

"Although no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending." – Carl Bard

Combined Federal Campaign final stretch – The Combined Federal Campaign is one of the largest and most inclusive workplaces giving campaigns in the world. Airmen, federal employees, retirees and federal contractors can all give through the CFC. If you are interested in donating, go to <a href="https://givecfc.org/">https://givecfc.org/</a>.

**Wing Quarterly Awards** – The 71st Flying Training Wing, 4th Quarter Awards Ceremony will take place at 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12, at the Crosswinds Club. Come out and support your Wingmen who continue to make Vance Proud.

**Pay raise planning** – It is that time of year where you might be asking yourself, am I meeting my financial goals? The recommended percentage by most financial professionals for long term investing is 10-15%. With an upcoming 5.2% pay raise, it is a great time to increase your percentage before you even "see the money." Contact Paul Williamson at the Military and Family Readiness Center, 580-213-6330, if you have any questions.

**Volunteer opportunity for 2023 Annual Awards** – The Vance AFB Annual Awards Committee is looking for volunteers! The committee is looking for motivated Airmen to fill the following positions: proffer, two emcees, national anthem singer and designated driver volunteers. The annual awards banquet is scheduled at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Michael N. Mendez, <a href="michael.n.mendez.mil@health.mil">mil</a>.

Volunteer opportunity – The Diversity and Inclusion Council, in coordination with Equal Opportunity and Civilian Personnel, are seeking volunteers for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, National African American/Black History Month, Women's History Month and Holocaust Remembrance Day/Days of Remembrance. Volunteers can be military or civilian and there is no rank requirement to lead an event. For more information and to volunteer, contact 1st Lt. Mustapha Adekunle, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil</a>, enior Airman Shamika Williams, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">shamika.williams.2@us.af.mil</a>, Tech. Sgt. Darren Woods, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">darren.woods@us.af.mil</a>, or Ms. Ramy Stevens, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil</a>, lenior Airman Shamika Williams, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">shamika.williams.2@us.af.mil</a>, Tech. Sgt. Darren Woods, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">darren.woods@us.af.mil</a>, or Ms. Ramy Stevens, <a href="mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil">mustapha.adekunle.3@us.af.mil</a>. Volunteers can lead or be a member of the planning committee.

**Tax tip** – If you sold investments, your tax bill in April may reflect a penalty if you have not paid sufficient taxes. Net capital gains over \$6,666 exceeds the threshold. Use Form 1040-ES to make an estimated payment prior to Jan. 16, 2024, and avoid the penalty. Figure 15% of your capital gains for the payment. Oklahoma residents use OW-8-ES to make similar payments. Figure 4.5% for the state's share. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

**Today's chuckle** – My dad gave up smoking cold turkey for the new year. He is doing better now but he is still coughing up feathers.