

Vance At A Glance

March 3, 2026

“The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.” – Bruce Lee

Spouse Orientation, March 11 – A Spouse Orientation is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 11, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. All Vance spouses are welcome. Children are welcome to attend but childcare will not be available for the event. For more information, call 580-213-7873.

Reading to the young ones -- Eisenhower Elementary on base is looking for Airmen to read to students. The school is flexible on times. For more information, call the Vance School Liaison, Nicole Painter, 580-213-6285; or Eisenhower Elementary, 580-366-8100.

Coloring contest – The Vance Fire Department is hosting a coloring contest during this year’s Month of the Military Child in April. Materials for the coloring contest are available at the Base Library, Building 314; the School Age Day Care, Building 323; and the Hunt Housing office. Submissions should be returned to the same locations no later than Wednesday March 25, for Fire Department folks to judge. Be sure to include contact information with each entry. Winners will get to ride in the fire truck during the Annual Military Child Parade, Thursday, April 2. For more information, call 580-213-7220.

Month of the Military Child parade, April 2 – The Vance Youth Programs folks need volunteers to help with the Month of the Military Child Vehicle Parade, April 2. Volunteers will help with setup, decoration and staging at the Exchange/Commissary parking lot between 5 and 5:45 p.m. The parade will follow from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Volunteers can participate either in their own vehicle, squad car or ride on a float. For more information, call 580-213-7170.

New pedestrian path for dorm dwellers – Renovations on Dorm 421 are scheduled to start March 2. 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.

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.

Book Club -- The Vance Enlisted Dorm Council is hosting a Book Club in partnership with the Vance Library. The Club meets every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Library. This Book Club has a twist: it's an Audiobook Club. The club members listen to the book together in real time and discuss it as they go. The current book is "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien. Snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided, and everyone is welcome to bring along any crafts or projects they're working on. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Michaela Prince, michaela.prince@us.af.mil or 580-213-7136.

Norwegian Foot March, April 18 -- Vance will hold its first ever Norwegian Foot March Saturday, April 18. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Joseph Betzel, joseph.betzel.1@us.af.mil.

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.

Today's chuckle – An invisible man and invisible woman got married. I'm not sure what they saw in each other. Their kids were nothing to look at either!