

Vance At A Glance

Feb 20, 2026

“It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.” – Charles Spurgeon

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 544 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 263 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 36 sorties, for a total of 843 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 132 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

Wing Annual Awards ceremony, Feb 20 –The 2026 Wing Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, at the Crosswinds Club. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kelly Thompson, 580-213-5719.

Enlisted Appreciation Night, Feb 21 – Enlisted Appreciation Night is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Crosswinds Club. See attachment. The evening is free for all Team Vance enlisted folks and includes food, beverages, Blackjack and a lot of free gifts. The schedule includes:

5 p.m. – Registration

5:30 p.m. – Food/ beverages/mingling

6 p.m. – Dealers briefing

6:15 to 7:45 p.m. – Blackjack play

7:45 p.m. -- Prize giveaways

10 p.m. – Conclusion

Dorm/Single Airmen dinner, Feb 25 -- The Vance Chapel is hosting a Dorm/Single Airmen dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. All dorm dwellers and single Airmen are invited to a free meal. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Gilmore, 580-213-7668 or christopher.gilmore.6@us.af.mil.

Teen-Dating Violence Awareness Month – Parents, caregivers, and mentors – your voice matters. You don’t need perfect words to help a teen feel seen and supported. Join us this

February as we raise awareness for Teen-Dating Violence Awareness Month. For more information and resources, contact the Family Advocacy Program, 580-213-7419.

Lane closure on Cleveland Street – The northbound lane of South Cleveland Street is closed for water line tie-in from today through Feb. 27. The lane is closed from Richland Avenue to the north side of Kellett Ball Park. For more information, call 580-616-7301.

New listening tech coming – The Defense Health Agency is deploying ambient listening technology across the Military Health System in a phased approach. This technology analyzes conversations between patients and providers during medical appointments to support capturing clinical notes and reducing administrative burden on medical personnel. The use of this technology supports the DHA in optimizing better patient outcomes and continually improving the safe and effective delivery of care. For more information, call the Appointment Line, 580-213-7416.

Free laptop lockers – Three laptop lockers are available free for official use. They are in decent shape and have 10 locking drawers each. They are located in Building 128 in the hall near the aircraft electric shop. For more information, contact Ardell Hisey, 580-213-7726 or ardell.hisey.ctr@us.af.mil.

Space heater safety – The cold weather is not done with us yet. If you are using portable space heaters, remember these safety tips. Keep the heater on a solid, flat surface at least three feet from things that burn. Check for cracked or damaged cords and plugs. Plug directly into wall outlets. Don't use extension cords. For more information, contact the Vance Fire Department, 580-213-7280.

March ruck/runs – Vance's Operational Support Team is hosting two ruck/runs in March. The first is a 3.8-mile run beginning at 6 a.m., Friday, March 6, at the Base Park. The second is a 3-mile ruck/run starting at 6 a.m., Friday, March 20, at the Base Park. For more information, contact Alex Krause, 580-213-6420.

Volunteer Victim Advocates needed – The Vance Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office is currently recruiting Volunteer Victim Advocates to help strengthen their response capacity and ensure survivors receive timely, compassionate support. For more information contact Holly Chandler, 580-213-5595.

Ladybug Squishies -- The Vance Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office has a supply of the limited-edition Ladybug Squishies. Stop by Building 500 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, to grab one.

New pedestrian path for dorm dwellers – Beginning March 2, renovations on Dorm 421 are scheduled to start. There will be a new pedestrian route for occupants to get to Dorm 423 during construction. Construction fencing around Dorm 421 will block the current pedestrian route from the dorm parking area to Dorm 423. The renovations are not scheduled for completion until next year. For more information, call 580-213-5197.

Wing Safety renovation – The Wing Safety Office is undergoing renovations through March 16. The only number available for contacting Safety is 580-213-7233. A member of the staff will be available in Building 455 to assist customers during the renovations.

Today's chuckle – How do you stop Canadian bacon from curling in the pan? Take away their little brooms!