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Commander’s Comment

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Avoid animal bites, be cautious

50th Medical Group Public Health Flight

It’s 85 degrees with a coal delta breeze rustling through the leaves in your backyard. The barbecue pit is fired up and the savory aroma of the hickory wood from the barbecue pit is fired up, and the leaves in your backyard, delta breeze rustling through the day just bit a child. If you think this scenario is uncommon or unbelievable, think again.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, dog bites bit more than 4 million people every year, of which 800,000 require medical attention.

At Travis Air Force Base, California, an average of 100 dog bites from dogs, cats, porcupines, bats, raccoons and skunks are treated and evaluated every year. Although dog bites are the most common, dogs rarely transmit serious diseases.

That’s not the case with other animals.

For example, rabies is typically transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected mammal. Left untreated, rabies is an aggressive disease that carries a nearly 100 percent fatality rate once neurological symptoms occur in an unvaccinated human.

Vaccination after exposure is highly successful in preventing the development of rabies and mimics how the virus spreads from rat to rat. It is used in the United States Air Force Thunderbirds for the 2013 demonstration season.

Thunderbirds pick Travis surgeon

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Kadena plays role in Thailand rescue

Kadena Air Base, Japan — Airmen have been involved with more than 800 cases reported each year after the incident.

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AF formalizes deal to replace Air Force One

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs


Boeing's bid was accepted at a cost of $1.3 billion.

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Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. — Team Fairchild hosted Spokane-area school district superintendents to experience and learn about the 92nd Air Refueling Wing mission first-hand July 18. Airmen dedicate their lives to support their country and the communities within it. Educating surrounding community leaders on the Air Force mission helps build a support network for current service members and their families while providing insight into the military mission to recruit future Airmen.

"Many of us have children and students who are interested in joining the military and learning about everything it takes to serve," said Kimberley Headrick, Medical Lake School District assistant superintendent. "The flight was an amazing opportunity and helps us, as school leaders, to better understand the Air Force to prepare students interested in joining." The percentage of new military recruits has decreased, less than 14 percent service today, according to a Defense Manpower Data Center report. This has brought about the rise of a "Warrior Caste." While the United States possesses a more ready and professional military than ever before, the majority of current service members come from multigenerational military families, according to The Center for a New American Security.

As the Air Force enhances their partnerships with schools, educators gain more insight into Air Force opportunities and can enhance student’s educational experiences. This partnership benefits recruiting while creating a more efficient

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EOD Airman aids Army forensics team

According to Army Maj. Al- len Spence, FSL-C officer in charge, Spence’s role isn’t just important — it is paramount for his office’s success. He said Spence is responsible for coordinating all of captured enemy materiel within the CENTCOM area of responsibility. Furthermore, Spence is responsible for the safety of the lab itself, along with his team’s ability to direct all focus for evidence processing.

"Spence said the results his team produces helps investigators across the Department of Defense identify the content of trace elements of materials. This helps the investigative teams identify patterns and determine if the explosion or explosion fragments are being made by the same person or persons. He also stressed the importance of a good sample."

"Providing a good sample to the lab for evidence purposes can literally make or break an investigation," Spence said. "From viewing physical blast sites, to testing the proper procedures for explosion, with our core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence doesn’t mean perfection, we will continue to do things faster so we can get more missions accomplished as quickly as possible."

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"Outside of combat measure, the goal of these combined exercises is to train and evaluate the F-22 in an advanced and efficient safety measure for future engagements," said Lt. Col. Sean Pupilis, the commander of the 4th Fighter Wing. "This is a very important exercise to see what we can do and how we can best participate with our European allies. We are participating with many simulations and exercises in areas and we are planning for the future. By learning more about one another, we can provide more effort to this field, so that we will be ready to support the Italian air force."
Deaf intern thrives in civilian service

Estella Holmes
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Tina Banerjee is an Air Force Materiel Command intern with a unique challenge: she was born unable to hear. Banerjee works as a summer intern through the Air Force Premier College Intern Program as a management analyst in manpower and organization, 87th Force Support Squadron manpower and Organization Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. She is a senior at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, studying criminal justice and will be graduating in May 2019.

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Serving with gratitude: Ugandan refugee finds home in US Air Force


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3) Keval, in June 1996. Keval joined the Air Force in 1980 to provide the country that provided a safe place for his family to grow and thrive after becoming a Ugandan refugee when he was 13 years old.

4) Mustak Keval, 60th Force Support Squadron Airman and Family Readiness Center flight chief, assists Master Sgt. Erine Gallant, 60th FSS deputy director, Aug. 20, 2015, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

5) Keval poses for a photo in 2015 during a town hall meeting for family and service members of the 621st Contingency Response Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Keval, a Ugandan refugee, spent more than 20 years in the US Air Force and continues to serve Airmen and their families at the A&FRC. "My integrity is beyond reproach and his abilities as a supervisor, employee and leader are some of the best I have seen in anyone I have worked with over my 38-year career. He will work nights, weekends and extended hours without complaint and, instead, take pride in getting the job done the right way no matter what it takes. "Mustak has a great way of working with each of his employees," Floyd continued. "He is very keen of their strengths and weaknesses and he knows how to get the most out of them as well as instill pride in them for the important work they do."

The Travis FSS deputy expressed his appreciation of Keval's skills and his ability to help the team achieve their goals. "The Travis A&FRC has been awarded the (Air Mobility Command) and Air Force A&FRC of the Year award several times during Mustak's tenure, and I am convinced that it was Mustak's leadership that was the key factor in our selection as the best."

Keval wants to continue serving the country he loves. "Every year that I have served, I am grateful," he said. "If there is any country in the world where a person has a chance, it's this one. There is so much good here. My future plan is to keep working with military families, which is what drives me. I love helping our Airmen and serving them is truly what I love doing."
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**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**
Sunday Services: All services have resumed. Sunday School is from 9 to 11 a.m. and Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m.

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**Travis Community Thrift Shop**
Opens to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.

**Family Readiness Center**
SOLANA Festival: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at Travis AFB Community Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center, 1350 Travis Blvd. Suite P2, Fairfield. More information: 707-424-4427.

**Community**

**Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group**
Meets on the ﬁrst Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Travis AFB Elementary School Cafeteria. More information: 707-424-4326.

**Mattress Night**
Open to youth from 12 to 18, as well as partici- pants of U.S. citizenship certified copy with state or federal ID. Must be a Travis AFB, 94535. For more information, call 707-424-1720.

**Travis Air Force Base**
Notiﬁcation System
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New office seeks to drive down maintenance costs

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson announced the establishment of the Air Force Rapid Sustainment Office July 25.

“The two-year test program will address sustainment of aging assets in a way that is both efficient and responsible to the U.S. taxpayer,” Wilson said. “It will focus on rapid sustainment that will drive down costs and deliver faster solutions to the field.”

If the office demonstrates positive returns on investment over time, the service will consider a transition to a permanent office.

“We will no longer pay premiums for things we can manufacture on our own,” Wilson said. “We will leverage agile manufacturing and reform legacy sustainment processes to drive down costs and meet worltdowng roadmaps.”

Focus areas for the RSO include predictive maintenance and agile manufacturing techniques, such as additive manufacturing and cold spray repair technologies. Focus areas also include robotics and automation, corrosion detection and repair non-destructive inspection, and advanced composite repair technologies.

Wilson added the Air Force will implement and immediately scale any opportunities to address sustainment challenges at lower costs discovered by the Rapid Sustainment Office.

Rapid Sustainment Office

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Jones retired from active duty in 2017 and now teaches at the School of Army Medicine at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama. To keep his medical skills sharp, he also volunteers in his community as an emergency medical care provider.

“I could see MEDHUB being a life-saver in this type of scenario; he has lived it,” said Jones. “I was just too busy taking care of humans.”

When we first started telling people about the MEDHUB system a year or so ago, some people didn’t think it was real or even possible in an operational environment,” said Wang. “When we go out now and show people that MEDHUB works, we generate greater synergy around advancing telemedicine and the importance of efficient, effective communication during medical evacuation.”

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no hurdles, whatsoever. She brings a unique perspective to the job and the Air Force mission,” said Greene.

Banerjee labels herself as a deaf hard-of-hearing person who speaks and uses American Sign Language. Growing up in the public school system in Neptune, New Jersey, she flourished in a deaf education program. Through the main-streaming process, she had the opportunity to attend regular classes and interact with her hearing peers. Services such as speech therapy were provided to help her be successful.

"I was born unable to hear. My father is hearing, but my mother and four siblings have hearing loss. It is a genetic condition," she said.

As a deaf person, Banerjee has moved through life seeking what some might view as unattainable for her.

"If you are someone like me who struggled, or still struggle with your identity, regard- less of your disabilities, color of your skin, gender, background, breaking barriers starts with you. Step out of your comfort zone, and open that door. Be flexible, and go for it!" said Banerjee.

Banerjee plans to return to Wright-Patterson in 2019 as a Palace-Acquire intern.

For more information on Air Force civilian services, visit: www.afciviliancareers.com. Current openings are also list- ed on www.usajobs.gov.
Merce

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neighboring countries. This
Mission was authorized by the
Pacific Partnership mission
by the Secretary of Defense.

All-around success

“We have been pleased with
the work done by our partners
in the Pacific region, and we are
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cooperation in the future.”

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evacuation ships to the turmoil-
stricken island nations.”

Secretary

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“Thank you all for what you
done,” said Wilson, "for serving
in the Air Force and for being
part of this team. It has been
a wonderful year for your
community. Serving as your
Secretary of the Air Force, I
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“We all had something to offer and we had all the skills or answers to be able to work for fulfilling the rescue plan. How-
Surgeon

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proud to welcome these lead-
erners aboard as they assume re-
sponsibility for showcasing the pride, precision and profes-
sionalism of more than 600,000
total force airmen serving
around the world,” Walsh said.

The 12 officer positions on
the team are year-round jobs at-
duty. By design, the positions
openings are staggered, allow-
ing the squadron to maintain
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4, 6, 7, 10 and 12 will be re-
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