

Vance At A Glance

July 3, 2025

“Don’t regard yourself as a guardian of freedom unless you respect and preserve the rights of people you disagree with.” – Gerard O’Neill

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 595 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 232 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 81 sorties, for a total of 908 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance has contributed to delivering 280 world-class pilots so far, this fiscal year. Vance Proud!

Fireworks display, July 4 – The City of Enid is hosting a Fourth of July fireworks display this Friday at Meadowlake Park. The Enid Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m., followed by the fireworks display at approximately 9:30 p.m. Parking will be limited at Meadowlake. Public parking is available at the old GEFCO Inc. parking lot east of Meadowlake Park.

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, by the Crosswinds Club. 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>.

All-American Blood Drive, July 3 – A Vance Blood Drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, July 3, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. To schedule an appointment go to https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/660884.

Vance Retiree newsletter -- If you are retired military and would like to receive the monthly electronic Vance Retiree Newsletter, send your email address to Jim Faulkner, james.faulkner.14@us.af.mil. The newsletter helps keep retirees informed on events and opportunities both local and national that affect the quality of retirement.

Salsa dance lesson, July 19 – A free class in the basics of salsa and bachata dancing will be offered from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, July 19, at the M.L. Becker Learning Center at Woodring Airport. This 2-hour lesson will cover the basics of salsa and bachata and is open to everyone on base. A partner is required to sign up. Space is limited to 20 couples. Sign up using the link at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jbExg4ct70ijX6yIGOV5tFLkiFXkRktD>

[vMSzXDkbgulUNzlVRTFCMkUyMTc1OFk0NDI5R01UUVdOMS4u](#). Childcare will not be available during the class. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Lucie Bednar, lucie.bednar@us.af.mil.

Fitness Center 24/7 access repaired – The 24/7 access system for the Fitness Center is repaired and operations are back to normal.

Trivia Night, July 9 – Trivia Night is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, July 9, in the Community Center at the Crosswinds Club. There will be five rounds for teams of up to six. A prize will be given to the winning team. Food and beverages are available. For more information, call 580-213-7595.

Hunt Housing yard sale, July 19 – Vance's Hunt Housing is hosting a community yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 19. To register for the yard sale, email Vanceleasing@huntcompanies.com. Last day to sign up is July 16. For more information, call 580-213-7294.

OST Walk/Runs in July -- Vance's Operational Support Team is hosting two physical fitness events in July designed to build camaraderie, morale and readiness. Event One is a Walk/Run on Friday, July 11. Event Two is a Walk/Ruck on Friday, July 25. Both events will follow a planned and identified route, start at the Base Park and OST will provide water. For more information, contact Lindsey I. Shepherd, lindsey.i.shepherd.civ@health.mil.

Party-time survival tips – Long weekends are blessings for hard-charging alpha wolves. They are a time to rest, play, and if the Party-Time Survival rules are followed, a source of good memories to get you through the challenging times ahead.

P-T-S rules:

- 1) Plan your safe ride home before you start the party, choose a non-drinking friend as a designated driver.
 - 2) If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. It is Wing-man Time!
 - 3) If you drink, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, Uber or a sober friend.
 - 4) If you are hosting a party where alcohol will be served, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
 - 5) If you have to do something to make yourself okay to drive, you are not okay to drive.
- Team Vance needs every one of you back safely Tuesday morning.

Eagle Eyes -- As global tensions rise and threats to military personnel and installations evolve, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is calling on all Airmen, civilian employees and family members to report suspicious activity. Through the Eagle Eyes program, AFOSI

empowers Team Vance to recognize early warning signs of potential threats and take action before violence occurs. If you see something, say something to Vance's AFOSI at 580-213-6068, or the Security Forces Desk at 580-213-7415.

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#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BACAF2EA2FDC70-57235786-2025#/) For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kayli Cortright-Monette, kayli.cortright-monette@us.af.mil.

Tax tip – Non-cash gifts to charity can only be claimed if you itemize -- the deductions claimed on Schedule A exceed your standard deduction -- and are generally limited to \$500. Although you may claim a larger cash amount, most people are unwilling to do the required research to do so. The research includes providing a detailed listing of what you gave, your original cost basis for each item, the current resale value of the items donated and the source you used to determine the value. The sources suggested are providing an appraisal, thrift shop value, catalog comparison or comparable sales as a reference. This research is not required if you claim \$500 or less for the value of your non-cash donations. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – I wanted a vacation but my girlfriend wanted a staycation so we compromised on an altercation!