

Vance At A Glance

June 17, 2025

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

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 685 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 257 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 95 sorties, for a total of 1,037 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance has contributed to delivering 244 world-class pilots so far, this fiscal year. Vance Proud!

71st OMRS change of command, June 17 – The 71st Operations Medical Readiness Squadron has scheduled a change of command ceremony at 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, in the Crosswinds Club. Lt. Col. Douglas Holmes will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Mandy Miller. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Michael Echeverria, 580-213-5424.

Share war stories with retired BG Peksens, June 17 – Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Rudolf Peksens will be the guest speaker for Class 25-11’s graduation Wednesday, June 18. The Daedalians are hosting the general for a Q&A and war-story sharing time at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. The Q&A is open to all Team Vance members.

Blood Drive, June 18 – A Blood Drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, at the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. Give the gift of life – donate!

Improve your public speaking -- The Speech Stars Club has scheduled a public-speaking workshop from 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, June 17, in Room 128 at the Fitness Center. Learn how to improve your confidence and public speaking skills. For more information, contact Senior Airman Alyssa Adasa, alyssa-kaye.s.adasa.mil@health.mil.

Farewell for Colonel Little, June 18 – A farewell gathering for Col. Nekitha Little, 71st Mission Support Group commander, is scheduled at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, in the Crosswinds Club. For more information, call 580-213-7519.

TriWest transition Q&A sessions, June 18 -- A TriWest representative is scheduled for two Q&A sessions about the transition from Humana to TriWest, Wednesday, June 18, in the Military

Family Readiness Center, Building 314. The morning session begins at 9:30 a.m. The evening session begins at 5:30 p.m.

AFSA-CGOC golf tournament, July 11 – The Air Force Sergeants Association - Chapter 990 and the Vance Company Grade Officers' Council have teamed up to host a golf tournament on Friday, July 11, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course. To sign up go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BACAF2EA2FDC70-57235786-2025#/. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kayli Cortright-Monette, \[kayli.cortright-monette@us.af.mil\]\(mailto:kayli.cortright-monette@us.af.mil\).](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BACAF2EA2FDC70-57235786-2025#/)

Combat Dining Out tickets, July 18 -- Ready for a night of unforgettable fun? Mark your calendar for the Vance 2025 Wing Combat Dining Out, July 18. Dust off that old uniform (or invent a new one), and prepare for an evening of camaraderie, skits and water guns. Last day for ticket sales is July 9. Go to <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-combat-dining-out>.

Summerfest & car show, June 21 – The 2025 Summerfest & Car Show is scheduled at 5 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at the Crosswinds Club. There will be food trucks, a live band, yard games, water slides, inflatables, axe throwing and more. For more information, call 580-213-6459.

OST June event, June 20 -- Vance's Operational Support Team has scheduled a ruck/walk, kicking off at 6 a.m., Friday, June 20, at the Base Park. The course will run 3 miles. For more information, contact Alex Krause, 580-213-6420 or alexander.m.krause.civ@health.mil.

Motorcycle safety training, June 21 & 22 -- A Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course is scheduled for June 21 & 22. All vehicles should be removed from the MSF training range/parking lot north of the Chapel Community Activity Center by the close of business the Thursday before. The MSF training range/parking lot will be coned off and closed the Friday morning before training weekends. Vehicles that remain will be towed at owner's expense. For more information, contact Wing Safety, 580-213-7793.

Green Knights meeting, June 26 – The Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club has scheduled a meeting at noon, Thursday, June 26, at the Falcon's Nest Bowling Center. For more information, contact Tom Eckert, thomas.eckert.4@us.af.mil or 580-213-6409.

Wellness Fair, June 24 – Vance Primary Prevention office is hosting a Wellness Fair from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, June 24, on the Fitness Center's indoor basketball court. Activities will include therapy dogs, resilience exercises, Military OneSource and more. For more information, call 580-213-5579.

71st MSG change of command, June 27 – The 71st Mission Support Group has scheduled a change-of-command ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 27, in Hangar 199. Col. Nekitha Little will relinquish command to Col. Benjamin Jans.

Woodring Fly-ins – The Woodring Regional Airport in Enid hosts monthly fly-in breakfasts from March to October, usually on the third Saturday of the month. These events feature fly-in aircraft, static displays, and a buffet breakfast at the airport restaurant. Team Vance participates in the fly-in with aircraft, VR simulators, flying safety presentations and more. Everyone is welcome to attend and watch a variety of aircraft arrive and depart. Upcoming fly-ins are scheduled for July 19, August 16, and Sept. 13.

8th FTS change of command, June 27 – The 8th Flying Training Squadron has scheduled a change-of-command ceremony at 12:08 p.m., Friday, June 27, in Hangar 199. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Kaylee Heck, kaylee.heck@us.af.mil.

Friday night at the movies – Movies are screened Friday nights in Building 455 and are free for all with base access. This week's movies are:

5:30 p.m. -- *In the Lost Lands* -- R

8 p.m. – *Novocaine* -- R

Attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Joseph Reddin, 580-213-7303.

Tax tip - Contributing up to \$7,000 to a non-working spouse's Roth IRA is possible in 2025. To qualify, the working spouse's earned income must be greater than the amount contributed to both spouses' IRAs, the couple must file jointly and their adjusted gross income must be less than \$236,000. The government increases the contribution limit to \$8,000 if the spouse is over 50 years old. The amount that can be contributed decreases for an AGI above \$236,000, but less than \$246,000. And Roth IRA contributions are not permitted for an AGI above \$246,000. Couples whose income exceeds the Roth contribution limits may consider pursuing the "Backdoor" Roth, which consists of establishing a new Traditional IRA account and then rolling over the account to a Roth IRA. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – My friend was the best man for his brother's wedding in Paris. At the reception, he raised his champagne glass and said, "Eggs, cinnamon, bread and maple syrup." It was a French toast!