

Vance At A Glance

Jan 16, 2026

“It’s about who stands in the rain with you when they have a choice to be dry.”

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!

Aviation Expo, Feb 5 – Want to know what it’s like to be a fighter pilot, or to be married to one? Want to know how it feels to deliver cargo around the globe? Come to the Aviation Expo, 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Crosswinds Club. Spouses are welcome. A kids’ room will be available. Learn what to expect for your first assignment. Talk to the instructors that have flown your dream aircraft and ask them what the real world is like. For more information, contact Capt. Hoger Villegas Gaona, 580-213-7626.

Football watch parties – Enjoy live football action with great food and refreshing beverages from 3 to 7 p.m., Jan. 17 & 25, at the Crosswinds Club. Bring your friends and unwind with a fun game-day experience. For more information, call 580-213-6459.

FSS app – Keep up with current activities offered by the 71st Force Support Squadron by downloading their app.

MLK celebration, Jan 19 – The Enid community Martin Luther King Jr. celebration is scheduled Monday, Jan. 19, in the Stride Bank Center arena. A prayer breakfast is planned at 8 a.m. Lunch with keynote speaker, Dr. Lyntel Murphy, is scheduled at 11:30 a.m., followed by a MLK Commemorative March beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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

conducted 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.

Contraception services beginning Feb 2 – Beginning Feb. 2, the Vance Medical Group will offer weekly Walk-In Contraception Services every Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. Services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis and include a wide range of contraceptive options, education, and sexually transmitted infection testing. For more information, call 580-213-7416.

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.

Volunteer Victim Advocates needed – The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office is recruiting Volunteer Victim Advocates to help strengthen Vance's response capacity and ensure survivors receive timely, compassionate support. If you're interested -- or know someone who might be, call 580-213-5595.

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.

Free fridge & wardrobes – ASRC/CS-FMO has several refrigerators and wardrobes available free for government use. Contact Lisa O'Neal for more information, 580-213-7058.

Free furniture -- Child & Youth Programs has various pieces of furniture available free for official use. Included items: five office chairs, one couch, one whiteboard and two square computer desks. For more information, call 580 213 7170.

Tax tip – The IRS expects interest over 50 cents be reported on your tax return. Most banking institutions have a Year-to-Date (YTD) interest earned reported on their December statement. If

your bank does not have this, you can get a close approximation by multiplying your December interest times 12. Should your annual interest exceed \$10, you will receive a Form 1099-INT statement from your institution. Those who receive their statements electronically may have to log-in to their account to get this statement. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions!