

Vance At A Glance

April 11, 2025

“Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion!” – Simon Sinek

Help PA produce a reel -- Are you a pilot? Do you have a scooter? Well, here’s have an opportunity you could pass up, but totally shouldn’t. As a part of the 71st Public Affairs Social Media Program, we will be filming some scooter content -- and the pilots flying them! We are looking for volunteers to participate in this video and showcase your scooting skills while wearing your flight suit. Filming will take place in the motorcycle lot north of the Chapel Community Activity Center on Wednesday April 16, at 2 p.m. If you are interested in participating in this scooter formation, please contact Airman 1st Class Michaela Prince in the Public Affairs office at michaela.prince.4@gmail.com or 580-213-7136.

Combat Dining Out, July 18 – The 71st Flying Training Wing has scheduled a Combat Dining Out at 6:30 p.m., July 18. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

REAL ID required beginning May 7 -- All visitors to Vance must be compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 beginning May 7. This means visitors requesting both a short-term and long-term pass must possess a state issued driver’s license or identification card with a five-pointed star in the top, right hand corner, or the text “Enhanced Driver’s License.” State issued identification cards or driver’s licenses with “Federal Limits Apply,” or “Not for REAL ID Purposes” cannot be accepted as a valid form of identification for visitor entry. Valid U.S. passports, passport cards, or Transportation Worker Identification Card are also accepted as valid REAL ID documents in lieu of state issued identification cards or driver’s licenses. Visitors who do not possess a valid REAL ID document may still gain entry to Vance, however the sponsor must escort the visitor for the duration of their visit. The escort and visitor must remain within visual contact of each other.

ITT in new location – The Information, Tickets & Travel office has moved into the Arts & Crafts Center, Building 305. For more information, call 580-213-5488.

STUS change of command, May 16 – Lt. Col. Eric Pounds will relinquish command of the 71st Student Squadron to Lt. Col. Brian Seymour at 2 p.m., Friday, May 16, in Hangar 199. RSVP

not later than May 1 at

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=1083497&k=03614A0A7F5E7A>.

President's official photo available – The commander-in-chief's official photo is now available in the Public Affairs Office, Building 500, Room 206.

A day at the Gardens, April 25 – The Vance Chapel is hosting a day at the Gardens for Vance spouses Friday, April 25, at the Myriad Botanical Gardens and the Crystal Bridge Conservatory in downtown Oklahoma City.

Brat patch presentation, April 18 – A “brat patch” presentation is scheduled at 5 p.m., Friday, April 18, in the Youth & Teen Center. The event is to honor military scouts. For more information, call 405-481-9280.

Immunizations Clinic closing for lunch -- The Vance Immunizations Clinic will close for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 11, and Monday, April 14. Normal operating hours resume Tuesday, April 15.

April Denim Drive – Your gently worn denims can help change lives. All sizes and styles are needed to support the Enid YWCA. Bring your jeans to the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response office, Room 217, Building 200. For more information, call 580-213-5595.

MHS Genesis patient portal -- Online booking through the MHS Genesis patient portal is now available for the Primary Care Behavioral Health Clinic. This is open to all active duty and beneficiaries. The Behavioral Clinic is available for mental, behavioral, emotional, physical, and lifestyle issues. No referral needed. Common issues include anxiety, depression, sleep, pain, weight, airsickness, ADHD and more. For more information contact Capt. Jason Patel, jason.a.patel2.mil@health.mil.

Soaring 5 meeting, April 25 – The Vance Soaring 5 has scheduled a meeting at 2 p.m., Friday, April 25, in the Professional Development Center, Building 455. Topics of discussion include upcoming events, volunteering opportunities and financial readiness. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Carolyn McKay, carolyn.mckay@us.af.mil, or Senior Airman Tamiyah Blantch, tamiyah.l.blantch.mil@health.mil.

Inaugural civilian wind-down Wednesday, April 23 – Vance civilians are invited to the first gathering at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, in the Crosswinds Club. This will be the inaugural gathering for Vance civilians to get to know each other. For more information, contact Lucia Permowicz, 580-213-7155.

Grand opening for Exchange Dry Cleaning/Alterations drop off, April 14 – A grand opening celebration for the dry cleaner/alterations service in the Vance Exchange is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 14. Refreshments and a food truck will be on hand.

2025 Volunteer Excellence Award nominations – The Military & Family Readiness Center is seeking nominations for the 2025 Vance Volunteer Excellence Award to recognize federal civilian employees, family members, military retirees and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct, and consequential nature. Nominations are due April 16 to Greg Waide, gregory.waide@us.af.mil.

ASIST, April 16-17 -- The Vance Chapel will be hosting Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, April 16-17. To register for the training go to <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=1050544&k=036147097E5379>.

Study Skills briefing, April 24 -- The Base Education Services Office will be offering a Study Skills Brief at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 24, in Room 6, Building 314. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

TRICARE West deadline extended – The TRICARE West Region referral approval waiver deadline has been extended to April 30. For more information, go to <https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4040577/defense-health-agency-announces-tricare-west-region-referral-approval-waiver>, or call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378).

Measles in Oklahoma – Oklahoma's State Department of Health has reported the state's first two cases of measles, a highly contagious and potentially serious illness. Ensure you and your family are up to date on the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine for optimal protection. Contact the Vance Clinic, 580-213-7416, if you have questions or concerns.

New Disease Management Clinic – Managing chronic conditions just got easier. The 71st Medical Group now offers a Disease Management Clinic for beneficiaries 18 and older dealing with diabetes, hypertension, obesity, high cholesterol and more. Partner with healthcare professionals for personalized care plans and the support you need to live your healthiest life. For more information, contact Capt. Desiree Pickner at desiree.m.pickner.mil@health.mil.

Tax filing tip – If you are going to miss the Income Tax filing deadline of April 15, consider applying for an extension. Use Form 4868 to request a six-month extension on your federal income tax. If requested, the extension is automatically approved. Many states also automatically grant an extension provided you filed for the federal extension. If you owe taxes, the federal

form has an entry for an estimated payment to avoid interest and penalty charges. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – My favorite allergy song is “Blowin’ in the Wind,” by Peter Pollen Mary!