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Travis embraces new approach to health care

Nick DeCicco

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - In an effort to help Airmen live happier, healthier lives, Travis Air Force Base, California, is one of several bases trying a Lifestyle and Performance Medical Clinic approach to health care.

The program takes a patient-centered, evidence-based method to preventing, treating and potentially reversing the effects of diseases by looking at the entirety of an Airman's health and how various aspects such as diet, sleep, physical wellness and emotional health are intertwined.

"What we wanted to do in the Air Force is ensure we're looking at the entire person and root causes," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Harward, 60th Medical **Diagnostics and Therapeutics** Squadron nutritional medicine flight commander.

The program is built upon six pillars: nutrition, physical activity, sleep, decreased use of risky substances, social connection and stress management

Col. Daniel Murray, 60th **Operational Medical Readiness** Squadron master clinician and the program's physical fitness expert, said that all of the pillars feed off of each other. For example, when physical health decreases, that impacts men-

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U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brandon Costello, 921st Contingency Response Squadron operations expediter, participates in a circuit training workout at the Nose Dock Gym at Travis Air Force Base, California, April 15, 2021. Travis AFB is one of the several bases trying a Lifestyle and Performance Medical Clinic approach to health care.

is disrupted, mood is affected. comprehensively address all plant-focused diet that favors When someone is depressed, it may make them less inclined to exercise.

"That's what I think is different about all of this," Murray said. "It gives us the mechtalk about all of the time – makes this very different." obesity, depression, suicide

of that. We're not trying to fix your run. Yeah, it will fix your foods. It also emphasizes derun, but you'll also eat better creasing the use of risky suband sleep better. We're doing it stances, which involves curtailholistically rather than poking ing the intake of products such at these problems one at a time, as tobacco, alcohol, caffeine anisms to get after things we which primarily is what I think

In terms of nutrition, tal health as well. When sleep problems. This is a way to the program emphasizes a been measured through weight

minimally processed, whole and energy drinks.

Thus far, the benefits for individuals who participate has er.

loss and laboratory test results. Participants from the first seven-week course saw a 4.9% reduction in their weight, as well as blood-level reductions in cholesterol (5.5%), triglycerides (14.85%) and low-density lipoproteins (16.15%), according to data provided by Sahra Pak. 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron dietitian and the developer of Travis' LPMC program.

At Travis AFB, the program, which started fall 2020, has been deployed as a pair of courses lasting approximately a month and a half. Other facilities, Harward said, attempting to implement a similar program include Whiteman AFB, Missouri: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

When the Air Force prioritizes the health and wellness of its Airmen, the hope is other benefits will accumulate downstream, such as cost savings in terms of health care needs and on-the-job efficiency, Pak said.

However, the results of the program aren't aimed simply at benefiting the broader service. but also on an individual level. The program strives to put Airmen on a path "for lifelong success when it comes to health, longevity and resilience," said Col. Zachery B. Jiron, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice command-

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On the cover

Aircrew of the 301st Airlift Squadron from Travis Air Force Base, California, pick up and deliver cargo April 24 in support of Exercise Nexus Dawn

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Maygan Straight









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Travis firefighters demonstrate rescue capabilities



Top left, U.S. Air Force Staff. Sgt. Daniel Robinson, left, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron lead firefighter, and Major David Schoenhardt, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations commander, rappel down a structure April 19, 2021, at the Travis Fire and Emergency Services training facility at Travis Air Force Base, California. The training demonstration provided senior leadership with a clear picture of the technical rescue capabilities for multi-story building and confined space rescues conducted by Travis AFB emergency response personnel.

Right, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin Rice, right, 60th CES lead firefighter, watches as Staff Sgt. Daniel Robinson, 60th CES lead firefighter, rappels down the structure. Bottom left, U.S. Air Force Major David Schoenhardt, 60th CES Operations commander, makes an adjustment to his safety helmet.





Name: Staff Sgt. Daren Le

Unit: 60 AMXS Unit Training

Duty title: Noncommissioned officer in charge of unit training

Hometown: Stockton, California

Time in service: 6 years

Family? Emelia (fiancé) and Kaléo (son)

What are your goals?

Submit a package for the Air Force ROTC "Professional Officer-Early Release Program" in 2022 and complete a bachelor's degree by 2023

What are your hobbies? Basketball, working on cars and spending time with family

What is your greatest achievement?

Being a husband and father. The leadership lessons learned from this role have carried over into my program where I've been able effectively to educate my Sq leadership team comprised of 11 NCO/SNCOs on formal training management for Airman's development. In turn, my efforts enabled 222 Airmen to earn qualifications across 29 courses.

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Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Tollive

U.S. medics from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team demonstrate life-saving techniques with soldiers of the Indian Army's 11th Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Battalion, Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan, India. Feb. 13, 2021.

DoD to aid India as it copes with COVID-19 pandemic

David Vergun DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS

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WASHINGTON D.C. — John F. Kirby, Pentagon press secretary, briefed the media today, speaking on a number of different topics, including aid to India.

"The United States deeply values our partnership with India." Kirby said. "We are determined to help the people in India as they bravely combat this outbreak."

The Defense Department is working closely with other U.S. agencies to rapidly deploy oxygen-related equipment, rapid COVID-19 test kits, personal protective equipment and other essential materials to India, he said.

"We are also in close communication with the government of India to ensure that we are providing India's frontline health care workers with any support we can offer within our authority," he added.

In the days and weeks ahead, DoD

will continue to coordinate with allies and like-minded countries to ensure that collective efforts are closely synchronized and poised to have maximal impact in mitigating the crisis, he said.

Within the next few days, the department is expected to begin making delivery of these supplies, providing the transportation and logistics necessary to make this happen as quickly as possible, he said.

Kirby noted that Secretary of Defense Llovd J. Austin III has a busy travel schedule this week, with visits planned to U.S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, U.S. Space Command, U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

At Indo-Pacom, the secretary plans to attend a change of command. Kirby noted that Indo-Pacom is a prioritized combatant command for the department. Kirby mentioned that Austin and the entire department are "incredibly saddened to hear the tragic loss of the 53 cope with this tragedy."



Indonesian Air Force Col. Hilman Ambarita, chief of safety board for the 2nd Command Indonesia Air Force, center, sits in the cockpit of a US P-8A Poseidon during pre-flight checks while operating out of Bali in support of the search for KRI Nanggala April 24 at the request of the government of Indonesia.

Indonesian sailors on board the submarine. Our thoughts and pravers are with the families of those sailors and everyone in the Indonesian military as they

DGMC updates complete

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60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE. California — By the end of April. the six-department renovation at David Grant USAF Medical Center will be complete. The renovations accommodate the latest technologies, evolving medical practices, staffing changes and mission growth.

Construction began in November 2019 and included 25.579 square feet of renovations to Joint Radiation Oncology Center, Joint Hematology/ Oncology Clinic Infusion Center, Pain Management, Pediatrics, Brace Shop and Medical Evaluation Board.

Some features of the renovation are shorter travel distances, clearer wayfinding, improved patient privacy and minimized noise. Department layouts and locations have improved proximity to diagnostic and treatment departments, like Radiology, Lab and Pharmacy. The Pain Clinic, which had been rapidly outgrowing its procedural space, was moved to a larger space, conveniently located near Orthopedics, Chiropractic and Physical Therapy. Unlike the previous space, which used to be an inpatient unit, the new department was built with the Pain Clinic's specific goals in mind, including state-of-the-art technology. The Pain Clinic's move and renovation signifies the completion of a decade-long effort to create a cohesive rehabilitative capability.

As part of the technology upgrades, the Joint Radiation Oncology Center now has Varian Medical Systems' Linear Accelerator technology, which is at the forefront of cancer treatment innovation and is responsible for treating tens of thousands of cancer patients worldwide. This new

DeCA highlights patrons service

Defense Commissary Agency

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Month Sidewalk Sales. Stateside commissaries will hold a side-



Corporate Communications

FORT LEE, Va. — Folks can tell military members and their families "thank you for your service," but commissaries are showing it every day through significant savings, especially during Military Appreciation

"We honor our military customers throughout the year. However, in May we raise the ante on recognizing the strength, courage and sacrifices of military family members," said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "Through Military Appreciation Month commissaries say a special 'thank you' through events and sales that reflect how much we appreciate their service and

Aside from Military Spouse Day, Mother's Day and Armed Forces Day, a big highlight of the month, Memorial Day, is the

Customers are reminded to visit the Reward and Savings section to get the Sales Flyer that showcases prices of products on promotion along with other useful information about food and commissary services. They should also check their store for details. Overseas stores may have substitute events for Here are a few sales specials

to consider for commissary sav-• Military Appreciation

walk sale, with a few exceptions, sometime between April 29 and May 31. The sales coincide with May's Military Appreciation Month. Weather permitting. most commissaries will have one event – a two- or three-day



LLS Air Force photo/Tech_Soft_Marleah Caban

U.S. Airmen with the 612th Air Base Squadron, prepare donations for children at the Children of Love Foundation in La Paz, Honduras, April 24 at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. Members with the 612th ABS donated clothing, shoes, underwear and towels in a backpack for each child, as well as toys, soap, toothpaste and school supplies to 18 orphans who live at the orphanage.

612th ABS delivers donations to orphanage in Honduras

Tech. Sgt. Marleah Cabano JOINT TASK FORCE-BRAVO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOTO CANO AIR BASE. Honduras — Airmen with the 612th Air Base Squadron traveled to the Children

www.PazdelChiropractic.com

age in La Paz on April 25, delivering donations to 18 orphans who call the sanctuarv home.

Most units on base have a local orphanage they sponsor, but for Airmen with the Force Base, Arizona], told

of Love Foundation Orphan-612th ABS, this visit marks me about since her and her the second time they've vis- family come to visit an orited their newly-sponsored orphanage

"This particular orphanage is one my lieutenant, back at Davis-Monthan [Air

ach Office is independently Owned and Operate

phanage, every year," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Duane Reid. 612th ABS director of operations. "So when I got

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Exchange clears \$1M in donations Director/CEO Tom Shull. "As

Nguyen Ai Vy Tran ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE nered with AFAF since 2017. BASE, Calif. — The Travis Air AFAF provides emergency as-Force Base Exchange is family serving family—and Air- programs and offers communimen can help their wingmen ty programs that make life betin need by donating to the Air ter for Airmen and their fam-Force Assistance Fund at the ilies. BX register.

In 2020, Exchanges worldwide donated nearly \$1 million to AFAF, an increase of Master Sgt. of the Air Force almost 1,000% over 2019 dona- Kaleth O. Wright, CEO of the tions. Beginning last year, BX Air Force Aid Society, one of shoppers were able to donate to the organization at check- from AFAF. "Our partnership out year-round. The record do- continues to improve the lives nations were critical in seeing of Airmen. Guardians and their Airmen and families through families.' tough times due to the COV-ID-19 pandemic.

"The Exchange is grateful to our shoppers for supporting increments of \$1, \$5 and \$10 or the Air Force Assistance Fund, can enter in a custom amount. which does incredible work for Online shoppers can donate in our Airmen, Guardians and \$5 increments during checkout their families," said Exchange at ShopMyExchange.com.

BX beefs up Be Fit hub

Nguyen Ai Vy Tran

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE is refreshing its Be Fit Hub, making it even easier for ev-Force Base military community to stay ready and resilient.

The Be Fit Hub is now fully compatible with smartphones munity to follow workout rou-strength and interval. tines on the go.

Hub is a one-stop resource videos that promote the Exdedicated to helping Travis change's healthy dining op-AFB Airmen and their families tions by cuisine - Mexican, live a healthy life," said Travis American and Japanese. Traeral Manager Phonda Bish- shoppers who click on Welltrition information, the Be well as tips on vision and den-Fit Hub has the information tal health

needed to go the distance." Organized under four categories - Fitness, Nutrition, Wellness and Gear - the updated Hub lets users set calen-BASE, Calif. — The Army & dar reminders for weekly Be Air Force Exchange Service Fit Live workouts hosted by the Exchange's director of Public Health and Food Safety Masery member of the Travis Air ter Sgt. Sonia Berry of the Air Force and Be Fit ambassador Roy Montez.

The site also features archived workouts based on speand tablets devices, allowing cific categories: cardio, resismembers of the military com- tance, full body, high intensity,

The nutrition tab features "The Exchange's Be Fit tips on healthy snacking and Air Force Base Exchange Gen- vis Air Force Base Exchange op. "From workout gear to nu- ness can find fitness articles as

Pharmacies 'Take Back' every day

Military Health System Communications

While April 24 has officially been designated National Drug Take Back Day by the Drug Enforcement Administration, pharmacists across the Military Health System in recent years have been stressing that every day is a drug take

That's because MHS pharmacies are outfitted with MedSafe medication disposal boxes, which can accept all pills, along with properly sealed powders, liquid medications and lotions, and dermal patches. MHS pharmacies also provide mail-in envelopes for

"The bins are right there when you walk into the pharmacy," said U.S. Public Health Service Cmdr. Thien Nguyen, a pharmacist with the Market Management Branch of Pharmacy Operations for the Defense Health Agency. "We wanted to make sure that our beneficiaries knew that any time they were able to get through their medicine cabinets and put in their expired medications, or medications they don't use anymore, they can bring it in to us any day." And though National Drug Take Back Dav continues to be an effective means of getting an important message out for law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, the MHS has not officially participated in the program since 2016, Nguyen said. The reason? She said MHS pharmacists never want to tell service members or beneficiaries to hang on to a box of prescription drugs and wait for a des-

"They can just drop it right off," she said. "Especially if it's a situation where a beneficiary feels like maybe someone in



Bottles of emptied prescription drugs lie in a box during the Drug Take Back event hosted at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

and they want to make sure efficient as possible." they get that medication

tential for misuse or abuse, very same day, to make it as

out of the house as soon as National Drug Take Back

their household has the popossible. They can do it that Day and its usual designated hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is an effective remind-Still, the advertising of er for civilian and military See TAKE BACK Page 14

DeCA helps food banks

Defense Commissary Agency Corporate Communications

FORT LEE, Va. — As the rate of food bank usage has increased in recent years so has the military commissaries' support of these institutions.

Over a six-year period, the Defense Commissary Agency has donated more than 21 million pounds of edible but unsellable food to local food banks most recently 4.1 million pounds in 2020.

DeCA's support comes at a critical time for food banks with the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The virus placed a heavier burden on food banks and significantly increased usage in 2020 with more than 13 million more people seeking free meals or free groceries from these institutions for the first time, according to a hunger blog posted March 18 on FeedingAmerica.org.

For commissaries, being a part of the solution is simply the right thing to do, said Bill Moore, DeCA director and CEO.

"We are aware the pandemic has put a tremendous strain on food banks that are already pressed to help those who need assistance," Moore said. "I'm proud that we are connecting with food banks to help where we can."

Currently, 174 stateside commissaries support 198 food banks designated by DOD to receive donated items certified by food inspectors as being edible but unsellable, said Randy Eller, director of the agency's logistics directorate.

"The donated amount represents less than 1 percent of

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BATMAN flies to rescue in combat survival potential

mer Airmen's dreams come true and po-The Air Force held Pitch Day to introtentially deliver a needed survival radio duce a faster, smarter method to get cutcharger to the warfighter. ting-edge technologies and capabilities into the hands of warfighters by speed-These former Airmen formed Coming up the investment and Defense Debat Power Solutions, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business, to develop partment process. Chris Larkin, CPS



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Guidance updates for name changes

Secretary of the Air Force **Public Affairs**

ARLINGTON, Va. – Air Force Instruction 36-2608, Military Personnel Records Systems, Chapter 4, paragraph 4.4.3, currently states when entering the name change into MilPDS, do not include hyphens, apostrophes, a compound name.

spaces between compound names are allowed when accomplishing name changes in MilPDS. There is no change to policy regarding the use of hyphens or apostrophes.

This guidance will be incorporated into the revision of AFI 36-2608.

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Aircraft from several countries participating in Iniochos 21 perform an elephant walk April 18 at Andravida Air Base, Greece. The 510th Fighter Squadron participated in Iniochos 21, a Hellenic air force-led, large force flying exercise. Participation in Iniochos 21 allowed U.S. Air Force pilots the opportunity to develop and improve air readiness and interoperability with allied and partner air forces.

Airmen conclude Iniochos 21

Staff Sgt. Valerie Halbert 31ST FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ANDRAVIDA AIR BASE, Greece — U.S. Airmen and F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy, participated in exercise Iniochos 21 at Andravida Air Base April 12-22.

The exercise was a Hellenic air force-sponsored operational and tactical level field training exercise, hosted by the Hellenic Air Tactics Center at Greece's fighter weapons school. The aim was to enhance combat readiness and fighting capability, while providing participants the opportunity to develop capabilities planning and environment.

Along with Greek and U.S. participants, Canada, Cyprus, Israel, Slovenia, Spain and the United Arab Emirates also supported Iniochos 21.

During the exercise, the 510th Fighter Squadron conducted a multitude of joint operations and air defense training

known as CAS. The 510th FS ert munitions, fired 8,300 trainthan 200 sorties.

On the ground, five tactiassigned to the 2nd Air Support Operations Squadron, Vilseck, Germany, completed 14 close air support missions and worked with aircraft from the U.S., France, Greece and Cyprus. These missions culminated with U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ryne Moody, 2nd ASOS TACP specialist, providing CAS for two Hellenic air force F-4s, allowing for a Cyprus conduct complex air operations search and rescue helicopter in a multinational, joint-force to evacuate a Greek search and rescue team.

ipating included KC-135 Strato- thanked all the countries intanker aircraft assigned to the volved for their participation 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Iniochos 21 will continue to improve U.S. and participating nation interoperability, allowing participants to demonto include air-to-ground strike strate their own unique roles other exercise participants," missions, defensive counter-air in contributing to regional and Harrigian said.

and close air support, also global security.

During the exercise, U.S. dropped approximately 170 in- Air Force Gen. Jeff Harrigian, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and ing rounds on Greek live-fire Air Forces Africa commandranges and completed more er, and U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic Geoffrey Pyatt, visited Andravida Air Base cal air control party Airmen to meet with Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis. Hellenic air force leadership, and key defense leaders in the

> region. Hellenic air force leadership in attendance included Chief of Hellenic National Defense General Staff Gen. Konstantinos Floros, Chief of Hellenic Air Force General Staff Lt. Gen. George Blioumis and Col. Nikolaos Kokonis, Hellenic Air Tactics Center commander.

During their remarks, the key defense leaders spoke of Additional U.S. forces partic- the success of the exercise and and commitment to the NATO alliance.

"Iniochos is an important opportunity for our Airmen to train alongside and learn from our Greek allies as well as the

Leslie Heck

AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Battlefield Air Targeting Man-Aided Knowledge team, referred to as BATMAN, lent its effort to the Air and Space Forces' Small Business Innovation Research program to make a few for-

they'd seen as special warfare Airmen. Their company, CPS, had only been in operation for a little over a year when they submitted an idea to SBIR and were invited to present their idea at the very first SBIR/Small Business Technology Transfer Pitch Day in New York City March 6-7, 2019.

innovative technology that solves real- managing partner, said that he, with his payment during Pitch Day took 15 minlife warfighter challenges, such as those business partners, presented their pitch in a 10-minute format much like the TV show. "Shark Tank."

> "The process that the Air Force tive," Larkin said. "Companies presented their technology concepts, (the government panel) did a small huddle to decide whether they were going to select us or not, we went next door, the government swiped their credit card, and we had money in our account — here we are, a small business with no inbound revenue before that."

The average contract award time and

utes, and over \$131 million in total was awarded through various contracts during Pitch Day events.

"What is really unique about this opuse(s) (in Pitch Day) is really innova- portunity is that the Air Force has invested heavily in the SBIR program because they want to build up and increase the relationships in the military-industrial base and take advantage of the innovative spirit of Americans," Larkin said. "It's a really cool kind of win-win story where former Air Force guys are taking advantage of an Air Force program to help solve warfighter capability gaps."

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US builds bridge with Japan

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla — Members of U.S. Pacific Air Forces and Japan Air Self-Defense Force visited the 552nd Air Control Networks Squadron to build cyber-defense capacity, April

The 552nd ACNS is the Air Force lead Mission Defense Team for tactical command and control systems, including the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System and ground-based Control and Reporting Centers. They are the only MDT in the Air Force to perform missions inside the skin of an aircraft, defending against adversaries in cyberspace.

"The knowledge and experience gained by visiting the 552nd ACNS will help shape the overall cyber defense strategy for the Japanese Weapon Systems," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Ali Syed, Pacific Air Forces Cyber Defense and Mission Assurance deputy chief. "At PA-CAF we will incorporate the knowledge gained into our command's MDT force array and employment concepts as we execute our staff mission to organize, train, and equip."



Air Force photo by Kimberly Woodruf

Senior Airman Gabriel Coleman, 552nd Air Control Networks Squadron, and Master Sgt. Christopher Bailey, Pacific Air Command A3/6, explain the capabilities of the deployable cyber defense weapon system to Lt. Col. Akio Ohigashi and Capt. Shumpei Kawano from the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force. April 8 at Ticker Air Force Base. Oklahoma.

Koku-Jieitai, JASDF, Lt. targeting intelligence pro-Col. Akio Ohigashi, is a liaifrom Air Defense Command, about network operations with PACAF staff.

cessing system within equipson to PACAF Headquarters ment," Ohigashi said. "The achievement from this visdeployed for coordination it will make JASDF's fuand information sharing ture cyber defense posture strong."

During the visit, mem-"Ministry of Defense is bers of the 552nd ACNS currently conducting the MDT composed of cyber opstudy of technology for re- erators from a variety of sponding to cyber attacks backgrounds, explained the rain, just like an aircrew.

capabilities of a deployable cyber defense weapon system, Cyberspace Vulnerability Assessment/Hunter.

When a cyber-defense mission is tasked, a MDT crew plans and briefs the mission before operating on an AWACS or Control and Reporting Center cyber ter-

Disparity review survey deadline extended

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Department of the Air Force is extending the participation deadline for the Inspector General Disparity Review until May 9. Due to a significant response rate, the survey, which began April 9, will remain open to facilitate maximum feedback from Airmen and Guardians.

The survey is part of the second ongoing Inspector General Disparity Review which expands its focus to gender and ethnicity, including Hispanics, Latinos, Asians, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders

Survey results are anonymous and will be analyzed alongside targeted interviews, more than 100 small-group discussions with airmen and guardians across the DAF, targeted small-group surveys and a comprehensive review of available data.

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Air Force unveils paint scheme for auto races

Master Sgt. Chance Babin AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTO-NIO-RANDOLPH, Texas -Air Force Recruiting Service and their partners at Richard Petty Motorsports and Ed Carpenter Racing, introduced their newest paint scheme April 20, which pays homage to the original trailblazers, the Tuskegee Airmen. The red tails, yellow stripes, and star emblem aren't just a visual cue, but a reminder great things can happen when we celebrate our differences.

"Our partnerships with Richard Petty Motorsports and Ed Carpenter Racing provide Tuskegee Army Air Field in Althe Air Force with platforms abama. The Tuskegee Airmen since 2018.

Recruiting Service National Events branch chief. "We're excited to leverage these platforms to pay tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen. It's more than just a paint scheme; it's an incredible opportunity to educate millions on the history behind the Red Tails. We hope individuals find inspiration from the Tuskegee Airmen and their story."

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps, a precursor of the U.S. Air Force. Pilots, navigators, maintainers, bombardiers, instructors and support staff all trained at the

to reach large audiences" said flew more than 15,000 sorties Maj. Jason Wyche, Air Force during World War II in Europe and North Africa.

> The paint scheme is inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen's P-51 Mustang used during World War II. The iconic red tail and the red and yellow stripes on the nose of the aircraft are prominent on the cars. The paint scheme will make its track debut this season first at NASCAR's 2021 Geico 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, Florida, April 25 and then at the 105th Indy 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indiana, May 30.

> The Air Force has been a partner with ECR since 2020 and involved with INDYCAR



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partners.



LLS Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Faith Schaefer

A Royal Australian Air Force C-17 Globemaster III prepares to land March 13 at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. The U.S. and Australia maintain a robust relationship underpinned by shared democratic values, common interests and cultural bonds. The U.S.-Australia alliance is an anchor for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world.

US, Australia team up at Dover

Master Sgt. Chuck Broadway 436TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The U.S. government's Foreign Military Sales program is a form of partnership the United States has with more than 180 countries and international organizations to transfer defense articles, services and training to international

One of the steps in the FMS program is the procurement of materials by a partner country. Due to its strategic geographic location, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, regularly supports FMS operations through the 436th Aerial Port Squadron. The "Super Port," as it is known, is the largest aerial port in the DoD and supports approximately \$3.5 billion worth of FMS cases annually.

Last month, Australia completed an FMS transfer

in just the latest example of between the Australian Dethe steadfast, 80-year partnership with the U.S. armed forces.

"We cooperate closely with Australia to advance security and stability across the Indo-Pacific region," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Todd Dozier, Director of Regional Affairs for the Depu-Force, International Affairs. "The FMS program is an important part of that. It fosters long-term relationships that deepen interoperability and create a stronger combined warfighting team."

The cargo consisted of precision-guided weapons for use by the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force, to include replenishment of munitions employed during recent testing, training and operational deployment.

"Australia has an extensive history of FMS with the United States, inof materials at Dover AFB, cluding many engagements

fence Force and United States Department of Defense," said Squadron Leader Brett Aaker, executive officer for the RAAF No. 36 Squadron, the unit that carried the cargo back to Australia from Dover AFB. "The RAAF is extremely wellsupported throughout global ty Under Secretary of the Air U.S. Department of Defense establishments. Being another C-17A hub, Dover Air Force Base possesses an adept group of talented individuals who consistently make us feel at home."

As a partner in the Indo-Pacific region, the Royal Australian Air Force also operates a fleet of eight C-17A Globemaster III aircraft, which were purchased via FMS, providing Australia with an unprecedented capacity for strategic airlift to rapidly deploy troops, supplies, combat vehicles, and heavy equipment anywhere in the world.

the Indo-Pacific region requires the reach and speed of air mobility to enable responsive and agile logistics and force projection," said Air Commodore Carl Newman, RAAF Air Mobility Group commander. "Access to quality air mobility bases, like Dover Air Force Base, is essential and requires strong relationships to leverage the services of those bases that are necessary to enable air mobility.'

Newman added the two air forces have very common interests and air mobility bases routinely support each other's requirements when it is needed most.

"Dover Air Force Base remains committed to being the world's premier airlift wing," said Col. Matthew Jones, 436th Airlift Wing commander. "We are proud to support our many partner nations, such as Australia, with the FMS mission and stand ready when our nation "The sheer expanse of calls for rapid global airlift."

BAWG seeks to improve diversity, inclusior

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Lesbian, Gav. Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning Initiative Team and the Indigenous Nations Equality Teams were recently formally established by the Department of the Air Force under the umbrella of its Barrier Analysis Working Group.

The establishment of these two teams builds on the successes of the Department of the Air Force's other teams and allows the Department of the Air Force to identify and address the issues impacting diversity and inclusion for Airmen and Guardians.

The LGBTO Initiative Team focuses on the LGBTO community and identifies and works to resolve the issues that disproportionately impede the success of LGBTO Airmen and Guardians.

The creation of this team comes 10 years after the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, the legislation that prohibited LGB service members from serving openly. For many of the senior-ranking military members, some of whom served under DADT for nearly two decades. the creation of LIT is a watershed event.

Maj. Gen. Leah Lauderback. one of the group's founders and its military officer champion, reports a lot of excitement about the LIT. "I expect our group will grow-our community and allies want to help!"

Airmen or Guardians interested in getting involved with the Barrier Analysis Working Group should contact SAF/ ODI at SAF.ODI.Workflow@ us.af.mil.

Travis' Reserve wing focal point of Nexus Dawn exercise





U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Santarinala



U.S. Air Force Reserve photo by Senior Airman Maygan Straight support of Exercise Nexus Dawn on April 24.

1) Aircrew from the 70th Air Refueling

Eagles April 27 in support of Exercise

refueled a KC-10 Extender and four F-15

Nexus Dawn, Nexus Dawn is a readiness

National Guard units to generate, employ

and sustain air operations in a simulated

combat environment. 2) A Litter Station

3) Aircrew of the 301st Airlift Squadron

at Travis AFB pick up and deliver cargo in

Augmentation Set sits on the flight line at

Travis AFB prior to being loaded on to a C-17

Globemaster III April 26 during Nexus Dawn.

exercise designed to test the ability of

Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California.

multiple Air Force Reserve and California Air

Nick DeCicco DAILY REPUBLIC

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — When Travis Air Force Base tests Airmen's abilities with trainings and exercises, it's almost always the active-duty folks running the show. Almost.

The base's Reserve unit. the 349th Air Mobility Wing, took the lead this week on Nexus Dawn, a three-day exercise Monday through Wednesday that brought together multiple services as well as Airmen from five other Air Force bases.

The exercise took place across the western seaboard. The aims were to test and improve the training, equipment and combat readiness of the units, which also included members of the Air National Guard and U.S. Marine Corps.

The goal is to mimic the kinds of scenarios Airmen, Marines and guard members might face in a real-world situation. Among the skills tested were aeromedical evacuation, cargo and personnel airlift, aerial refueling, deployment processing, aerial port operations and commandand-control skills.

"The intent of this is to train like we fight, meaning that Airmen across different career fields – aeromedical evacuation, aerial port squadron, our aircrews in the C-5, KC-10, C-17, Security Forces, Force Support – all of them are going to be tested and evaluated to determine their readiness and their skills levels. how they work together and how they're able to innovate to get past a robust set of challenges," said Ken Wright, 349th Air Mobility Wing public affairs chief.

All three of the airframes stationed at Travis - the KC-10 Extender, C-17 Globemaster III and C-5M Super Galaxy - participated, as well as an upcoming addition to the fleet in 2023, the KC-46 Pegasus. Also involved were KC-135 Stratotankers.

"This exercise is a significant demonstration of your ability to plan and execute a major event from the unit level," said

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Pennington, commander of the 4th Air Force. which oversees the Reserve wing at Travis.

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Spencer, who works with the 349th Air Mobility Wing Inspector General for Inspections office, said the exercise is a great opportunity to inform Airmen about different aspects of their mission as well as the missions of other branches of the service, an especially rare opportunity for the Reserve unit.

"I'm getting to learn a lot about the different functions that I didn't necessarily know too intimately about," Spencer said. "Also, we're working with several different wings in this, several different planning agencies, so being able to say we put something together with a guard unit and operating out of five different locations across California, it's pretty incredible."

Capt. Amir Jennaty, who works with the 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, said that part of the aim is to get members of the armed forces from different bases and different working atmospheres communicating so they're more effective when and if they face real-world situations.

"In a deployed environment, you're working with groups you don't know and you're asked to execute the mission with these people," he said. "You deal with operations issues because people are trained in different ways. You're also dealing with emotional issues, personality issues, different kinds of conflicts and the emotions that just come from being human."

The human element was a big component of Nexus Dawn. said Maj. Jami Gunnels, 349th Air Mobility Wing chief of operations plans. As a wing exercise coordinator for Nexus Dawn, Gunnels spent months helping plan the exercise at the highest levels of coordination such as the obstacles Airmen would face during the training.

But Gunnels said Covid-19 considerations forced the Redown to the minute details such lessons along the way."



U.S. Air Force Reserve photo by Senior Airman Maygan Straigl



as hotel transportation, limiting the seating capacity on buses to 75% and requiring masks.

Gunnels said that her role in the exercise - which she speculated might be the biggest undertaking by a Reserve wing in years - expanded her knowledge about the Air Force and the branches of the service partnering with them.

"We need to know how well we can complete our mission," she said. "Putting it all together gives us more visibility to see servists to plan the exercise what we can do and learn some



LLS Air Force photo by Tech Sot H

Gunnels estimated approximately 500 service members involved this week with Nexus Dawn

Jennaty was impressed by the scope of the exercise.

"Just in terms of actually pulling off this exercise, the level of involvement, the resiliency from the Airmen who want to deploy . . . it's really eye-opening to be part to work together to execute our California Air National Guard's loss for words."

The exercise included Airmen Marines from Camp Pendleton.

from Travis' 349th Air Mobility Wing; the 446th Airlift Wing across the service branches were at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; the 940th Air Refueling Wing from Beale Air Force Base near Marysville; the 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March Air Reserve Base near Riverside: the 931st Air Refueling Wing from McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas; and the 512th Airlift Wing from Dover Air Force of a group where everybody wants Base, Delaware; as well as the mission," Jennaty said. "I'm at a 144th Fighter Wing at the Fresno Air National Guard Base and U.S.

BATMAN

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With the above swipe alone, CPS was given \$150,000 for a six-month, Phase I contract to develop a large prototype of an in-line charging system for the Combat Survivor Evader Locator radio. The desired function of this system is to specifically power and charge the battery of the CSEL radio, a device already included in ejection-seathoused survival kits used by downed pilots.

While Air Force Life Cvcle Management Center's Special Warfare Systems Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base awarded and managed the contract, it turned to the BATMAN program in AFRL's 711th Human Performance Wing for a technical point of contact. The BAT-MAN team includes experts in a wide range of disciplines such as electrical, mechanical and biomedical engineering as well as software, who develop technologies for the Air Force's special warfare personnel, such as combat controllers and tactical air control. Lt. Patrick Assef, who had experience working on a previous CSEL battery project at a university in Michigan, served as the initial TPOC until very recently. Because the CSEL radio is a controlled item, he was vital in obtaining a mock CSEL radio from Air Combat Command for CPS to use and reference as they worked to de-



- and turn them in safely.

Slogans such as "Don't be the Dealer," and disturbing images such as a small child handling a bottle of dangerous pain killers have a way of reminding the public to take action sooner rather than later.

Unintended pings



The 711th Human Performance Wing's Battlefield Air Targeting Man-Aided Knowledge team aided contractor Combat Power Solutions' Small Business Innovation Research project to develop a much-needed warfighter capability: a portable charging device, shown by itself here in its final prototype, for a radio that is critical during combat survival.

radio. Larkin said.

As a result of the successful SBIR Phase I effort, CPS applied for and was awarded a to further refine the function-This development took place over an 18-month period, which saw CPS's Surge Tactical Charger device evolve through five different prototypes. Assef and the BATMAN team helped coordinate collaboration with other Air Force organizations for the testing of these prototypes.

The evolution of the prototype that would precisely fit the end user feedback from 20-25

different Air Force customers and three different testing situations, including bringing ACC personnel out to Nellis AFB to SBIR Phase II contract in order run prototypes through exercises with pararescue jumpality and size of the prototype. ers and survival evasion, resistance and escape personnel in the 57th Wing and the 414th "Red Flag" Combat Training Squadron. The feedback received allowed CPS to adjust things like the placement of the Surge charger's crank handle and add a strap to the device so teries [to the survival kit] isn't that a downed pilot with a bro- the answer because if we add ken arm or dislocated shoul- anything, something else has velop a smaller charger proto-types resulted from obtaining der could move the crank with to come out. There's no more one hand.

Assef and BATMAN personnel also helped connect CPS with acoustics experts, such as Drs. Frank Mobley and Brian Simpson, also of AFRL's 711 HPW, to test and help mitigate sound generated by the Surge charger.

"When we built the first prototype, it was horrendously loud," Larkin said. "So, we've slowly but surely made the device lighter, smaller, quieter, and really the success is we're building a capability that can potentially solve a warfighter capability gap in terms of giving an isolated person unlimited power in an escape and evade situation. Unprecedented. Never before have we had that?

A quieter Surge charging solution and its ability to keep a radio powered can be critical to a pilot who is hiding and trying to evade capture after being shot down deep in combat mission, Sedillo said, a former survival teacher and retired active-duty Air Force aircrew life support member.

"This might make a difference between whether an isolated person gets rescued or not, whether that IP becomes a POW," Sedillo said. "We're not just going to go get an IP like we've been doing in Afghanistan. The IP is going to be there for a while. We've realized we better come up with a solution, and simply adding more batroom in that survival kit."

Food banks

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our sales, but every bit helps for those who need it." Eller said. "We've seen a steady rate of donated products going to local food banks after the word went out that they could register as a DOD-designated organization."

According to DOD policy, commissary food can only be donated to organizations designated as follows:

A nonprofit, charitable food bank exempt from federal income taxation and designated by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs or the Secretary of Health and Human Services to receive such donations

A state or local agency authorized to receive donations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Food Distribution Division

A chapter or other local unit of a recognized national veterans' organization that provides services to veterans without adequate shelter and has been designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as authorized to receive such donations or

A not-for-profit organization that provides care for homeless veterans and has been designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as authorized to receive such donations

DeCA's support to food banks is also manifested through the annual USDA-sponsored Feds Feed Families campaign that runs June through October.

populations to take a good look not just in one's medicine cabinet, but in kitchen drawers and bedroom dressers, or even car glove compartments - anyplace that forgotten prescriptions might be hiding

medication labels that have been around for a while. Not only can others get ahold of dangerous substances, but there's a chance that a medication might be used improperly by the very person it was prescribed to in the first place. For active-duty service members, this danger is especially acute.

According to a Department of Defense instruction issued in June 2020 relating to technical procedures for the military's drug abuse testing program, "prescriptions for substances included on Schedules II through V of Section 812 of Title 21, United States Code, will be considered expired 6 months after the most recent date of filling, as indicated on the prescription label."

Said Nguyen: "Outside of that time There's another important reason frame, if the service member pings

because I have this prescription.' Because if that prescription is older than doesn't count — it's no longer allowed."

tion was necessary because until then there had not been a sufficient, explicitnario.

Meanwhile, national results of the October 19, 2020, National Take Back friends, often from the home medicine Day were impressive. As they do ev- cabinet.' erv six months or so, thousands of law enforcement agencies took part, establishing 4,587 collection sites that culled nearly 493 tons of prescription drugs, ly 510,000 pounds of drugs for disposthe DEA reported. (Many of those police collection sites are permanent, too.)

National Drug Take Back Day "addresses a crucial public safety and to take a close look at the fine print on positive for a drug, they can't say, 'It's public health issue," the DEA states on ly/3aOBpcF.

its drug take back web site. "According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug six months, they're going to know that Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 Nguyen noted the new DOD instruc- million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedly written policy addressing such a sce- atives in 2019. The survey also showed that a majority of misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and

> At MHS facilities alone, Nguyen said that from January 2016 to December 2020, the DOD collected roughal through its collection receptacles and mail-back envelopes.

> Details on the MHS' Drug Take Back Program can be found https://bit.

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Updates

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technology will allow staff to treat patients with higher precision and speed, highly accurate imaging, tumor tracking in real time and multiple layers of safety features.

Additionally, the renovation improved energy efficiency, replacing and upgrading the mechanical infrastructure system. This included plumbing updates to conserve water, stronger insulation and new air handling units. Ultimately reducing maintenance costs, these sustainable upgrades will be a long-term benefit to the

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medical center. On top of the extensive medical equipment and mechanical upgrades, the medical center also has an improved security system. A new communications room was built with top-

of-the-line technology for security and communications, while reserving enough space for growth.

The 60th Medical Group is grateful to patients, guests and staff for their patience throughout construction and looks forward to continuing to provide the highest quality of care in the newly renovated space.

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Honduras

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orders to go here, she told me about the orphanage in La Paz and I reached out to them to see if they already had a sponsorship-they did not."

Units then go through the chapel on base that vets each orphanage to ensure the integrity of their operations. Once approved, the units are cleared to sponsor their orphanage of choice.

"It's all about trying to be a part of the community," Reid said. "We want to reach out because we understand that the area we're in is a very poor area and we want to give back where we can."

With help from the U.S., children at the orphanage received donations of clothing, shoes, underwear, and towels in their own backpack, as well

as toys, soap, toothpaste, and school supplies that were delivered in large boxes.

"Most of the donations came from the 355th Operations Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB," Reid said. "The other ones, we took donations from the squadron and went to Tegucigalpa and bought them."

The Children of Love Foundation Orphanage has been running for 28 years, feeding and clothing the children who live there with most of the donations coming from the U.S.

"This gives our members opportunities to see and be grateful for the stuff that they have," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chelsea Johnson, 612th ABS noncommissioned officer in charge of personnel programs. "These opportunities provide insight on the things that we may take for granted and create a relationship of gratefulness between us and other nations."



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Capt. Samantha Garrido is authorized to make disposition of the personal property of Tech. Sgt. Aaron Cardin, deceased, 860th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as stated in AFI 34-501. Any person having claims for or against the deceased person, please contact Garrido by phone at 707-816-3462 or email samantha.garrido.2@us.af.mil.

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outdoor weekend sidewalk sale featuring extra savings on a variety of everyday items. As a bonus, over 60 Commissary Store Brand items will be offered with average savings of 20 percent over already low prices. Selection and sale dates will vary by store and event dates are subject to change. Patrons are encouraged to check their store's web page for sale dates and hours or talk to their store manager for more details or updates. Overseas stores may have their own special sales based on what they have on hand.

• Mother's Day floral delights. Mother's Day floral selections will start appearing in stores around April 27. Freshcut flower bouquets consisting of colorful roses and vibrant bloomers, special single "preserved roses" that last two vears without any maintenance (red, white, purple, yellow, dark pink) and potted plants with a wide range of options such as succulents, orchids, lilies, hanging baskets, azaleas, violets, hydrangeas and even strawberry plants.

• "Thank Guac It's Cinco." Fresh produce promotion will offer significant savings on Mission Tortilla shells or chips, May 3-9.

• "Celebrate the Savings." Commissary customers can get \$25 off their next shopping trip when they buy \$75 in participating Procter and Gamble products and scan their Commissary Rewards Card at checkout. Qualifying purchases must be made in a single transaction from May 24 to June 13. The \$25-off digital coupon will be added to their rewards card and must be redeemed by June 30.

• Fisher House eGaming Promotion Sales Contest. P&G and ProCamps are collaborating with the Fisher House Foundation and Operation Homefront to energize installations through an eGaming Event "Battle of the Bases" as a part of P&G's "Start Strong/Stay Strong" cause platform. Through May 30, commissary customers will see in-store promotional displays. Sales of participating P&G products will help determine the top four installation to compete against each other in an eGaming

tournament for service members and their families. The last team standing will square off against a "pro" for the gaming title.

· Commissary Store Brand promotions: Throughout May, stateside stores only. Freedom's Choice products will be on sale while supplies last: 48-ounce ice cream varieties; 4-pound Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast; 16-ounce bottled dressings: and 12-ounce Pasta Shells & Cheese and Mac & Cheese Deluxe Dinners. Additionally, select Freedom's Choice enhanced purified water products will be promoted through May 15, and select K Cup and other coffee products and select mayonnaise and assorted marinades through May 9.

• Featured 'dietitian-approved' recipes. To help customers build healthier habits by planning and cooking more meals at home, DeCA offers a full library of dietitian-approved recipes. Customers can save up to 20 percent on select ingredients for the recipes highlighted in the Sales Flyer on commissaries.com: Each two-week promotional period has three featured dietitian-approved recipes - Produce Corner, which also offers tips for storage and selection and fun facts; Meat Case; and Thinking Outside the Box, which also offers nutrition information. Applicable for CO-NUS stores only.

• Organic meat savings. Deal of the Week (April 30 -May 4) promotions will be available in stateside stores, including Alaska and Hawaii. Stores will be promoting organic tenderloins, ribeye, and striploins while quantities last.

• Fresh meat savings through Power Box purchases. Commissary customers can save up to an additional 25 percent on the following beef and pork packages. Check with your meat department to learn more about these sizzling offers:

- Tailgate Special Power Box offers about 19 pounds of different cuts of beef and pork.

- Economy Power Box offers about 15 pounds of different cuts of beef and pork.

- Healthy Alternative Power Box offers about 16 pounds of different cuts of beef and pork.

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Airmen learn the secrets of ultrasounds





U.S. Air Force photo by Nicholas Pilch 1) Airman 1st Class Jocelyn Ortiz, right, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron ultrasound student, gives a hands-on demonstration for ultrasounds to U.S. Air Force Col. Zachary Jiron, center, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander, while A1C Elani Fitch, 60th MDTS ultrasound student, lays on the patient bed April 23, 2021, during Leadership Rounds at David **Grant USAF Medical Center, Travis Air** Force Base, California. The Leadership Rounds program provides 60th AMW leadership an opportunity to interact with Airmen and receive a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis AFB. 2) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Gyergek, left, 60th MDTS nuclear medicine technician, gives a hands-on demonstration for computed tomography to Col. Zachary Jiron, 60th AMW vice commander, during Leadership Rounds. 3) Airman 1st Class Angela McCollam, center, **60th MDTS diagnostics imaging** technologist, demonstrates procedures to line up a patient for x-rays for Col. Zachary Jiron, right, 60th AMW vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Scofield, 60th MXG superintendent, procedures to line up a patient for x-rays, during Leadership Rounds

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"Throughout my career, I've found that the Air Force brings relatively healthy members into the force, but then does not provide them with current, expert-informed information on optimizing diet, nutrition, sleep, etc., so they can live their best lives and, most importantly for the Air Force, be fully combat-ready for what the nation expects of them," Jiron said. "I want Airmen to be at peak fitness during their time in service while developing the mindset and habits that will ensure they live long, healthy lives well beyond their Air Force careers. The LPMC program underpins both of these."

Lt. Col. Joe Sky, 60th Surgical Operations Squadron associate chief of medical staff and a cardiologist, echoed Jiron's observations, saying he has been an advocate for this style of health care for years. "The goal is to show we can improve readiness, to show we have more (physical training) passes, that we're making a this approach, although results tend to difference in people's lives," Sky said. "I come in the longer term, making the prodon't tell people, 'I'm going to put you on a gram difficult to institute. That's where





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U.S. Air Force Col. Daniel Murray, left, 60th **Operational Medical Readiness Squadron** master clinician, leads a circuit training workout at the Nose Dock Gvm at Travis Air Force Base, California, April 15, 2021. Travis AFB is one of the several bases trying a Lifestyle and Performance Medical Clinic approach to health care.

different diet.' I tell people to think about what your goals are for how you're going to eat."

Sky said both private and public-sector health care providers are embracing visit to Travis AFB.

ness and what that means," Pak said. "It's mindset. It's not a temporary fix to pass a we were to make the bad choices." PT test, but it's about long-term health."

Sky talked about the "80/20 concept," a notion that health care providers are just one component of a person's health care, with 80% of health based on the choices patients make for themselves while just 20% comes from health care professionals.

years that we don't provide everything that matters," Sky said. "This is an attempt to bring evidence-based science to providing our patients with the best options to control the components of health care that they can control."

trol isn't beneficial to just individuals, but ers, meets at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesalso to the broader Air Force.

"People don't correlate the lifestyle Gym.

he and Pak agreed leadership-level sup- behaviors that they do day to day to how port has been vital. In addition to Jiron's they're performing throughout the day, backing, Pak said she recently briefed right?" Harward said. "So, if you're not Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force eating well, not taking care of yourself, JoAnne Bass on the program during her you start performing not very well and that impacts the mission. ... If we can "From the top of the Air Force, we're make better choices throughout the day, really trying to change the culture of fit- we are going to be a much happier person, have more energy and be able to perform about changing the culture, changing the more throughout the day compared to if

To participate in the program's next course, which Pak said is expected to launch in mid-May, active-duty members can self-refer or talk to their doctor about being enrolled in the program.

Also connected to the program are multiple, recurring fitness training sessions each week, which its coordinators "Medical doctors have known for call "Yoda's Performance Clinic." The sessions include, but are not limited to participants in the Lifestyle Medicine program. The running group, organized by Murray, meets at 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the red track (formerly the blue track), by the Duck Pond. The strength training Harward said giving patients that con- conditioning group, which is run by othdays and Thursdays at the Nose Dock

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