

Vance At A Glance

Jan 12, 2026

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.” – John C. Maxwell

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 553 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 200 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 58 sorties, for a total of 811 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 105 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

Quarterly awards, Jan 15 – The 3rd and 4th Quarter Wing Awards ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Crosswinds Club. The 3rd Quarter Awards, originally postponed due to the government shutdown, will be presented first, followed by the 4th Quarter Awards. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kyle Martyn, kyle.martyn@us.af.mil.

Trivia Night, Jan 14 – Put your knowledge to the test at Trivia Night, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Community Center at the Crosswinds Club. There will be five rounds for teams of up to six members. A prize will be given to the winning team. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call 580-213-7849.

Blood Drive, Jan 15 – A Vance Blood Drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, in the 3rd Flying Training Squadron parking lot. Look for the Bloodmobile and help change the future for those in need. To schedule an appointment, go to https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/671515. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Melanie Curtis, melanie.curtis@us.af.mil.

Order chicken for lunch, Jan 21 – The Annual Awards committee is fund raising for the awards banquet in February. Order a chicken sandwich or nuggets by Thursday, Jan. 15, for pickup between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Building 500. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Audacity Gorman, 580-213-5159 or audacity.gorman@us.af.mil.

Running improvement course, Feb 3 -- The Vance Operational Support Team has scheduled an eight-week Running Improvement Course to provide a structured program for Airmen to improve their conditioning for the two-mile run or the High Aerobic Multi-Shuttle Run. The orientation will begin Feb. 3, but everyone who enrolls will be on their own individual program.

This allows continuous enrollment. Airmen can sign up at any time. Training sessions will be held at 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information or to sign-up, contact Alex Krause, alexander.m.krause.civ@health.mil or 580-213-6420.

Build a custom coffee mug, Jan 15 -- Design your own artwork and turn it into a custom coffee mug beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Arts & Crafts Building. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, contact Holly Lavicky, 580-213-7402 or holly.lavicky@us.af.mil.

Tinker veterinarian coming to Vance – The Tinker Air Force Base veterinarian has scheduled visits to Vance from 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 4 & 18. Additional visits are planned for the first and third Wednesdays of the following months. To schedule an appointment call 405-734-5780.

Foreign Language Oral Proficiency, Jan 27 -- The Base Education Services Office will offer a Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview Exam Brief at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Suite 6, Building 314. Get familiar with the Oral Proficiency Interview test's tasks, rubrics and levels before you take it. Pre-registration is required. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

Study Skills Brief, Jan. 14 -- The Base Education Services Office will offer a Study Skills Brief at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Suite 6, Building 314. Pre-registration is required. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

Commissioning Programs Brief, Jan. 13 – The Base Education Services Office will offer a Commissioning Programs Brief at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, Suite 6, Building 314. Pre-registration is required. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

Wing Annual Awards ceremony, Feb 20 – Mark your calendars! The 2026 Wing Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20, at the Crosswinds Club. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kelly Thompson, 580-213-5719.

CFC final push – The 2025 Combined Federal Campaign at Vance is in its final day. Donations can still be accepted until Jan. 31. To donate go to <https://GiveCFC.org> and click the DONATE button. You can also donate by texting GIVE to 232669. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Josh Hull, 580-213-6704 or joshua.hull.5@us.af.mil.

Tax tip – The IRS automatically rejects returns where the names do not match what is on file with Social Security. First time filers should make sure their first name matches what is on their Social Security card. Newly married couples should also use the name on their Social Security cards when they file. If you have not applied for and received a new Social Security card with your married name on it, use your previous name when you file. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – I was going to include a baseball bat joke, but they tend to be hit or miss!