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# Moving from darkness to light with grief

Sept. 9, 2017, was a day my close friends and family remember as a day of sorrow for me. My beloved wife of 12 years was taken from me by cancer.

With that said, I want to comment on the wellness pillar associated with spiritual resilience. Although our spiritual wellness is emphasized by leadership, chaplains and many Airmen, I continue to see Airmen give more priority and attention to other areas of Comprehensive Airman Fitness: physical, social and mental.

So before I lose you on the



Commentary by Gary Ash

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subject, I ask you to give me a chance to explain, in a way to reach the warrior inside you, why being spiritually fit could save your life when you never knew it could.

You have to be physically fit and mentally ready for the reality of combat. In the “social” pillar, we come to an understanding of respect for the diverse group we all make up to become Airmen. So as one can

imagine, the darkness which engulfs you after losing a loved one so dear, has its effects on you. Imagine losing a fellow Airman, a battle buddy or, something many do not consider, a part of

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your body. How is being spiritually strong going to help you in that unexpected realm? As you consider that question, spiritual fitness for me along with encouragement by family, friends and colleagues, carried me through a dark period during the winter months of 2017 and 2018.

I sought refuge in physical fitness, resulting in a successful path to increased health. Friends checked on me and even came to visit from another state. Co-workers invited me to dinner to talk. They were the finest examples of wingmen – my social pillar was active. My peers at work kept me mentally

engaged as I took on the challenges assigned to me by the wing commander and chief of safety to manage the occupational safety office. With all those examples of the CAF being fulfilled, I knew my spiritual rock was important in the journey of sustaining hope.

Let us be honest with ourselves, when we experience a serious loss, sadness can't be avoided. Turning to your spiritual rock may be your one chance when you aren't able to work out due to physical limitations. Withdrawal due to sadness and depression causes many to not desire a social life and the mental pillar suffers as well. Seeking spiritual strength now will prepare you for an unexpected loss.

Finding hope in life and striving forward is what makes us unique beings and inspires ourselves and others to press forward when things get bad.

So when my late wife left this world, I prayed on what I should do when I finally realized I had to continue in this life. The answer I received was “Live forward.” I haven't looked back since. Instead, I say, “Thank you for the kindness shared in this life and waiting for me on the other side.” Now, I have much to live for and give back. We should not face the barriers of life alone; rather, allow the love of others as well as the spiritual support to foster and help carry us through the darkness and back into the light.

# Time management does not exist; attitude key



Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Scott Piper

60TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Time management is a concept that many people have become preoccupied with over the years.

There are dozens of books available on the topic and many bases offer professional development courses on how to effectively manage time. However, when creating the professional development curriculum here at Travis Air Force Base, California, we intentionally omitted this lesson from our schedule for a single reason: Time management simply does not exist.

Granted, that statement is somewhat rooted in semantics, but allow

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me to explain. Consider for a moment that one of our Air Force's greatest strengths is diversity. In addition to our various pay grades and specialties, we all come from different places, have different faces and we have all been shaped individually through our experiences. But as we come together collectively to accomplish our respective missions, there is one single thing we all have in common: time.

No matter where we are from, a 24-hour day is something that we

all share and despite our best efforts, it cannot be altered. Yet, consider these popular statements: “This day is taking forever,” or “Will this meeting ever end?” Now, compare those with the phrase, “Time flies when you're having fun.” Does it really?

I assure you, there was the same amount of time in that dreaded one-hour meeting as there was in that 60 minutes of your life that you were having so much fun, you found yourself asking “Where did the time go?” So, if the continuum of time is the one constant we all share, what is the difference in

those statements?

Simply put, time management is about attitude and perception. The reason that time occasionally “flies by” is because those moments were framed in a positive mindset and consequently, when you looked at your watch every two minutes as the meeting seemed to “drag on and on,” it was because you chose to frame the meeting negatively. If you want to “manage time,” start by setting your clock with a positive attitude. I am not suggesting that every day will be Skittles

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1) Valerie Nessel, the widow of the late Tech. Sgt. John Chapman, stands as the citation is read before receiving the Medal of Honor from President Donald J. Trump during an Aug. 22 ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C. 2) Nessel holds the Medal of Honor after receiving it from Trump. Chapman was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions on Takur Ghar mountain in Afghanistan on March 4, 2002. 3) Trump gives his remarks during the Medal of Honor ceremony for Chapman.

# Medal of Honor presented to Chapman's family

## Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — On what would have been their 26th wedding anniversary, Tech. Sgt. John Chapman's widow, Valerie Nessel, accepted his Medal of Honor from President Donald Trump during a ceremony Aug. 22 at the White House.

“We are gathered together this afternoon to pay tribute to a fallen warrior, a great warrior...and to award him with our nation's highest and most revered military honor,” Trump said.

Fighting in the early morning hours through brisk air and deep snow, Chapman sacrificed his own life to preserve the lives of his teammates during the Battle of Takur Ghar, Afghanistan, on March 4, 2002.

“(John) would want to recognize the other men who lost their lives,” Nessel said in a previous interview. “Even though he did something he was awarded the Medal of Honor for, he would not want the other guys to be forgotten – they were part of the team together. I think he would say his Medal of Honor was not just for him, but for all of the guys who were lost.”

Chapman was originally awarded the Air Force Cross for his actions. However, following a review of the Air Force Cross and Silver Star recipients directed by then-Secretary of Defense Ash Carter, Deborah James, then-Secretary of the Air Force, recommended Chapman's Air Force Cross be upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

“John was always selfless – it didn't just emerge at Taku Ghar – he had always been selfless and highly competent, and thank God for all those qualities,” retired Air Force Col. Ken Rodriguez, Chapman's commander at the time of the battle, said in a previous interview. “He could have hunkered down in the bunker and waited for the (Quick Reaction Force) and (Combat Search and Rescue) team to come in, but he assessed the situation and selflessly gave his life for them.”

Chapman enlisted in the Air Force Sept. 27, 1985, as an information systems operator, but felt called to be part of Air Force special operations. In 1989, he cross-trained to become an Air Force combat controller.

According to friends and family, Chapman had a tendency to make the difficult look effortless and consistently sought new challenges. Dating back to his high school days, he made the varsity soccer squad as a freshman. In his high school yearbook, Chapman quoted these words: “Give of yourself before taking of someone else.”

Chapman looked for a new challenge, which he found in combat control. This special operations training is more than two years long and amongst the most rigorous in the U.S. military; only about one in 10 Airmen who start the program graduate. From months of intense training to multiple joint schools – including military SCUBA, Army static-line and

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**Airmen from the 60th Medical Group, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., transport a simulated patient Aug. 23 during exercise Ultimate Caduceus 2018 at Mather Airport in Sacramento, Calif.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscese

# Airman captures DAISY Award

Merrie Schilter-Lowe

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Call it serendipity, but a medical technician who cared for a veteran with an autoimmune disease is the first person at Travis Air Force Base, California, to receive the Disease Attacking Immune System Award.

Airman 1st Class Robert Chavez, 60th Medical Group, works in the in-patient surgical unit at David Grant USAF Medical Center. He was recognized in front of his unit Aug. 16 for assisting a patient with Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare but serious autoimmune disorder that affects the nervous system. The patient also struggled with acute back spasms.

"These spasms were so fast-acting and painful that the patient would scream in agony while simultaneously having a panic attack," said 1st Lt. Leigh Cannon, 60th MDG registered nurse in the same unit as Chavez.

"The patient was difficult to console, often taking 30 minutes to an hour to calm down ... even with IV pain medications," said Cannon, who nominated Chavez for the quarterly award.

During these attacks, Chavez sat with the patient, held his hand and calmly talked to him.

"The patient was here for three weeks and every shift that Airman Chavez worked, he would comfort this patient through each spasm," said Cannon. "How the patient did not break Airman Chavez's hand, I have no idea."

The DAISY Award was created in January 2000 by the parents of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 from complications with an autoimmune disease. According to the DAISY Award Foundation, the award honors all nurses everywhere who demonstrate compassion, skill and care.



Airman 1st Class Robert Chavez poses with Carol Salek, registered nurse and staff development officer, and Col. DeeAnn Lees, chief of nursing, at David Grant USAF Medical Center after receiving the first DAISY Award Aug. 16 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

"I always knew I'd join the military," said Chavez, who comes from a line of police officers.

"As I little kid, I played with toy soldiers, but my mom steered me toward the Air Force," he said. "Once

I found out about the medical field, I knew this was the way to go. Being the youngest of five siblings teaches patience. I felt that was a good quality to bring to the (in-patient) floor."

Although Chavez has

been in the Air Force only two years, "He's one of the best medical technicians I've ever worked with," said Staff Sgt. Rachel Wright, 60th MDG inpatient

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## Air Force announces awards for excellence in food

Angelina Casarez

AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND MISSION SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — The Air Force recently announced the 2018 Arthur J. Myers Food Service Excellence Awards.

Senior Airman Joya Lindsey of Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, is the Region 1 winner, and Airman 1st Class Michelle Torculas of Altus AFB, Oklahoma, is the Region 2 winner.

The award, managed by the Air Force Services Activity and named after one of the most influential members of the services career field, honors junior enlisted Airmen for their excellence and achievements in food service.

"I'm proud of the dedication these outstanding Airmen display in ensuring our mission succeeds," said Col. Donna Turner, commander of AFSVA.

As Myer award winners, the Airmen will receive a week of formal training Nov. 10-17, at the Culinary Institute of America's Greystone campus at St. Helena, California.

"Having an opportunity to train and network with the food service industry's elite is an honor," said Jim Krueger, chief Air Force Food and Beverage, Policy, Procedures and Strategic Initiatives at AFSVA. "They are learning from the best of the best and should be very proud of their accomplishments."

Airmen are nominated by their local leadership based on duty performance and dedication to their craft, base and community involvement, leadership abilities, perceived ability to take what was learned and share with their peers, professionalism and attitude.



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

Airmen from the 60th Medical Group work to triage and treat simulated patients at David Grant USAF Medical Center during a Casualty Receiving Hospital exercise Aug. 22 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. See Parting Shots on Page 26 for more photos from the exercise.

## Hospital tests casualty receiving, disaster roles

Merrie Schilter-Lowe

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The David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, California, tested its role as a casualty receiving hospital and National Disaster Medical System Federal Coordinating Center Aug. 22-23.

As a CRH, the medical center staff had to receive, triage, treat, feed and simulate evacuating more than 200 critically injured service members from an overseas location in the most time-efficient manner possible.

"We're testing our ability to come together and deliver a capability, which we are required to deliver," said Col. Kristen Beals, 60th Medical Group commander. "We're not testing the clinical ability of the staff, but their ability to get patients in and get them out."

Although medical staff did not actually treat role-playing patients, they did go through the treatment steps to ensure they have the supplies and equipment needed in a real-world crisis.

Since DGMC used bed-expansion rooms reserved for casualty receiving, staff members needed to "figure out what we don't have," said Col. (Dr.) Rachel Hight, 60th MDG

trauma surgeon and wing inspection team member.

"I want to see you actually put on the blood pressure cuffs, check the respiratory rate, take the temperature and (patient's) weight," said Hight. "Don't tell me that you requested labs, I want to see you fill out that lab request paperwork."

While DGMC participated in one exercise, U.S. Transportation Command conducted a separate week-long exercise, testing its patient movement and aeromedical evacuation roles using Travis C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

The En-Route Patient Staging System at Travis was staked in the medical center's southeast parking area in support of the USTRANSCOM exercise, demonstrating its ability to expand bed space by 58 percent.

With staff supporting both exercises and carrying out real-world responsibilities, DGMC closed some clinics, but not the emergency department, pharmacy or Family Medicine.

DGMC serves as one of more than 70 FCCs in the country and one of three in the Air Force, along with Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, said Mondel

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# Active duty, Reserve maintainers strengthen each other

**Staff Sgt. Daniel Phelps**  
349TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It was a beautiful, clear day in Northern California as the sun beat down and reflected off the flightline at Travis Air Force Base, California.

A cool delta breeze blew, cooling down Airmen from the 60th and 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons as they circled around a C-5M Super Galaxy, ensuring it was ready to launch.

The two squadrons – one active duty, the other Reserve – work seamlessly together, turning wrenches and maintaining the aircraft at Travis 24/7.

“I don’t know how you can tell the difference between the two,” said Senior Airman Kyle Lake, 60th AMXS crew chief.

Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Saenz, 60th AMXS production superintendent, came to Travis as a brand new Airman in September 2000.

Working alongside air reserve technicians from the 349th AMXS was critical to his success.

“I’ve been dependent on them throughout my career,” he said. “I don’t know what I would have done if I didn’t have them. I wouldn’t have learned half of what I know about these airframes.”

The ART’s primary job is to train, said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Fejarang, 349th AMXS production superintendent.

They provide invaluable continuity to the maintenance world, Saenz added. While active-duty Airmen will change bases or bounce around from shop to shop within the unit, 349th AMXS Airmen often stay in place and have been working on the same airframe at the same location, sometimes for decades.

For example, Saenz has been at Travis for 18 years, but not all of it turning wrenches.

The ARTs concentrate on aircraft maintenance day and night, said Fejarang.

“We need them for training, their continuity is critical to our operations,” Saenz added.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Daniel Phelps  
**Tech. Sgt. Antonio Untal, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, debriefs Senior Airman Kyle Lake, 60th AMXS crew chief, after launching a C-5M Super Galaxy on Aug. 11 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.**

## Airman re-enlists with mom’s help

**Airman 1st Class Joshua R. Maund**

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — Twenty-two years ago, a senior airman by the name of Karen Rupp was stationed at Aviano Air Force Base, Italy.

She brought her newborn to the workplace to introduce him to her co-workers. As she was conversing with her commander, he pointed behind her at the baby in the car seat and said that there was “something” about him.

Puzzled, she turned around, and sitting on top of her son, Cody, was a staff sergeant rank insignia. This is how the lieutenant colonel found out she had made staff sergeant. Little

did she know, this wasn’t the last time Cody would wear four stripes.

Lt. Col. Karen Rupp, 437th Aerial Port Squadron commander, performed the re-enlistment ceremony of her son, Senior Airman Cody Rupp, 628th Communications Squadron cyber-systems administrator, Aug. 21, 2018, at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. She also surprised him with the news that he had made the rank of staff sergeant.

“I wasn’t expecting the good news,” said Cody Rupp. “I just expected the re-enlistment ceremony to be in the conference room with a couple of witnesses. I’m so thankful to have had my co-workers there.”

The ceremony took place

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# Street Smart presentation set for Sept. 6



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Greg McCarty and Oscar Duran, both paramedics from Miami-Dade County, Fla., give a demonstration of the procedures used to keep someone alive until they reach a trauma center after a traffic accident during a Street Smart briefing July 16, 2016, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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

Many people think they know how to drive and that they're safe drivers. Statistics, however, tell a different story.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,450 people were killed in accidents caused by distracted drivers in 2016. Additionally, more than nine people are killed and more than 1,000 people injured each day in the United States in an accident involving a distracted driver.

Distracted driving is any

activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on the phone, eating and drinking or changing the radio station.

In an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving, Travis Air Force Base, California, is slated to host a Stay Alive from Education presentation known as "Street Smart" at 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Base Theater. Each presentation is open to anyone with base access.

The goal of the presentation is to enhance safety awareness for everyone, said Staff Sgt.

Brian Dixon, 60th Air Mobility Wing occupational safety apprentice.

"We want people to be aware of the dangers of distracted driving such as people talking on their cell phone, texting, ignoring speed limits or people taking their eyes off the road," said Dixon. "We want people to think about their actions and their families prior to getting behind the wheel. Who would be left behind and what would be the consequences if they made a poor decision?"

The Street Smart briefing  
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## Move streamlines warfighting efforts

**Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann**  
AIR FORCES CYBER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — With the addition of 24th Air Force/Air Forces Cyber to Air Combat Command, new cyber outcomes are available to America's warfighting commanders.

"We're moving more and more toward multi-domain, hybrid warfare—using more than one domain to achieve warfighting objectives," said Robert Cole, AFCYBER executive director. "There are a number of different non-kinetic outcomes we can bring to the battlefield. This move to ACC allows cyber to pair outcomes and give us a distinct advantage over our adversaries."

These domains include ACC's fighter; rescue; command and control; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and now cyber mission sets.

Using the true-story movie Black Hawk Down as inspiration, Cole gave a hypothetical example of how cyber could support multi-domain warfare.

"Remember in the movie when the three friendly helicopters first take off? Then the enemy sentries alert the other fighters who are standing by to take down the helicopters

with rocket-propelled grenade launchers. Some are shot down and several service members are killed," Cole said. "What if cyber would've been involved in that? And before the helicopters took off, before the enemy sentry took his cell phone and alerted the other enemies, it rang, and someone on the other end told him to put it down or be targeted, or it was made to not work altogether. In that scenario, how could it have changed the overall outcome? This is what cyber could potentially bring to the fight."

AFCYBER'S full-spectrum operations fall into one of three categories: offensive, defensive and Department of Defense Information Network operations.

OCO can provide a variety of combatant commander's desired outcomes against adversary targets. DCO secures and defends critical mission elements of the Air Force Information Network to ensure friendly freedom-of action in cyberspace. DODIN operations maintain the integrity of the enterprise network.

The numbered air force's 624th Operations Center and 67th and 688th Cyberspace Wings fulfill their respective

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# Cryogenics keeps things cool for Kadena

**Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith**  
18TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — Nearly a year ago, Kadena Air Base, Japan, opened a cryogenic production plant as part of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

As a new plant, the only operational one in the Air Force, many may be unaware of not only its successfulness, but also its purpose.

Providing the base and various other units on the island with cryogenic products—whether it be in a liquid or gaseous form—is the plant's priority.

"We produce the liquid oxygen and the liquid nitrogen here for our organizations across the island to make sure they get the product they need to make the mission happen," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Pannell, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron assistant noncommissioned office in charge of cryogenic productions.

The production plant provides services for a range of reasons, whether it be for pilots or patients, the plant handles it all and can also be the difference in life or death in some instances.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith

A beaker of liquid oxygen sits filled July 27 at Kadena Air Base, Japan. The 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron has the only operational cryogenic production plant in the U.S. Air Force.

"We manufacture liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen for various organizations to use," said Senior Airman Christopher Tallan, 18th LRS cryogenic production operator. "Breathable oxygen at high altitudes for aircraft, liquid nitrogen to fill tires for the

aircraft so they don't explode if they hit the ground too hard and the hospital has various uses for oxygen and nitrogen as you could imagine. ... It's important."

While other bases have to purchase their liquid oxygen and nitrogen from external

providers, Kadena Air Base is able to support the mission directly as well as save money.

"I don't like to solely rely on other people because I know if we do it ourselves, it's going to be done the right way and I think this is really valuable for the Air Force because we're

always looking for new and innovative ways to save money," Pannell said. "We should really strive to be innovative and this is something I push down to my Airmen—to be innovative and think of new ways to do things."

With innovation comes plenty of learning opportunities—and growing pains.

"It's been challenging at times because everyone is learning a new plant," Pannell explained. "We have to learn the ins and outs; everyone here is growing."

Providing these services can prove to be rather complex. From separation of atmospheric air to expansion and cooling, the job is chemically impossible to do without machines.

The machine—production plant—typically runs one week at a time for 24 hours a day and enables the production of about 50 gallons an hour.

While the machine is doing its job, the rest of the team is ensuring it works properly.

"We have to do hourly checks to make sure nothing is malfunctioning," Tallan said. "We're responsible for knowing what's supposed to be going on. With such a big plant

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## Air Force supports premier RAF exercise

**Tech. Sgt. Matthew Plew**  
48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — The U.S. Air Force's 492nd Fighter Squadron sent several F-15E Strike Eagles to support the Royal Air Force's premier air combat training exercise, Typhoon Warrior, Aug. 14-23, at RAF Coningsby, England.

The squadron's participation provided a valuable training experience for RAF personnel, allowing them to study best practices integrating with U.S. platforms, officials said.

"As long-standing allies on

operations, it is critical for the RAF to understand how best to work together with U.S. assets," said RAF Squadron Leader James Fordham, 29 Squadron. "Working with the 492nd Fighter Squadron is a fantastic opportunity for the Typhoon Qualified Weapons Instructor Course and wider Typhoon force."

The RAF's Typhoon QWIC served as the cornerstone of the training, with a focus on defensive and offensive counter-air operations, dynamic targeting, air interdiction, close air support and joint personnel recovery.

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# Family inspires Explosive Ordnance Disposal tech



**Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz**  
386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING  
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SOUTHWEST ASIA — As an Airman trudges through the desert, the 120-degree heat makes her 80-pound bomb suit feel like an oven. The Airman scans the provided coordinates, and locates the improvised explosive device buried partially in the sand.

The explosive ordnance disposal technician communicates with her team, using specialized equipment to render the scene safe. As the training operation concludes and the device is removed from the scene, the Airman removes her helmet.

**Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Risley, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal equipment non-commissioned officer in charge, assists with the calibration of the unit's bomb robot Aug. 24 at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

While many would consider the lifestyle of an EOD Airman a stressful and arduous task to undertake, to Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Risley, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron EOD equipment non-commissioned officer in charge, this is everything she has ever dreamed of.

"Prior to joining the Air Force, I was going to college and didn't feel I was being challenged enough," said Risley, who is deployed from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. "When I was younger, my cousin and I always talked about joining the military. He led the way when he joined the Marine Corps, and I followed suit a few years later when I first visited an Air Force recruiting office."

While her cousin inspired her entry to the enlisted force, her older sister inspired her to simply do great things in life. Although she passed away at a

young age, Risley said her sister told her to chase down her goals, no matter how impossible they seem and to never follow the status quo.

"The recruiter went over a list of positions," said the Chester, Illinois, native. "After the recruiter explained what EOD was all about and watching the recruiting video, I was convinced it was the job I wanted. If I was seeking a challenge, it was very clear that EOD was going to offer just that."

Sometimes people get exactly what they ask for. Immediately after her basic training graduation, Risley was flung directly into the 169-day EOD technical school, where she would complete a flurry of physical training requirements and competency tests. This is also where course failure is commonplace.

However, this is exactly the challenge she envisioned, **See FAMILY Page 12**

# Major LAF promotion board gets scheduled

**Air Force's Personnel Center Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The calendar year 2018D major Line of the Air Force promotion board is scheduled to begin Dec. 3 at the Air Force's Personnel Center and will review records for all captains meeting the board to determine whether or not the captain is fully qualified for promotion and meets the exemplary conduct provisions required for promotion.

"Promotion to major and advancement from a company grade to a field grade officer is a significant milestone, signifying the Air Force's confidence in that officer's potential to serve at a higher level," said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. "A fully qualified captain is one whose performance and potential are commensurate with the Air Force's expectations for a field grade officer in both performance and conduct."

The fully qualified process requires the completion of the Promotion Recommendation Form for captains who receive a "do not promote" recommendation as a result of not meeting the level of performance necessary to serve as a field grade officer, as well as those officers who receive a "promote" recommendation and have derogatory information such as an Article 15, court-martial, referral report or letter of reprimand filed in their Officer Selection Record.

Captains whose records will meet this board should review their Officer Preselection Brief, provided to them by their servicing military personnel section. Captains are also encouraged to review their OSR.

For more information on record reviews, go to [www.afpc.af.mil/Promotion/Selection-Board-Secretariat/](http://www.afpc.af.mil/Promotion/Selection-Board-Secretariat/).

# Airmen, Soldiers strengthen joint skills

**Senior Airman Tryphena Mayhugh**  
62ND AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Tryphena Mayhugh

**An 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper waits to jump out of a C-17 Globemaster III from McChord Field, Wash., Aug. 21 during Exercise Predictable Iron near Pope Field, N.C.**

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Airmen from the 62nd Airlift Wing participated in a joint exercise with the 82nd Airborne Division to drop equipment and personnel at two drop zones during Exercise Predictable Iron Aug. 20-24 at Pope Field, North Carolina.

Airmen from the 7th and 8th Airlift Squadrons crewed two C-17 Globemaster IIIs to assist more than a thousand Army paratroopers in the exercise as joint training between the 62nd AW and 82nd Airborne.

"It is crucial that the Air Force and Army work well together because without each other the mission fails," said Capt. Jared Barkemeyer, 7th AS pilot and aircraft commander for one of the C-17s. "Without the reliable transport the Air Force provides, the Army could not execute their objectives in a timely manner via airdrop."

"The airdrop insertion at a mass scale is something no other nation in the world can provide," he continued. "But, without the Army, the Air Force would strictly serve an air-land

mission and, as a service, we would become less flexible to user requests."

The Airmen worked alongside Soldiers to load equipment onto the aircraft, as well as with jumpmasters and paratroopers to help them maintain their readiness requirements for airborne missions.

"Every jump I've been on the Air Force has been extremely helpful, accommodating and willing to work with us," said Maj. Brian Plover, 173 Cavalry Scout, 2nd Brigade operations officer. "I have had no

issues at all with the Air Force in my time jumping or as a jumpmaster."

A benefit of the joint exercise was determining where there may be shortfalls and strengthening those areas to become more efficient or effective. "It's important that the Air Force participate in these events to ensure that we are ready to do what our nation expects of us, which is to insert the 82nd Airborne anywhere in the world within a short time frame," Barkemeyer said. "Also, during these events we

identify shortcomings between the two services and eliminate them in order to strengthen our joint-force initiative." Over the course of three days, Airmen and Soldiers dropped 40 tons of equipment, such as armored vehicles and re-supply containers, as well as 1,005 paratroopers.

"Working with the Army was great," Barkemeyer said. "Inserting hundreds of jumpers into an objective area tests the crew's abilities, as well as strengthens our habit patterns. The 82nd jumpers are some of the toughest service members around and being able to airdrop them is an honor. "The exercise was a total joint success," he continued. "The Army users received all the training they needed as scheduled, and the 62nd AW provided every lift on time thanks to the aircrews as well as the outstanding 62nd AW maintenance support that kept the aircraft mission ready all week."

During one of the personnel airdrops, the Army also practiced dropping the caster assisted A-series Delivery System, which is a new method to drop door bundles, a container of equipment pushed out the doors of an aircraft.

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# MacDill defender house pursues excellence

Senior Airman Adam R. Shanks  
6TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Tucked behind the 6th Security Forces Squadron's combat arms training and maintenance building, an abandoned brick warehouse sits ominously.

For the defenders, it's a 5,000-square-foot, two-story building hosting the perfect training environment, equipped with two heavy metal doors meant for breaching, multiple windows meant for breaking and a floorplan that can change on a whim.

"This building is a blessing," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Gonzalez, an emergency services team (EST) member assigned to the 6th SFS. "Previously, we used an old building on base to conduct training, but when you've trained there once, the element of surprise is gone.

The "shooter house," as it's come to be known, provides a means for the EST and SFS flight members to safely train on active shooters, hostage rescue and other high-risk scenarios.

Since its doors were first breached on June 1, the 6th



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Adam R. Shanks

**U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Melvin Santos, an emergency services team leader assigned to the 6th Security Forces Squadron, climbs through a window of the simulation house Aug. 23 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.**

SFS's EST and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's SWAT team has utilized the simulation house for training.

"While our EST and flight members in the 6th SFS will use it for combat readiness, the house is also open to the FBI and Hillsborough and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office SWAT teams to conduct training," said Jason Atkinson, the

officer in charge of EST and chief of flight operations with the 6th SFS. "It's an invaluable asset to help MacDill's defenders, and our community partners hone their skills with realistic training."

Atkinson explained that so far, the house hosts a training session at least once a week by the 6 SFS or other organizations.

"Having outside

organizations host their training in our house is a great opportunity for us to learn from each other and better our overall readiness to any threat," said Atkinson. "Training and preparation is key for our line of work."

Moving forward, the 6th SFS's Airmen will use the simulation house to bolster their ability to Defend, Deter and Defeat.

## Family

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and remembering her sister's words, she rose to the occasion. The mental and physical challenge of EOD is the best part of her job, where according to Risley, the training, technology and tactics are rarely the same from one week to the next.

"The career field is always evolving," said the nine-year Air Force veteran. "We are always training and working toward not only adapting to the ever-changing environment, but finding ways to navigate through those changes with success. Those moments with your team are the most rewarding."

The moments with her team often include days of clearing and processing explosive materials, providing hazardous material response or developing operations plans. Risley said each task possesses a sense of camaraderie that extends beyond the battlefield, and even helping each other with the task of wearing their bomb suit often becomes a mini-roast session. However, when duty calls, the team knows they can count on each other; their lives depend on it.

According to Risley, there are more challenges in EOD than insurgent-created explosives, including the obstacles that come along with being a female EOD technician.

She is hopeful some of the stigma can be quelled with the slated implementation of the Air Force's Tier-II physical fitness program. The program establishes a shared baseline fitness standard for Airmen, regardless of their age, rank or gender.

Risley believes there are many people who have preconceived ideas about females being in predominantly male career fields, but she still feels the positive experiences outweigh the negative. She attributed her resilience to her wife, Katie, her 3-year-old son, Jamison, and the supportive supervisors and wingmen throughout her career.

"I have met and worked with some of the most amazing people throughout my career, and I am thankful for each and every one of them," Risley said.

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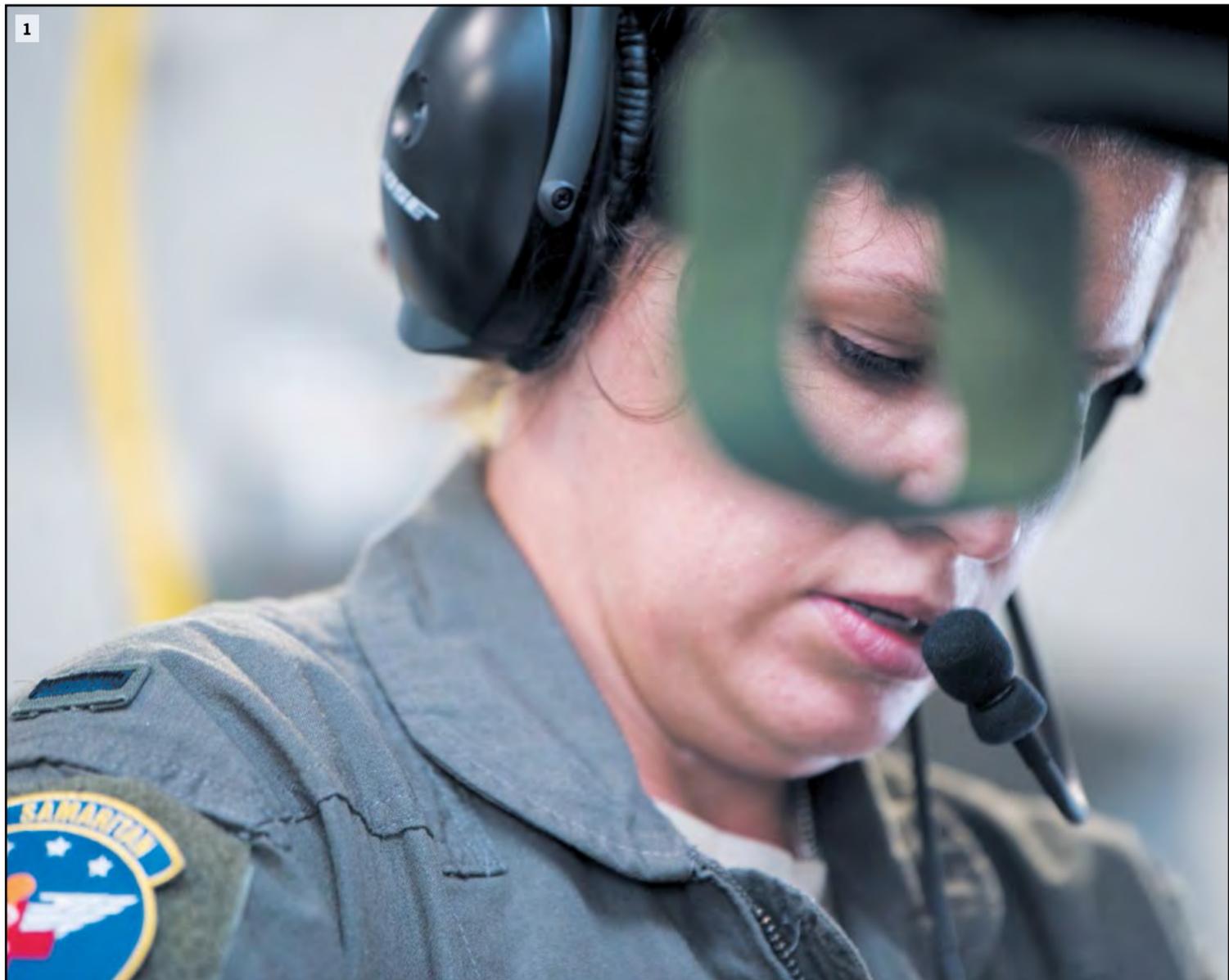
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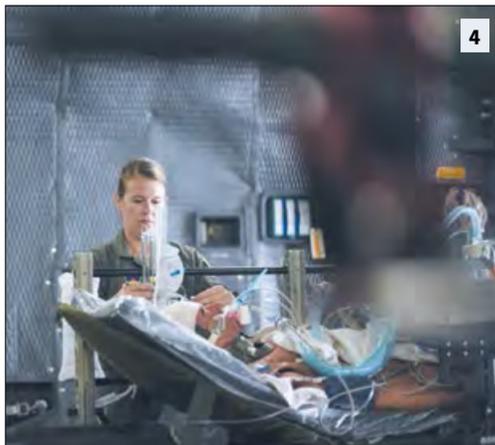
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1) 1st Lt. Alanta Cross, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Robbins Air Force Base, Ga., secures equipment Aug. 22 on a C-17 Globemaster III during exercise Ultimate Caduceus 2018 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Exercise UC18 is a U.S. Transportation Command's annual patient movement field training exercise. 2) Airmen from the 60th Medical Group at Travis transport a simulated patient Aug. 23 during exercise Ultimate Caduceus 2018 at Mather Airport in Sacramento, Calif. The exercise simulated bringing in injured troops from overseas, triaging them at Travis and then moving them to longer-term and advanced-care centers. 3) Airmen from the 94th AES and 433rd AES at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, off-load simulated patients from a C-17 Aug. 22 during Ultimate Caduceus at Travis. 4) Capt. Jill Bruckner, 59th Medical Wing critical care air transport team clinical nurse at JBBSA, Texas, inspects a simulated patient Aug. 23 at Travis during Ultimate Caduceus, an exercise testing the C-5M Super Galaxy's ability to function as an aeromedical evacuation transport vessel. 5) Senior Airman Myisha Johnson, 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, transports a simulated patient on a litter Aug. 23 during exercise Ultimate Caduceus at Mather Airport in Sacramento, Calif. 6) Senior Airman Mary Stinson, 934th AES at Minneapolis Air Force Base, Minn., secures simulated patients on a C-17 Aug. 22 at Travis. 7) Cross gives instructions during Ultimate Caduceus.



# Ultimate Caduceus tests readiness

U.S. Air Force photos by Louis Briscese and Staff Sgt. Amber Carter



Puzzles

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Previous solution - Medium

7	8	6	2	3	4
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8	7	6	9	4	2
7	8	1	2	3	4
6	4	5	2	3	8
1	2	3	4	5	8
3	4	5	6	9	7
2	5	3	4	8	7
3	2	5	8	7	6

How to beat Str8ts – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a "straight". A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order. eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how "straights" are formed.

You can find more help, tips and hints at [www.str8ts.com](http://www.str8ts.com)

SUDOKU

No. 401 Tough

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Previous solution - Medium

7	3	8	4	5	1	9	6	2
6	4	2	3	7	9	5	1	8
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3	2	9	8	1	7	4	5	6
5	7	1	2	6	4	3	8	9
9	1	3	5	2	6	8	7	4
4	5	6	7	9	8	2	3	1
2	8	7	1	4	3	6	9	5

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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60th FSS

**Freebies and discounts**  
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**Free T-shirt with climbing challenge.** Train and take the "Climb the Nose" Challenge at Outdoor Recreation. Active duty can begin training today by climbing the free monster climbing wall. From Sept. 7 to Nov. 2, take the challenge by climbing 3,000 feet or 136 climbs. If you meet your goal by Nov. 2, you will receive a free custom T-shirt. For more information, call 424-0969.

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**News and notes**  
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Chapel programs

**Recurring events**  
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- Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.
- Children's Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon appointment.
- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.
- Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).

• Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.  
 • Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex.  
 • RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, RE Wing.

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

**DGMC Chapel**  
 • Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holidays.

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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 to 2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Peak. For more information, contact Amber Quirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email [travspcombatpsts@gmail.com](mailto:travspcombatpsts@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](mailto: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.



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

**Today**

- 6:30 p.m. "The Darkest Minds" (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. "The Spy Who Dumped Me" (R)

**Saturday**

- 6:30 p.m. "Teen Titans Go! to the Movies" (PG)
- 9 p.m. "The Equalizer 2" (R)

**Sunday**

- 2 p.m. "Christopher Robin" (PG)

**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 Gitsam at 707-425-0060.

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

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

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

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

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

**60th Air Mobility Wing Information Protection Office.** All requests are done on Thursdays and by appointment only. Schedule an appointment by calling 707-424-3114 or by emailing [60arw.ip@us.af.mil](mailto:60arw.ip@us.af.mil). Fingerprinting is only for federal employment and for agencies

with a valid support agreement. For emergencies, call 707-424-3114.

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

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

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

**Travis 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](mailto:richard.shea@us.af.mil).

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

**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:

- Kelley D. Brown, Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey.
- Erin Dunninway, 60th Operations Support Squadron.
- Jessica Pope, 349th Air Mobility Wing.
- Tony Brown, Scott Air Force Base.
- James Van Nostrand.
- Anonymous employee, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.

The VLTP allows an employee who has a medical emergency or is affected by a medical emergency of a family member and is without availability of paid leave to receive transferred annual leave directly from other employees. For more information, call 707-424-1720.

**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.

THE FLIP SIDE

Local events

Art exhibits

**Artiszen Cultural Arts Center.** Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 337 Georgia St., Vallejo. 649-8984, [www.artiszen.org](http://www.artiszen.org).

**ArtPhit.** Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 726 Texas St., Fairfield. 439-3573.

**Arts Benicia.** "After Dark," Sept. 15 through Oct. 21; open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, [www.artsbenicia.org](http://www.artsbenicia.org).

**Benicia Plein Air Gallery.** Iris Sabre, through Sept. 2, Judy Feins is September's featured artist; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 307 First St., Benicia. 495-2940, [www.beniciapleinair.com](http://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](http://www.thecornerstoregallery.com).

**El Comalito Collective.** Monique D. Lopez's "Specimens: Painting in Form," Sept. 1 through Sept. 29; open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 2, 302 Georgia St., Vallejo. [www.elcomalitocollective.com](http://www.elcomalitocollective.com).

**Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association Gallery.** "Faces," Wednesday through Oct. 7; open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Solano Town Center, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D8, Fairfield. 688-8889, [www.fvaa-arts.org](http://www.fvaa-arts.org).

**Gallery 621.** Daniel Hunter, through

Sunday; open noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 309 First St., Benicia. 297-6960, [www.gallery621.com](http://www.gallery621.com).

**Jen Tough Gallery.** Erin McCluskey Wheeler, "Something Catches," through Thursday; open 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 942 Tyler St., Benicia. [www.jentough.gallery](http://www.jentough.gallery).

**Lawler House Art Gallery.** "Out of the Box," through Oct. 21; open noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 718 Main St., Suisun City. [www.lawlerhousegallery.org](http://www.lawlerhousegallery.org).

**The Little Art Shop.** Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 129 First St., Suites D & E, Benicia. 771-6667, [www.thelittleartshop.com](http://www.thelittleartshop.com).

**Mankas Artisans.** Open noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, inside Powell's Antiques, 1371 Oliver Road, Fairfield.

**Marilyn Citron O'Rourke Gallery.** "The Physicality of Books," through Sept. 13; open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 150 E. L St., Benicia. [www.benicialibrary.org](http://www.benicialibrary.org).

**Vacaville Art League Gallery.** 40th Juried Art Show, through Sept. 1; "Symbols, Signs and Structures," Sept. 15 through Oct. 20; open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 718 E. Monte Vista Ave. Free. 448-8712, [www.vacavilleartgallery.com](http://www.vacavilleartgallery.com).

**Benicia Art Walk.** 2 to 7 p.m. second Saturday of September and October, downtown. [www.artsbenicia.org/benicia-artwalk](http://www.artsbenicia.org/benicia-artwalk).

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

## Medal

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freefall, air traffic control, and combat control schools – Chapman is remembered as someone who could overcome any adversity.

“One remembers two types of students – the sharp ones and the really dull ones – and Chapman was in the sharp category,” said Ron Childress, a former Combat Control School instructor. “During one of his first days at Combat Control School, I noticed a slight smirk on his face like (the training) was too simple for him ... and it was.”

Following Combat Control School, Chapman served with the 1721st Combat Control Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, where he met Valerie in 1992. They had two daughters, who were the center of Chapman’s world even when he was away from home – which was common in special operations.

“He would come home from a long trip and immediately have on his father hat – feeding, bathing, reading and getting his girls ready for bed,” said Chief Master Sgt. Michael West, who served with Chapman through Combat Control School, a three-year tour in Okinawa, Japan, and at Pope AFB. “They were his life and he was proud of them. To the Air Force he was a great hero... what I saw was a great father.”

### The Battle of Takur Ghar

In conjunction with Operation Anaconda in March 2002, small reconnaissance teams were tasked to establish observation posts in strategic locations in Afghanistan, and when able, direct U.S. airpower to destroy enemy targets. The mountain of Takur Ghar was an ideal spot for such an observation post, with excellent visibility to key locations.

For Chapman and his joint special operations teammates, the mission on the night of March 3 was to establish a reconnaissance position on Takur Ghar and report al-Qaida movement in the Sahi-Kowt area.

“This was a very high profile, no-fail job, and we picked John,” said retired Air Force Col. Ken Rodriguez, Chapman’s

commander at the time. “In a very high-caliber career field, with the highest quality of men – even then – John stood out as our guy.”

During the initial insertion onto Afghanistan’s Takur Ghar mountaintop on March 4, the MH-47 Chinook helicopter carrying Chapman and the joint special operations reconnaissance team was ambushed. A rocket-propelled grenade struck the helicopter and bullets ripped through the fuselage. The blast ripped through the left side of the Chinook, throwing Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Neil Roberts off the ramp of the helicopter onto the enemy-infested mountaintop below.

The severely damaged aircraft was unable to return for Roberts, and performed a controlled crash landing a few miles from the mountaintop. Thus began the chain of events that led to unparalleled acts of valor by numerous joint special operations forces, the deaths of seven

U.S. servicemen and now, 16 years later, the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Chapman.

Alone, against the elements and separated from his team with enemy personnel closing in, Roberts was in desperate need of support. The remaining joint special operations team members, fully aware of his precarious situation, immediately began planning a daring rescue attempt that included returning to the top of Takur Ghar where they had just taken heavy enemy fire.

As the team returned to Roberts’ last-known position, now

on a second MH-47, the entrenched enemy forces immediately engaged the approaching helicopter with heavy fire.

The helicopter, although heavily damaged, was able to successfully offload the remaining special operations team members and return to base. Chapman, upon exiting the helicopter, immediately charged uphill through the snow toward enemy positions while under heavy fire from three directions.

Once on the ground, the team assessed the situation and moved quickly to the high ground. The most prominent cover and concealment on the hilltop were a large rock and tree. As they approached the tree, Chapman received fire from two enemy personnel in a fortified position. He returned fire, charged the enemy position and took out the enemy combatants within.

Almost immediately, the team encountered machine gun fire from another fortified enemy position only 12 meters away. Chapman deliberately moved into the open to engage the new enemy position. As he engaged the enemy, he was struck by a burst of gunfire and became critically injured.

Chapman regained his faculties and continued to fight despite his severe wounds. He sustained a violent engagement with multiple enemy fighters for over an hour before paying the ultimate sacrifice. Due to his remarkably heroic actions, Chapman is credited with saving the lives of his teammates.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Conroy contributed to this story.

## Help

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inside of a C-17 Globemaster III. With the back open and an American flag silhouetted from the morning light that poured in, officer and Airman – mother and son – raised their right hands and recited the oath that every member of the armed forces has recited at least once before.

“This was the perfect opportunity to celebrate all the ways that the Air Force is a family,” said

Maj. Andrew Mackenzie, 628th CS commander. “It is one thing to talk about how important our Airmen are, but these are the moments where we get the opportunity to prove it.”

With both his mother and father serving in the military, Cody Rupp has been a part of the Air Force family his entire life. He had originally wanted to become a Marine, but decided that the Air Force was the better fit for him.

“He is my oldest of four and I always knew he would

end up joining the military,” said Karen Rupp. “When he started high school and enrolled in JROTC, I knew he was hooked. Soon after he graduated, he joined. I love watching him forge his own path and do good things in the Air Force.”

Many circumstances and events had to align to make an event like this possible. Cody Rupp plans on pursuing his education and eventually commissioning like his mother did before him.

“It can be tough for young Airmen being away from family. I am fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to have the same duty station as my mother,” said Cody Rupp. “We do a good job of not letting work get in the way of family time on the weekends, but I recently received orders and I am extremely excited to start the next chapter in my career.”

Out of the 14,181 Airmen that made staff sergeant this year, Cody Rupp’s accomplishment provided a unique opportunity and memory for the entire Rupp family.

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## Move

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mission responsibilities to collectively enable AFCYBER operations in support of the the Air Force, joint force and nation: what cyber could bring to the fight.

According to Cole, aligning cyber and intelligence within ACC pays the greatest dividends to mission success.

“Because of the dynamic, ever-changing nature of the cyber domain, intelligence is always going to be a huge part of our operations,” said Cole. “If you look at our Cyber Mission Force teams, they’re split into about 60 percent cyber professionals and 40 percent intelligence professionals overall. On some teams, the ratio is flipped with 60 percent intelligence professionals and 40 percent cyber professionals. That’s reflective of the fact we’re dependent on our intelligence professionals.”

He continued, “If you’re working on a computer that’s operating system is in a foreign language, it helps to have (someone) sitting next to you

so they can read what’s on the screen. (Cyber) operators aren’t trained in foreign languages; so they need that (person) with them.”

The NAF currently employs 39 CMF teams that direct, synchronize and coordinate cyberspace operations in defense of the nation’s interests, where intelligence team members fulfill specific roles.

The realignment also simplifies personnel actions to re-align talent.

According to Cole, pre-alignment, if 24th AF or 25th AF wanted to reassign talent between the two NAFs, the NAF would have had to accomplish permanent change of station actions—just like if an Airman were moving to an installation from a different state. Now, Airmen must only perform permanent change of assignment actions to be reassigned to a unit within the Joint Base San Antonio area.

Whether it’s halting an enemy, reassigning Airmen, or any number of the countless additional benefits of realigning 24th AF under ACC, the NAF remains steadfast in its role to conduct full-spectrum, global cyberspace operations.

## Street Smart

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will be presented by emergency medical technicians and firefighters from Florida who will share personal stories of incidents they responded to, including several auto accidents.

Dixon, who is a former member of Air Force Security Forces, said distracted driving is dangerous.

“I responded to an accident involving one distracted driver who fell asleep at the wheel,” he said. “He hit one car and crashed into a garage causing serious damage to the house and the car that was in the garage. The car he was driving was totaled and he caused more than \$200,000 in damage. Thankfully, nobody got hurt in that accident, so he was lucky in that aspect.”

One former Airman making his drive home from work wasn’t so lucky.

“A friend of mine was driving home in Houston, Texas, when a distracted driver slammed into the back of his vehicle,” said Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Morgan, 60th SFS flight sergeant. “The collision was so violent, because the guy who slammed into my friend’s car was traveling at excessive speeds, that my friend found

himself sandwiched between the car that hit him and the car in front of him. Two of the cars then flipped over and fell into an embankment. My friend died at the scene and now his son will have to grow up without a father.”

Tech. Sgt. Davy Huffman, 60th SFS flight sergeant, hopes the Travis community attends the Street Smart presentation, learns the importance of safe driving and shares that knowledge with others.

“Any time you take the focus away from driving, even for a brief moment, you’re taking a serious risk,” he said. “Taking your eyes off the road to send a quick text message could be that moment when a child runs out in front of your car. We want everyone who can to attend the Street Smart presentation so they can not only enhance their own knowledge, but share that knowledge with others. Doing that will stress the importance of safe driving and likely save lives.”

According to the 60th SFS, since 2017, Travis has had 121 accidents on its roadways and 20 drivers have been cited for distracted driving.

For more information about the Street Smart presentation, visit the S.A.F.E website at <http://www.safeprogram.com/distracted-driving.html>.

## Piper

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and rainbows, and yes, some of “those meetings” are required, but always remember that we are all solely responsible for our attitude.

Task management on the other hand can be improved upon so prioritize your objectives and pursue your passions. Ensure you include your personal well-being and your families in that equation. Once prioritized, complete the most critical tasks first and attempt to do so perfectly. The pursuit of perfection, such as excellence in all we do, will lessen the likelihood of you having to re-accomplish tasks.

Once you have mastered your craft, continue to seek out other opportunities. Projecting a positive military image and being involved in our local community is paramount to being a well-rounded Airman, however do not “waste your time” and volunteer for the sake of volunteering, otherwise it will feel like a “long four hours.” Instead, find something you love doing and get involved with initiatives you truly enjoy being a part of.

In closing, there is another appropriate phrase: “Time marches on.” Just ask anyone who has watched their children grow in the blink of an eye or listen to a retiree as they reflect on their service and they will both tell you that although there were long days, the years flew by. This is made possible by being positive and finding joy in the things you do, including work. Unfortunately, we cannot “make time,” but you absolutely can take it. So, as you prioritize, please remember to take time for you, your Airmen and your wingmen because, God willing, each of us will be afforded 86,400 seconds tomorrow, so make each one count.

Check out Travis AFB on **YOUTUBE.com** and smash that subscribe button at [youtube.com/user/60thAMW](https://www.youtube.com/user/60thAMW)

## Roles

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Anderson, 60th MDG FCC coordinator.

“NDMS is a partnership between four federal agencies: the Departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Defense and Veterans Affairs,” said Anderson. “HHS has overall responsibility for NDMS.”

Under NDMS, the DOD provides a coordinated medical response, patient movement and patient care during a military health emergency, national emergency, domestic disaster or when directed by the President.

“If a major earthquake occurred in the Bay Area and 10 hospitals were damaged, the patients would need to be evacuated to an area not in the disaster area,” said Anderson. “You can imagine what kind of chaos that would create because there aren’t enough hospitals in the area to absorb all of those patients.”

At that point, NDMS-designated hospitals around the country fill the gap.

When the system is activated, participating hospitals communicate their number and type of available bed spaces to a central

command and control point. Patients can then be distributed to several hospitals without overwhelming any one facility.

“NDMS is about moving patients from a disaster area to a hospital outside the disaster area that can accommodate them,” said Anderson.

NDMS’s goal is two-fold: Assist state and local authorities with medical and health effects during peacetime disasters – such as Hurricane Katrina and the terrorist attacks on 9-11 – and provide support to military and VA medical systems in caring for military casualties returning to U.S. hospitals.

For this exercise DGMC received notice Aug. 20 that it would be receiving casualties from an overseas location. The notice could have come from any combatant commander in any area of responsibility, said Beals.

“This is what we do – mass casualty and patient movement,” she said.

To determine its ability to accurately track patients from the time they land on a medical evacuation flight at Travis to the minute they are admitted to DGMC or transferred to an NDMS hospital, DGMC bussed role-players from the base theater (simulated flightline) to the hospital’s south entrance.

Once the patients’ medical conditions were assessed, DGMC admitted 24 role-playing volunteers and transported 10 others by ambulance to NorthBay Medical Center in Fairfield, California; VacaValley Hospital, in Vacaville, California; and Sutter Health in Vallejo, California.

On the fourth day of the exercise, DGMC bussed its 24 role-players to the former Mather AFB in Sacramento, California, where they were met by a patient reception team composed of DGMC staff.

Meanwhile, a C-130 Hercules from Dyess AFB, Texas, took off from Travis headed to Mather carrying 20 mannequins, simulating actual patients. The reception team off loaded the mannequins and sent the role-players to four NDMS hospitals in Sacramento.

NDMS civilian hospitals serve as backup to military treatment facilities when both DOD and VA hospitals are at capacity during a military health emergency. More than 1,800 civilian hospitals across the nation are voluntary members of NDMS, providing approximately 100,000 hospital beds in support of NDMS operations.

“Getting NDMS hospitals to participate in the exercise was huge,” said Beals. “We could not do this without their support.”

## Strengthen

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our operations,” Saenz added.

The strength that each unit brings to the table is incredibly beneficial, said Fejarang. The fact that the active-duty crew chiefs will often rotate between flightline, back shops and various airframes brings an incredible breadth of experience to the team that allows the units to see the big picture.

Another key factor to their success is that many of the 349th crew chiefs actually transitioned from the 60th AMXS to be reservists, bringing along their active-duty experience and knowledge.

There is a lot of mutual respect between the active and Reserve maintainers. The only difference between the two is the chain of command, aid the production superintendents.

Maintenance decisions are made between Fejarang and Saenz, who stay in constant communication with those on the flightline.

“Our guys don’t care if it’s a reservist or an active-duty Airman making those decisions because of that mutual respect,” said Saenz.

Communication and lack of ego have been the keys to making this work, said Fejarang.

“Back in the day, active duty (Airmen) thought they were better than the reserve and the reserve thought they were better than (them),” he said. “But we squashed that a long time ago.”

They instill into the new members in their units that they are here to work with each other – they can’t do their jobs without each other, Fejarang added.

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Tuesday  
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Wednesday:  
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Sunday School  
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Ordinance  
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Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 PM  
Wed. Evening Bible Study ..... 7 PM  
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Vacaville, CA 95687  
(707) 448-8838  
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Sunday Morning  
Bible Classes ..... 9:30 am  
Assembly Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Evening Assembly Worship ..... 5:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening  
Bible Classes ..... 7:00 pm

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Sunday Services:  
8:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:15 a.m.  
Pastor's Forum  
10:00 a.m.  
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Tuesday Service:  
10:00 a.m.  
Healing Eucharist

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## Cryogenics

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and so many pipes, we have to make sure that nothing is in a pipe that shouldn't be in it, and make sure things are at the right temperature in the pipes they're supposed to be in."

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"I love my job; I love coming to work. I work in a cryogenic facility - it's insane," Tallan laughed. "I always thought about the cryo guys and how badly I wanted to go for one day and see. ... It's different when every single day you're holding a sample of liquid oxygen and you can feel it boil inside the beaker ... I love it."

## Daisy

From Page 4

surgical unit NCO in charge.

"We used to be on the same shift so I got to see his work," she said. "Chavez is phenomenal. That's who he is and how he operates all the time. That's what makes it enjoyable to work with him."

Chavez tried to work around his other responsibilities in the unit so he could be there when the patient had a spasm.

"He thanked me and told me that I was the first person to sit with him and help him that way," said Chavez. "As much pain as I felt when he was squeezing my arm, I knew it was nothing compared to the pain he was feeling."

More than 3,000 health-care facilities across the nation and in 17 countries participate in the DAISY Award program, but DGMC became the first Air Force hospital in June to implement the international program.

Patients, family members and peers nominate the nurse or

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Bruce Gallaher, Lead Pastor  
707-446-9838  
[www.cccv.me](http://www.cccv.me)  
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Adult & Youth Sunday School -  
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7:00 PM

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## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Word of Faith Christian Center  
Pastors Melba & Lenon Nears Jr  
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Pre Service Prayer - 10:30AM  
Praise & Worship Ministry in the Word  
Children's Ministry  
Prayer - 6:00PM  
THURSDAYS  
Family time in the Word - 7:00PM  
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The Father's House  
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Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 455-7790  
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Service Times  
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Sunday: 9am & 11am

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707-535-6979

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Vacaville Church of Christ

401 Fir St., Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 448-5085  
Minister: Ryan Brewer

Sunday Morning Bible Study  
9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 PM  
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7:00 PM  
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Nursery care is available during both Worship Services.

Interim Pastor Joanne Martindale  
Alyson Barrett, Youth Director  
Youth Group:  
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Website: [cumcfairfieldca.org](http://cumcfairfieldca.org)

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