

Vance At A Glance

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“You can have anything you want if you are willing to give up the belief that you can’t have it.”
– Robert Anthony

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 593 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 291 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 82 sorties, for a total of 966 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance has contributed to delivering 325 world-class pilots so far, this fiscal year. Vance Proud!

Air Force Birthday Fly-in, Sept 13 – Team Vance and the Air & Space Forces Association have scheduled an Air Force Birthday Fly-in from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Enid Woodring Airport. There will be food trucks, aircraft, bouncy houses, live music and more. For more information, go to <https://EnidAFA.com>.

Adventures in Marriage Retreat, Aug 22-24 -- The Vance Chapel has scheduled an Adventures in Marriage weekend retreat Aug. 22-24 at the Hilton Garden Inn Bricktown in Oklahoma City. The retreat will be presented by “Live the Life, Inc.” All lodging, food and childcare will be provided by the Chapel. The retreat is for active duty, Reserve and Guard military personnel on Title 10 orders, and authorized dependents. To register for the retreat, go to <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/Gr3H8p0u3X>. For more information contact Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Gilmore, 580-213-7668.

CGOC “Shirt 101” Professional Development, Aug 22 -- The Vance Company Grade Officers’ Council and First Sergeants have teamed up to present "Shirt 101," from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22, in the E-Lounge at the Crosswinds Club. Vance company grade officers, flight commanders and flight chiefs are invited to learn more about how First Sergeants are an awesome resource for young leaders. The event is open to all Team Vance CGOs. For more information contact: Capt. Jason Patel, jason.a.patel2.mil@health.mil.

Keeping blues looking sharp, Aug 27 – The Vance Honor Guard is hosting a discussion on tips and tricks for keeping your blues maintained and looking good, at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug.

27, in the 3rd Flying Training Squadron auditorium. New and old Airmen are welcome. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Kaidon Jones, kaidon.jones@us.af.mil.

Blood Drive, Aug 28 -- Camp Donor Blood Drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, in the 3rd Flying Training Squadron parking lot. Donors at Vance support 27 hospitals across Oklahoma, North Texas, and Southern Kansas. Type O-negative blood is especially needed. It's the universal donor type used in emergencies. To schedule an appointment, go to https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/660882.

Comedy Show, Sept 12 -- The Vance Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce is hosting a comedy show, "1 Degree of Separation," at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Friday, Sept 12, in the Base Auditorium, Building 550. According to Lorraine Reimer with the IPPW, "It will be a morning and afternoon of hope, healing, and humor. Together, we'll find strength in laughter and start conversations that matter. Get ready to laugh until you cry -- or cry until you laugh as comedians shine a light on mental health with honesty, wit, and compassion. This is more than just a comedy show; it's a powerful reminder that we're never alone in our struggles, and sometimes, the best way to connect is through shared moments of laughter." The show is open to all Vance community members 18 or older with base access. For more information, email lorraine.reimer@us.af.mil or call 580-213-5593.

Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview, Aug 27 -- The Base Education Services Office has scheduled a Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview Exam briefing at 2 p.m., Wednesday Aug. 27, in Suite 6, Building 314. This is your opportunity to get familiar with the Oral Proficiency Interview test's tasks, rubrics and levels before you take it. Pre-registration is required. Call 580-213-7388 to reserve your seat.

Learn how to prevent suicide, Aug 20-21 -- The Vance Chapel is hosting ASIST training from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 20 & 21, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. ASIST is a 2-day interactive workshop that will provide you with the skills to intervene with someone who has thoughts of suicide. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Gilmore, 580-213-7668; or Lorraine Reimer, 580-213-5593.

Suicide Prevention trainers needed -- The Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce is seeking additional Integrated Primary Prevention Trainers for 2025. If you have a desire to make a difference, contact Lydia Hutchison, lydia.hutchison.1@us.af.mil or 580-213-5585, to learn more about training and facilitator opportunities.

Air Force Band concert, Aug 28 -- The U.S. Air Force Band of the West concert unit is scheduled to perform a free concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, in the Enid Symphony Hall. To get tickets, go to www.AirForceBands.com.

Commissioning Programs briefing, Aug 26 -- The Base Education Services Office has scheduled a Commissioning Programs Brief and Panel at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, in the Professional Development Center, Building 455. Learn about the different commissioning opportunities. This is an opportunity to ask questions to prior enlisted junior officers and get some tips on how to put together a strong application package. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information call 580-213-7388.

AFOSI is recruiting, Aug 18 – The Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 438, has scheduled a recruitment briefing at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 18, in Building 455. OSI is seeking highly motivated officers, civilians, and enlisted members from any AFSC with no negative personnel records. For more information contact Special Agent Christopher Rowan, christopher.rowan.2@us.af.mil.

Free desks – The ATC Tower has furniture available free for official use. There are two 67x79-inch L-shaped desks and one electric standing Versa desk. For more information, call 580-213-6184.

Med Group lab closing Sept 11 & 12 -- The 71st Medical Group laboratory will be closed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Sept. 11 & 12. Normal service will resume each day after 1:30 p.m.

Tax tip – Children (U.S. citizens) born between 2025 and 2028 are entitled to a one-time \$1,000 federal contribution to their Trump Account that functions like a Traditional IRA. Children born prior to this time period are not entitled to the federal contribution, but parents or relatives may collectively contribute up to \$5,000 per year into a Trump Account for a child. There is no financial incentive for anyone to do this as part of the current law, and \$5,000 is the limit from all sources except the federal government. Once a deposit is made into a Trump Account, there is no current method to make withdrawals other than a rollover into another account or to correct contributions that exceed the limit for the account. Rollover to a Roth IRA is prohibited until the child reaches the age of maturity. Federal payments to Trump Accounts are not expected to take place until 2026. A child may make a withdrawal upon reaching the age of maturity, but these withdrawals are subject to the same 10% penalty for withdrawal before age 59 ½ and are subject to income taxes. What exceptions exist for the penalty are the same as for a Traditional IRA. The federal contribution is set to expire after 2028. Those interested in creating a Trump Account for a child should ask their financial institution if they provide this service. The method of requesting the federal contribution has not been advertised yet, but a financial institution's routing number and account number will be necessary for the deposit of federal funds. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – I bought a can of fly spray at the hardware store yesterday. I sprayed it all over myself and I still can't fly!