

Vance At A Glance

Feb 7, 2025

“If you want the light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining.” – Guy Finley

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 576 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 205 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 67 sorties, for a total of 848 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance has contributed to delivering 123 world-class pilots so far, this fiscal year. Vance Proud!

Annual Awards ceremony, Feb 20 -- The 2024 71st Flying Training Wing Annual Awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Crosswinds Club. The guest speaker will be Dwight W. Birdwell, a Medal of Honor recipient. The Vance Spouses Club is offering free child-care in the E-Lounge at the Club during the event. Use the link https://www.memberplanet.com/events/vanceafbclubs/vanceannualawards_2 to RSVP and select dinner options. Be sure to select dinner options for spouses, partners and guests. RSVPs are due not later than end of day, Feb. 14.

Blood drive, Feb 14 – The second blood drive of the new year is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14, in the 3rd Flying Training Squadron parking lot. Donors will receive a free T-shirt and shorts. Along with providing life-saving blood products to those in need, your donation can support a local Air Force affiliated non-profit. Make an appointment to donate at <https://donableapp.com/register/C1E6EDE7-E6A1-EF11-88CF-0022484A1F28>. As a reminder to pilots, IAW AFMAN11-202V3, flyers need 72 hours between donating and flying.

Pajamas & hot cocoa, Feb 12 – The Spouse Space is hosting a GALentine’s Day celebration from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb.12, in Building 528. Wear your pajamas while enjoying popcorn, hot cocoa and a movie. For more information, contact Alexandra Ober, ober.r.alexandra@gmail.com.

Dorm dinner & marriage retreat – The Vance Chapel has scheduled a homecooked meal and board game night for both enlisted and officer dorm dwellers Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. The Chapel is also hosting a marriage date night Friday, Feb. 21, at the Oakwood Country Club in Enid. The meal will be provided by the Chapel. Spots are limited. RSVP at

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=996441&k=0B68440D7F56>. For more information, contact the Chapel at 580-213-7211.

Teen talks at Teen Center – During Teen Dating Violence Awareness month, the Vance Violence Prevention office is hosting Teen Talks at the Teen Center. The Talks will lead pre-teens and teens through tailored discussions focusing on healthy relationships, self-respect and digital boundaries. No registration required! For more information, contact Lorraine Reimer, 580-213-5593 or lorraine.reimer@us.af.mil.

Super Bowl watch party, Feb 9 – Catch Super Bowl LIX at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Crosswinds Club. Watch the game on the giant projector screen while enjoying finger foods and beverages. For more information, call 580-213-7595.

Love of Science Fair, Feb 11 -- The Vance School Liaison Program is hosting a Love of Science Fair from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Armed Forces Reserve Center. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down and help during the event. For more information, contact Nicole Painter, nicole.painter.1@us.af.mil.

Keep your home fire-safe -- You may have less than three minutes to escape a home fire. Every second counts. Make a plan. Talk with your family about what to do if there is a fire. Practice your escape plan.

Education & Employment Fair, March 6 -- Are you thinking about going to school? Do you know how to apply for admissions? Do you know if the school you want to attend will offer scholarships? Find out at the 2025 Education & Employment Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, March 6, at the Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Tax tip – Oklahoma sometimes requires supplemental tax information. If you wish to be proactive, send your supplemental information to Oklahoma Tax Commission, PO Box 26800, Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0800. Your letter should address what you are sending and why, when you filed, your social security numbers so they can tie your information to your return, what state you are a resident of, and whether the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act applies. For a joint return, both spouses should sign the letter. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – The swordfish has few predators to worry about in the wild. Except for the seldom seen penfish which is said to be mightier!