

# *Vance At A Glance*

**March 17, 2026**

“A single leaf working alone provides no shade.” – Chuck Page

**This week in pilot training** – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 529 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 289 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 52 sorties, for a total of 870 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 155 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

**Free Pizza, March 18** – Get ready for more food choices on base! To celebrate the AAFES soft opening on Wednesday, March 18, Hunt Brothers Pizza will be on-site providing free pizza samples for the base community. For teams whose operations prevent them from visiting the Exchange, Hunt Brothers has generously offered to deliver free pizza directly to your workplace on March 18. To get in on this offer, email Ms. Passmore, [passmorepa@aafes.com](mailto:passmorepa@aafes.com), with your building number, a point of contact and the number of people in your office.

**Blood Drive, March 19** – Vance is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 19, in the 3rd Flying Training Squadron parking lot.

**ASIST training, March 18-19** – Learn the skills to provide a suicide first-aid intervention from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 18 & 19, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Gilmore, 580-213-7668; or Lorraine Reimer, 580-213-5593.

**Top IV lunch & learn, April 3** – The Vance Top IV will host a Leadership Toolkit: Lunch & Learn from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 3, at the Crosswinds Club. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Janesha Barnes, 580-213-7328.

**Radiology closed, March 20** -- The Vance Clinic’s Radiology department will be closed Friday, March 20. Normal operations will resume Monday, March 23. For more information, call the Appointment line, 580-213-7416.

**Trivia Night, March 18** – Put your knowledge to the test at Trivia Night, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at the Crosswinds Club. Teams of up to six will go five rounds for the big prize. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call 580-213-7595.

**Norwegian Foot March, April 18** -- Vance will hold a Norwegian Foot March Saturday, 18 April. NFM badges for wear on Service Dress will be available for pickup at the end of the march for those who complete it within the time limit. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Joseph Betzel, [joseph.betzel.1@us.af.mil](mailto:joseph.betzel.1@us.af.mil).

**Splat & Chat, April 1** – Join Primary Prevention for a free paint-night from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, at the Crosswinds Club. All materials and instruction are included. To register, email [71FTW.CDVP.Prevention@us.af.mil](mailto:71FTW.CDVP.Prevention@us.af.mil) by COB March 27. For more information, call 580-213-5585.

**Ruck/run, March 20** – Vance's Operational Support Team is hosting 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.

**Free furniture** – The Student Squadron is spring cleaning and has a variety of items available free for official use. Cabinets, chairs, tables and much more. For more information, call 580-213-5203.

**Free furniture** – The Flight Medicine Clinic has free whiteboard, cabinet and desks available for official use. For more information, call 580-213-7418.

**Tax tip** – There is no penalty for filing after April 15 provided the IRS owes you a refund. If you are awaiting information or if your tax preparer is backlogged, request a six-month extension using Form 4868. If requested, the extension is automatically approved. The IRS may legally charge interest if you owe them money and fail to pay by April 15. The failure to file penalty only applies if you owe the IRS money and you fail to apply for an extension. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

**Today's chuckle** – A good rule to remember for life – when it comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never be attracted by a bargain!