

Vance At A Glance

July 24, 2026

“You have power over your mind – not outside events. Realize this and you will find strength.” – Marcus Aurelius

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 582 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 306 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 16 sorties, for a total of 904 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 296 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

Townhall meeting, July 28 – The next Townhall meeting will address utility takeback and meets at 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. For more information, call 580-213-6241.

Blood Drive, July 24 – The next Vance Blood Drive is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, July 24, in the parking lot next to the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528.

Exchange birthday party, July 24 – To celebrate serving those who serve, the Vance Exchange has scheduled a 131st Birthday Party at 1 p.m., Friday, July 24, at the Exchange. There will be a balloon drop with prizes and free refreshments.

Dorm/Single Airmen dinner, July 30 – The Chapel has scheduled a Dorm/Single Airmen Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 30, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. The main event will be a Lego building competition. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Gilmore, 580-213-7668; or Airman 1st Class Helen Shumate, 580-213-5035.

Motorcycle Safety training -- Active-duty military personnel who want to operate a motorcycle or need refresher training should come to Wing Safety and see Paul Poggenpohl. He will create your AFSAS/MUSTT account if needed or if you already have one, he will ensure it is up to date with the required training and briefings. He will ask you a series of questions and determine which Motorcycle Safety Foundation course you need and can guide you to the proper MSF course from a local vendor off base. Initial costs for the training will be paid by the member and may be reimbursed by the Finance Office if the member completes the necessary steps. MSF courses are no-longer held on Vance. Call 580-213-7233 to arrange a meeting with Poggenpohl.

Back-to-School Bash needs volunteers – Vance is hosting a Back-to-School Bash from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, in the Military and Family Readiness Center, Building 314. To ensure a successful event, a variety of volunteers are needed. Service members and their families will receive free school

supplies, carnival-like entertainment, food, and interactive STEM activities. To volunteer, go to <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jbExg4ct70ijX6yIGOV5tHtfshxn-xNhrCariPxX6HZUMFJKQUpZWlQ5Uk9XM01FRTdUWENBUFUyMi4u>. For more information, call 580-213-7873.

Spouse Orientation, Aug 11 – The next Spouse Orientation for new spouses and those currently stationed at Vance is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. Children are welcome to attend but childcare will not be available. RSVP by Monday, Aug. 10, using the QR code on the attachment.

Keeping the family safe & happy – The summer brings social events, community celebrations and holiday gatherings that can increase stress on family members. The Vance Family Advocacy Program offers practical tools and support to help families stay safe and happy. For more information, contact Family Advocacy at 580-213-7419.

Barber Shop – The Vance Barber Shop helps keep Team Vance looking sharp and mission ready. Located in the Exchange complex, the Barber Shop offers military cuts, beard trims, kid cuts, and full color service.

Food Safety update -- A recall remains in effect for select Walmart Marketside products described as “Iceberg Salad 12-oz or 24-oz” and “Shredded Lettuce 8-oz or 16-oz” both with Best if Used By dates of 7/18/2026 to 8/3/2026. If you have any of the recalled lettuce, do not eat it – discard it or return it to Walmart. If you develop symptoms such as prolonged diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea or fatigue after eating recalled lettuce, contact your healthcare provider. For more information, visit the Food and Drug Administration’s site on the [Cyclospora outbreak](#).

Run & Ruck, July 31 – The Vance Operational Support Team is hosting a 3-mile Ruck & Run 6 a.m., Friday, July 31, at the Base Park. For more information, contact Alex Krause, 580-213-6420 or alexander.m.krause.civ@health.mil.

Major Blunck retiring, July 31 – Maj. Bryce Blunck is retiring after 20 years of Air Force service during a ceremony scheduled at 3 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the Crosswinds Club. For more information, go to <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jbExg4ct70ijX6yIGOV5tCrvdPZoEXILh8x2VxVKVhlUNUZPNEpPTFVFT1A2S1JGOFo5T0IPM0xSUC4u>.

MSgt Pinson retiring, July 31 – Master Sgt. Michael Pinson is scheduled to retire from active duty during a ceremony at 2 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the ML Becker Learning Center, Woodring Regional Airport. For more information, call 580-213-7561.

Limited immunizations available – The Medical Group’s Immunization Clinic is unable to give the Varicella, ProQuad, or MMR vaccines at this time. Efforts are underway to resolve the situation. For more information, call 580-213-6623.

Walk-in contraception clinic – The Medical Group’s walk-in contraception clinic will be closed Monday, July 27. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, July 28. For more information, call the appointment line, 580-213-7416.

Free desks – The 71st Security Forces Squadron has several desks free for official use. One desk has drawers with a glass top and the other two have no drawers. They are located in Building 246. For more information, call 580-213-6196.

Tax tip -- The most frequently forgotten actions the Retiree Activities Office find each tax season are: (1) Not updating your MyPay address, (2) Not realizing that a Do IT Yourself payment generates a separate W-2, (3) Completely forgetting about your investments, and (4) Not double checking with your parents prior to claiming no one can claim you as a dependent. Mutual funds and brokerage accounts send their tax statements out in late February. Even if you didn’t sell stocks or any of your mutual funds, your tax statement should reflect dividends paid and possibly a tax credit for foreign taxes. Make sure you have all your tax documents before you file. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today’s chuckle – Nothing embarrasses psychics more than throwing them a surprise party!