

Vance At A Glance

Dec 5, 2025

“Sometimes the best Christmas present is remembering what you’ve already got.” – Cathy Guisewite

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 232 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 107 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 30 sorties, for a total of 369 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 61 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

VSC Airmen cookie drive -- The annual Vance Spouses’ Club Airmen Cookie Drive is scheduled for Dec. 11 & 12. This is your chance to spread some holiday cheer while brightening the season for Team Vance’s deployed Airmen and dorm residents by baking and sharing sweet treats. The goal is to have 500 dozen cookies for the event. To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FADA82DA5F5C16-60250823-2025>. For more information, visit the “Vance Spouses’ Club” Facebook page.

Dungeons & Dragons paint & sip, Dec 17 – Come out to the Crosswinds Club at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, to paint your very own Dungeons & Dragons miniatures, craft personalized character shields, and bring your hero to life whether you’re a seasoned adventurer or just rolling your first D20. Meet new faces, share stories and create something memorable. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the Club. Admission is \$7. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Thomas Oshea, thomas.oshea.3@us.af.mil.

Bowling with Santa, Dec 13 – Bowl with Santa from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Falcon’s Nest Bowling Center. Enjoy free bowling and shoes with food specials, cookie decorating, and pick up your bowling pin for the New Year Pin Decorating Competition. For more information, contact the Bowling Center, 580-213-7331.

Free Christmas trees, Dec 13 – The 2025 Trees for Troops is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Bowling Center’s parking lot. Get a free tree while supplies last.

Pick-up times are:

Active-duty & families – Noon to 2 p.m.

All other DOD cardholders – 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 580-213-6459.

No trespassing at the firing range -- Trespassing on or around the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance firing range in Buildings 903 & 901 on Macchi Avenue is not only illegal, but also dangerous due to gunfire. Violations can cause injury or death and will be reported immediately to Security Forces, 580-213-7415. For information on proper range entry procedures, contact Tech. Sgt. Micah Wilson, CATM Section Chief, 580-213-6691.

Civilian appreciation lunch, Dec 16 -- The Vance Chaplains are hosting a Civilian Appreciation Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Jesse Stewart, 580-213-7333 or jesse.stewart.18@us.af.mil.

Internet safety course, Dec 11 -- The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is hosting an Internet Safety Course from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. The session will cover online threats, risky apps, child exploitation awareness, and practical steps to protect you and your family online. For more information, contact Special Agent Kyle Roeger, 580-213-5064 or kyle.roeger@us.af.mil.

OST run/ruck, Dec 5 & 19 -- The Operational Support Team is hosting two run/rucks, at 6 a.m., Dec. 5 & 19, beginning at the Base Park. For more information, contact Alex Krause, alexander.m.krause.civ@health.mil or 580-213-6420.

Civil Air Patrol -- The Enid Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday evenings at Emerson Middle School in Enid. CAP is open to all students, ages 12-18. CAP is also open to adults as senior members. For more information, go to <https://okwg.cap.gov/locations/enid>.

New MPF hours -- The Vance Military Personnel Flight and Civilian Personnel have new operating hours. The offices will be open:

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday – 8 a.m. to noon

Saturday & Sunday – closed

To schedule MPF appointments, go to <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>.

Diamond Tree -- The Vance First Sergeants are sponsoring this season's Diamond Tree, your chance to help some Team Vance children enjoy the Christmas season. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084EAF62EABFF2-60495949-2025>, select a child and provide a gift by bringing to a First Sergeant not later than Dec. 11. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Jonathan Pronovost, 580-213-5422.

Medical concerns over the holidays -- For medical concerns while the Clinic is closed for the holidays, contact the Nurse Advice Line for 24/7 support from registered nurses -- 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273) or <https://MHSNurseAdviceLine.com> for web or video chat. If Urgent Care is needed, go to a TRICARE-authorized urgent care center -- <https://tricare.mil/CoveredServices/IsItCovered/UrgentCare>. In the event of an emergency, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

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.

DRMO closed Dec 19 to Jan 4 -- The base Defense Logistics Acquisition Directive (DRMO) will be closed from 3:15 p.m., Dec. 19, through Jan. 4. For more information, contact Katrina Poplin, katrina.poplin.ctr@us.af.mil or 580-213-7684.

Tax tip -- Bona-fide residents of U.S. territories generally file their tax return with their respective territory. The IRS regards the military income of territorial residents as being sourced to the territory. Military members with side jobs outside the territory may have to file with the territory, the IRS, and the appropriate state. Marriage to a state resident with their own income complicates matters greatly. Vance's volunteer income tax assistance program does not have the capability of filing a territorial return but may be able to assist you if a federal return is required. Most territories have internet log-on sites for residents to file their taxes. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle -- I converted my car to run on herbs. It is now capable of thyme travel!