

Vance At A Glance

May 29, 2026

“Training is not an expense, but an investment in human capital.” – Roy H. Williams

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 343 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 37 sorties; and the Peugeots’ T-1s flew 39 sorties, for a total of 419 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 220 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

Combat Dining Out, June 5 – Time is running out to secure your place at the happening of the decade! Food orders lock in June 1. Grab your tickets NOW to guarantee your fill of BBQ.

Who: You (yes, you – civilians, contractors, Airmen, NCOs, SNCOs, and Officers – spouses too!)

What: Combat Dining Out – A military tradition to have fun!

Where: Across from the Club by softball fields.

When: June 5, 2026 – Social Hour 1600, Start time 1700 sharp until 2100.

Why: To celebrate America’s 250th Birthday with Vance and have fun!

Additional Info:

- What to expect: Water guns, face paint encouraged, altered uniforms, maybe a food fight, water slide, o-course and much more!
- Childcare is available through SAC/CDC. Click ticket link below for more info. **May 29 is hard deadline for childcare registration.**
- Merchandise still available - Limited Edition patch & koozie – \$5 each or \$10 for both (while supplies last)
- Colonel Miller is still offering to cover Airman (E1-E4) tickets. Please contact your 1st Sgt. to ensure you have a free ticket.
- Half-Day Authorized (Flying Ops will stop at 1300)
- Ticket Link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/vance-cdo--2026>

Childcare during Combat Dining Out, June 5 – Childcare during the Combat Dining Out June 5 may be available if enough folks signup by May 29.

Wellness Fair, June 9 – The Vance Prevention Team is hosting a Wellness Fair from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, in the Bradley Fitness Center. There will be therapy dogs, succulent plants, lemonade and lots more. For more information, call 580-213-5579.

ASIST workshop, June 16-17 -- Primary Prevention is hosting an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop June 16-17 in Room 128 at the Fitness Center, Building 316. This two-day workshop provides a practical, life-assisting framework for suicide intervention. It is designed to equip you with a

reliable toolkit of skills to recognize signs of risk and collaboratively develop a plan for safety. To attend, RSVP at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/8FqMRPRu7D?origin=lprLink>. For more information, call 580-213-5593.

T1A Jayhawk end of mission, June 25 – An end-of-mission ceremony for the T-1A Jayhawk at Vance is scheduled at 2:03 p.m., Thursday, June 25, in Hangar 199. An invitation to the ceremony is at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/4r4xjkU3zs>. During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Alexander Precella will relinquish command of the 3rd Flying Training Squadron. For more information, contact Capt. Jimmy Castaneda, jimmy.castaneda.1@us.af.mil; or Capt. Tanner Wall, tanner.wall.2@us.af.mil.

Run the Runway, June 4 -- Join your unit teammates, friends and Wing leadership for a group PT experience with Run the Runway at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, June 4, at Base Operations. Strengthen community bonds by placing your feet where the mission takes place. For more information, call 580-213-5579.

Blood Drive, June 18 – The next Vance Blood Drive is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, June 18, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528.

Ops Group assumption of command, June 12 -- The 71st Operations Group is holding an Assumption-of-Command ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 12, in Hangar 199. Col. Timothy A. Thoren will assume command. A reception will follow the ceremony. To attend, please RSVP at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/BrmbZgDQDb>. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Logan Beck, logan.beck.1@us.af.mil or 580-213- 6269.

Aviator Expo, July 14 – Mark your calendar for the 71st Student Squadron's Aviator Expo, July 14, at the Crosswinds Club.

HRMA survey for housing – The Housing Requirements & Market Analysis survey collects data essential to assess Enid's housing needs and supports efforts related to BAH. The survey is brief and easy to complete by going to <https://app.sli.do/event/7Exjor8yHacTtEHFGJEyiE/live/polls>. Please complete by June 15. For more information, contact Natalie Pye, 580-213-7949.

Tax tip – Those who receive a cancellation of debt Form 1099-C may be unpleasantly surprised to learn the IRS considers cancelled debt to be income with a few exceptions. Credit card debt cancellation is always considered taxable as income unless you can prove you were bankrupt at the time of the debt forgiveness. Even if this is the case, the Form 1099-C amount is reported, and an additional Form 982 addresses the reduction of tax due to insolvency. Cancellation of debt on a home may be fully taxable, partially taxable, or not taxed at all. A great many variables have to be answered on whether the home was a primary or secondary residence, whether a home sale took place, whether a second mortgage was involved, whether the second mortgage was used to make improvements on the home or not, and the process of figuring what taxes are due involves the home's purchase paperwork, the home's sale paperwork, and what portion of the debt cancellation reflects the second mortgage and whether the second mortgage home improvements should be added to the home's basis. If you have one of these, the Retiree

Activities Office recommends you seek help early. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – I visited my doctor today. He told me my sugar was too high. So I went home and moved it to a lower shelf.