

# *Vance At A Glance*

**June 6, 2025**

“In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety.” – Abraham Maslow

**This week in pilot training** – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 496 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 180 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 61 sorties, for a total of 737 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!

**Official photos available** – The new official photos of President Donald Trump and the 27th Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Troy Meink are available in the Public Affairs Office, Suite 206, Building 500. If your copy of President Trump’s photo has a flag in the background, you don’t have the new one.

**CCAF graduation, June 9** – A graduation ceremony for Community College of the Air Force students is scheduled at 3 p.m., Monday, June 9, in the Crosswinds Club. Ceremony attire is service dress for the official party and graduates. All other attendees will be UOD. For more information, call 580-213-6516.

**MSgt release party, June 6** – A Master Sergeant release party is scheduled at 3 p.m., Friday, June 6, in the Crosswinds Club. Come celebrate with those selected to enter the senior NCO ranks. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Maria Snyder, [maria.snyder.3@us.af.mil](mailto:maria.snyder.3@us.af.mil).

**ALS graduation, June 12** – Airman Leadership School Class 25-D is scheduled to graduate at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 12, in the Crosswinds Club. An e-invitation is at [https://www.memberplanet.com/events/vanceafbclubs/alsgraduation\\_6](https://www.memberplanet.com/events/vanceafbclubs/alsgraduation_6). For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Christian Klima, [christian.klima@us.af.mil](mailto:christian.klima@us.af.mil).

**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. An e-invitation is at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=1201571&k=036342087E507C>. RSVP by June 13.

**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.

**Andy is retiring, again** – A retirement celebration for Andy Ridenhower is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, June 13, at the Crosswinds Club. Andy is retiring after a civil service career in the Integrated Primary Prevention office at Vance. He also served Team Vance as a chief master sergeant in the 71st Security Forces Squadron before retiring the first time. For more information, contact Kayce Garrett, [kayce.garrett.1@us.af.mil](mailto:kayce.garrett.1@us.af.mil).

**Mat Pilates class** – Strengthen your core, improve posture and balance with the Mat Pilates classes at the Fitness Center. All levels full body class at 11 a.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Advanced core and more class at noon, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The classes are not suitable for beginners or those with injuries. For more information, call 580-213-6639.

**Walking Tacos, June 12** – The WSA Booster Club is offering Walking Tacos from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, June 12, in the lobby of Building 500. A Walking Taco is a bag of Fritos or Doritos filled with taco or nacho toppings. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Alicia Cornman, [alicia.cornman@us.af.mil](mailto:alicia.cornman@us.af.mil).

**Video game tournament, June 14** – As part of the Vance Library's Summer Reading Program, a Kart Race video game tournament for Airmen, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 14, in the Library, Building 314. It is a bracketed tournament with prizes for the top three. Airmen should register by 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 10. For more information, call 580-213-7368.

**Aviation Expo, June 10** – Vance instructor pilots have scheduled an Aviation Expo from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at the Crosswinds Club. The instructors will discuss different airframes, missions, assignment locations and lifestyles. All students and their families are invited. Child-care will be provided. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Kristen Williams, 580-213-7665 or [kristen.williams.3@us.af.mil](mailto:kristen.williams.3@us.af.mil).

**OST June events** -- Vance's Operational Support Team has scheduled two events in June. A run/walk begins at 6 a.m., Friday, June 6, at the Base Park. The course will be 3.8 and 2.6 miles. The second event is 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](mailto:alexander.m.krause.civ@health.mil).

**Trivia Night, June 11** – Trivia Night is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, in the Community Center at the Crosswinds Club. There will be five rounds of trivia for teams of up to

six members. Prize for winning team. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call 580-213-7595.

**Pistol match, June 13** -- The 71st Security Forces Squadron has scheduled an Excellence in Competition pistol match from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, June 13, at the Combat Arms Firing Range, Building 901. The event will be open to all active-duty military with weapons and ammo provided for the event. In addition, the top 10% of shooters will earn an EIC medal uniform device. There is no sign-up for the event, just show up in OCPs or flight suit during the listed times to compete. For more information, contact Senior Airman Brayden Stribling, 580-213-7147 or [brayden.stribling@us.af.mil](mailto:brayden.stribling@us.af.mil); or Master Sgt. Caleb Goodman, 580-213-7128 or [caleb.goodman@us.af.mil](mailto:caleb.goodman@us.af.mil).

**MSF course, June 7-8** – A Motorcycle Safety Foundation course is scheduled June 7 & 8 on the MSF training range/parking lot. 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.

**Free foosball table** – The Youth & Teen Center has a foosball table free for official use. For more information, call 580-213-7166.

**Free furniture** – The Amentum folks have some free furniture for official use available. The items include bookshelves and cabinets. For more information, call 580-213-7232.

**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. An e-invitation is at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=1223365&k=0363400A785178>. RSVP by June 18. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Kaylee Heck, [kaylee.heck@us.af.mil](mailto:kaylee.heck@us.af.mil).

**71st ISS change of command, June 10** – The 71st Installation Support Squadron has scheduled a change-of-command ceremony at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, in the Crosswinds Club. Lt. Col. David Roth will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Bonnie Lange. An e-invitation is at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=1201569&k=036342087E5174>. RSVP by June 5.

**71st HCOS change of command, June 16** – The 71st Healthcare Operations Squadron has scheduled a change-of-command ceremony at 1 p.m., Monday, June 16, in the Crosswinds Club. Lt. Col. Louis Edwards will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Tillmann. An e-invitation is at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=1147164&k=0360460E7A5179>. RSVP by June 6.

**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. An e-invitation is at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=1190951&k=03604B0972527C>. RSVP by June 11. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Michael Echeverria, 580-213-5424.

**Limited medical services during changes of command** – During the 71st HCOS and 71st OMRS changes of command, some Clinic services will be limited June 16 & 17:

*71st HCOS* -- 1230–1430, June 16 -- Medical Records, Family Medicine, Pharmacy, Lab, Radiology and Immunizations will be unavailable. All services will resume at 1430.

*71st OMRS* -- 1430–1630, June 17 -- Flight Medicine, Optometry, Public Health, Medical Standards and Dental will be unavailable. All services will resume at 0730, June 18.

**Note:** The appointment line, 580-213-7416, will be available during these hours to assist accessing care or directing to the Nurse Advice line for assistance. If there is risk to life, limb or eyesight, go to the nearest emergency room.

**Looking after yourself and others** – Sometimes life seems to pile it higher than we can handle. If you find yourself in a crisis, or realize your wingman is struggling, the following tools can be useful:

*988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:* Call, text, or chat 988 anytime for immediate, confidential support.

*Military Crisis Line:* Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, text 838255, or chat at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>.

*Emergency Services:* If you feel you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

**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](https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/apps/aflass_public/bin/main.php).

**Today's chuckle** – They are currently excavating the largest dinosaur tibia to date. Apparently it's a real shin-dig!