

Vance At A Glance

Aug 14, 2026

“What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps one in a continual state of inelegance.” – Jane Austen

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 491 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 241 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 10 sorties, for a total of 742 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 339 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

Blood Drive, Aug 20 -- The next Vance Blood Drive is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. To schedule a donation time, go to https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/680191. For more information, call 580-213-6643.

STUS luau, Aug 14 – The 71st Student Squadron is hosting a STUAU at 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14, in the Crosswinds Club. All are welcome to this celebration of all Team Vance does on a regular basis, or as they say on the islands, mahalo for all you do!

Staff Sgt release party, Aug 17 – A celebration recognizing Team Vance’s nine Staff Sgt selects is scheduled at 3:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17, at the Crosswinds Club. The SSgt selects are asked to get to Club at 3:15 p.m. for check-in. For more information, call 580-213-7828.

Senior NCO induction, Sept 4 – A Senior NCO induction ceremony is scheduled at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, at the Crosswinds Club. To RSVP, go to https://www.memberplanet.com/events/vanceafbclubs/sncoinduction2026_1. For more information, contact Senior Airman Jeyla Hall, 580-213-7935.

Fire hydrants flow test, Aug 19-21 -- The Vance Civil Engineering department will conduct required annual fire hydrant flow tests starting around 7 a.m., Aug. 19, 20 & 21. Due to sediment in the water, refrain from doing laundry or other tasks which require clear water for approximately 24 hours after the test in your area. For more information, call Civil Engineering, 580-213-6074.

Med Group commander photo – An official photo of the Vance Medical Group commander, Col. Keye Latimer, is available at the Public Affairs Office, Room 206, Building 500.

Track unavailable Sept 3 -- The Fitness Center track and football field will be unavailable for exercise or fitness testing from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3. For more information, call 580-213-7948.

Hush no more, Aug 28 -- Dr. Vanessa Guyton is scheduled to share her personal story of military sexual trauma and discusses its impact on service members and families at 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28, in the Professional Development Center auditorium, Building 455. For more information, call 580-213-5595.

Tickets for 2026 Air Force Ball, Sept 26 -- Mark your calendar. Chapter 214 of the Air and Space Forces Association is hosting the 2026 Air Force Ball Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Stride Bank Center in Enid. Tickets are available for military and government civilians at <https://www.enidafa.com/event-details/vance-afa-air-force-community-ball-vance-only-1>. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Natalie Smith, natalie.smith.15@us.af.mil.

Vance soccer club -- Are you a great soccer player or just a casual one? Are you looking for a way to train your cardio while having fun? Join the Vance Soccer Club every Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the Vance soccer field by the track. The club is open to all friends and family. To join go to https://groupme.com/join_group/115486503/9111YKVS. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Geoffrey Abotsi, 404-438-4422 or geoffrey.abotsi@us.af.mil.

ASIST workshop, Aug 18-19 -- The Chapel and Primary Prevention are hosting the next Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) workshop from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 18-19, at the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. This two-day workshop provides a practical, life-assisting framework for suicide intervention. It is designed to equip you with a reliable toolkit of skills to recognize signs of risk and collaboratively develop a plan for safety. The certified trainers for this session will be Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Gilmore, Lorraine Reimer and Lydia Draper. The training is open to all Vance personnel (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Civilians) and family members, age 18+, with base access. RSVP using the QR code on the attachment or at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/1LJvmbvb9U?origin=lprLink>. For more information, call 580-213-5593.

T-1A Sunset ceremonies, Aug 21-22 -- The T-1A Jayhawk has been shaping military aviators for 34 years. Before this chapter closes, let's celebrate its incredible legacy. The 3rd Flying Training Squadron has planned two days of events honoring the aircraft that has trained generations of mobility pilots. Whether you've flown it, maintained it, supported the mission, or simply want to be part of aviation history, there's something for everyone. To attend the Sunset Dinner Aug. 22, RSVP at <https://jayhawksunsetdinner.fillout.com/rsvp>.

Looking for fitness opportunities? -- Visit the 71st Force Support Squadron's website at <https://vancefss.com>.

Free furniture -- The Retiree Activities Office has excess furniture free for official use. Items include one Executive U shaped desk unit, one desk chair, six side chairs, one printer stand, one large 60-inch TV, one office credenza, one white-board cabinet and one 12-position plastic flyer holder. For more information, contact the Retiree Activities Office, 580-213-7589.

Free filing cabinets – The Command Post has three filing cabinets free for official use. For more information, call 580-213-7384.

Tax tip -- Employees who receive tip income still need to report it when filing taxes. The tax law for years 2026-2028 applies a deduction for the amount reported; however, Social Security and Medicare taxes will still be assessed on this income. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – I have a terrible fear of escalators. My counselor recommended steps to avoid it.