are one of the last foods Patrick ate.

According to the foundation’s website, whenever nurses smell cinnamon, they should

Guam

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kind of vessel before,” said Simpson. “We knew this was going to be a challenge.”

However, aid came in the form of a popular culture reference. The canoe just so happened to resemble one helmed by a famous Disney princess.

“We asked for more details about the vessel, and the dispatcher told us ‘it’s just like the boat from Moana.’”

The reference sailed by Simpson, who’d never seen the film, but it gave the rest of the crew a clear idea of what to look for.

For more than three hours, the crews scoured the ocean for the wayward vessel. At approximately 2:45 p.m., the crew in Raider 11 spotted a small wooden canoe with a white sail and six passengers on board. Somehow, in all that swath of ocean, they had found the small wooden boat.

“We spotted this vessel from about 19,000 feet,” said 1st Lt. Jordan Allen, 20th EBS crew member. “It’s really a small miracle that we were able to see it because there were quite a bit of clouds.”

The B-52 crew members were able to give the Coast Guard the coordinates, who then contacted a nearby civilian ship to voluntarily assist in the recovery.

The local islanders were traveling in a vessel important to their culture and heritage. They didn’t want to leave the canoe, but gratefully accepted food, water, and directions back to land. The mission was successful.

“We were so excited to be able to help,” said Jordan. “This is a highlight of our tour here. It shows the spirit of teamwork we all have. Not just the aircrew, but the Coast Guard and everyone else who was able to help.”

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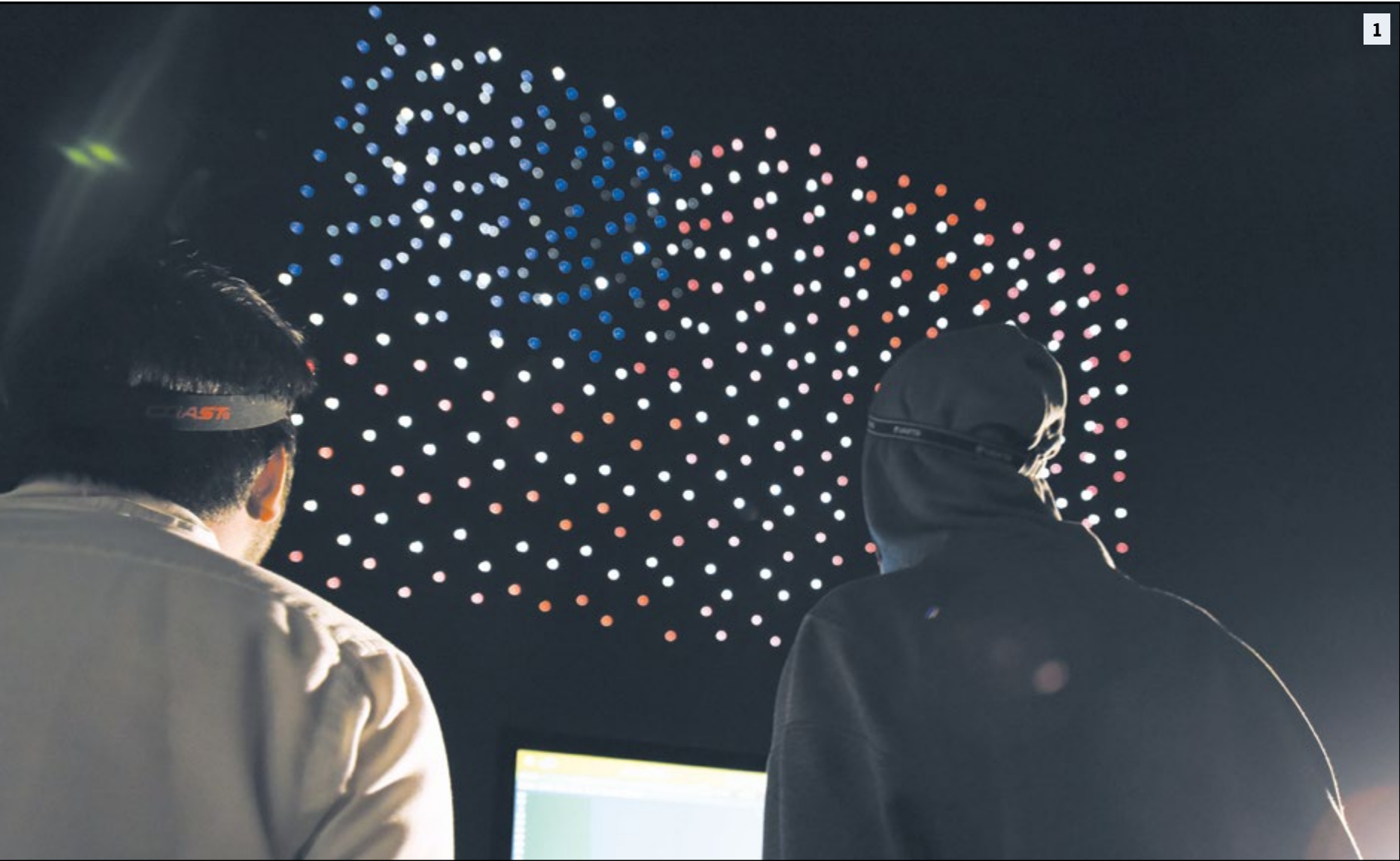
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