

Vance At A Glance

June 18, 2026

“A boat doesn’t go forward if each one is rowing their own way.” – Swahili proverb

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 565 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 296 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 20 sorties, for a total of 881 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 249 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

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.

Town Hall, June 23 – The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. The topic is fitness.

T-1A 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.

Housing survey deadline extended -- The Housing Requirements & Market Analysis survey deadline has been extended to June 30. The 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/7Exjor8yHacTtEHFGJEyE/live/polls>. For more information, contact Natalie Pye, 580-213-7949.

First Term Officer Course, June 23-25 – A First Term Officer Course is scheduled June 23-25. The course provides a critical opportunity for new officers to jumpstart their leadership development and engage in direct mentorship with senior leaders.

Top IV meeting, June 18 – The Vance Top IV has scheduled a meeting at 3 p.m., Thursday, June 18, at the Falcon’s Nest Bowling Center. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Dakota Hood, 580-213-7956.

AFSA golf tournament, July 17 -- The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 990 annual golf tournament is scheduled for July 17, at Meadowlake Golf Course. Registration/check in at 7:15 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACAA2DA6FFC61-64414560-2026>. For more information, contact Senior Airman Varrassica Severson,

varrassica.t.severson.mil@health.mil; or Tech. Sgt. Seth Mayle, seth.j.mayle.mil@health.mil; or Senior Airman Alec Sauer, alec.sauer@us.af.mil.

Boots to Business, June 25-26 -- Boots to Business is a two-day entrepreneurship track specifically designed to empower transitioning service members and retirees with the tools needed to succeed in small business. The presentation starts at 8 a.m. on June 25 & 26, at the Autry Technology Center, Room 204. Topics covered include Business ownership fundamentals and structures; Market research and developing a business plan; Funding options and legal considerations and Marketing and sales strategies. Autry Tech is located at 1201 West Willow Road in Enid. RSVP to emiesha.taylor@us.af.mil or jason.gibson@uta.edu by June 22, 2026, to secure your spot.

Dorm/Single Airmen dinner, June 25 – The Vance Chaplain team is hosting a Dorm/Single Airmen dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 25, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. For more information, contact the Chapel, 580-213-7211.

Splat & Chat, July 1 -- Join the Primary Prevention folks for a free guided painting class from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, at the Crosswinds Club. All materials and instruction are included. To register for the class, email 71FTW.CDVP.Prevention@us.af.mil by COB June 26.

Med Group change of command, July 8 – The Vance Medical Group is holding a change-of-command ceremony at 3 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, at the Crosswinds Club. Col. John DaLomba will relinquish command to Col. Keye Latimer. For more information, contact Capt. Jordan Carrillo, jordan.m.carrillo2.mil@health.mil; or Staff Sgt. Chasidy Auzenne, chasidy.m.auzenne.mil@health.mil.

Aviator Expo, July 14 – Mark your calendar for the 71st Student Squadron's Aviator Expo, 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, at the Crosswinds Club. This will be a great opportunity for students and families to learn more about each aircraft's missions, locations and lifestyles.

BSC appreciation day, July 14 – The Base Supply Center is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, in Building 244. Manufacturer's representatives will be available to answer questions. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

Equal Opportunity availability -- As part of the Secretary of War's reforms, the Department of War is launching a new platform that will give senior leaders direct visibility into Equal Opportunity systems. To ensure data integrity, the Vance EO office will be by appointment only every Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. for dedicated admin time. To make an appointment, call 580-213-7328/6181 or email 71ftw.eo@us.af.mil.

SkillBridge briefing, July 2 – The Base Education Services Office has scheduled a SkillBridge Brief at 9 a.m., Thursday, July 2, in Suite 6, Building 314. Pre-registration is required. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

Commissioning programs brief, July 1 -- The Base Education Services Office has scheduled a Commissioning Programs Brief at 9 a.m., Wednesday July 1, in Suite 6, Building 314. Pre-registration is required. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

Need a You-Drive-It -- If you are a uniformed military service member in need of a vehicle to get to and from medical appointments or other official-ordered travel, government-owned vehicles are available. Contact ASRC Ground Transportation Dispatch, 580-213-7472, to make arrangements. NOTE: This service is provided only for uniformed service members with a valid driver's license.

Commissary offerings and hours -- Custom cuts in the meat department is one of a variety of services available at the Vance Commissary. Party platters, deli meats and cheeses plus fruit and veggie trays are available with 24-hour notice.

New World Screwworm -- Owners of pets and livestock should be aware of the New World Screwworm. It is the larvae or maggot form of a fly that can cause NWS myiasis, a painful condition for any warm-blooded mammal.

Juneteenth -- Tomorrow is a federal holiday -- *Juneteenth* -- observed annually on June 19. It commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans across the United States. It marks the day in 1865 -- more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation -- when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce the end of slavery.

Tax tip on state residency -- The Retiree Activities Office recommends new spouses of military members consult the Vance Legal Office regarding their options of state residency prior to filing taxes. There are many misunderstandings of spouses' rights and options, and proper planning involves a review of your situation. Inaction risks losing valuable tax benefits in both the short and long terms. For more information, contact the RAO at 580-213-7859. For information on how to determine legal residence, contact the Vance Legal Office, 580-213-7404. Basic information about the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act is available on the Air Force Legal Assistance website under "Legal Information," the "Taxation" topic, https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/apps/aflass_public/bin/main.php.

Today's chuckle -- When I die I want my ashes pressed into a record. That is my vinyl request.