

Vance At A Glance

Aug 21, 2026

“Warriors are those who choose to stand between their enemy and all that they love or hold sacred.”

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 514 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 288 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 4 sorties, for a total of 806 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 339 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

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.

Town Hall meeting, Aug 25 – The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. The topic will be “Civilian/Spouse employment. For more information, call 580-213-6241.

SNCO Induction ceremony, Sept 4 -- The 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/vanceafclubs/sncoinduction2026_1. For more information, contact the POCs: Tech. Sgt. Jasmine Horne, jasmine.horne@us.af.mil; and Senior Master Sgt. Travis White, travis.white.8@us.af.mil.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Sept 11 – Vance has scheduled a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and 5K Walk-Run-Ruck, beginning at 8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 11, at the Base track. The ceremony begins at 8 a.m., followed by a memorial 5K Walk/Run/Ruck in honor of the fallen to ensure their memory never fades. For more information, email kevin.velazquez@us.af.mil.

Top IV donut sale – The Talon Top IV is hosting a donut sale from now until Aug. 30. Available only by boxes of 12 donuts. Pickup will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Crosswinds Club. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Christian Klima, 580-213-7159.

Dorm/Single Airmen dinner, Aug 26 – The Vance Chapel is hosting a Dorm/Single Airmen dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. RSVP at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=jbExg4ct70ijX6yIGOV5tD5tJAXXMOFKrq5g-DnhaRUQzgyTzRMNk5KUDFJM1Q0WUfTWEY5SEI4Vy4u&origin=QRCode&qrcodeorigin=presentation&route=shorturl>.

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.

Military Retiree Day, Sept 15 -- Vance has scheduled a Military Retiree Appreciation Day beginning at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Crosswinds Club. It is a free event open to all military retirees and their families. Retirees from all military services are welcome provided they have access to the base by displaying a valid, unexpired ID card or a Vance authorized pass for family members with no ID card from the Vance Visitors Center. For more information, contact the Retiree Activities Office, 580-213-7859.

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.

Foreign language proficiency, Sept 9 -- The Base Education Services Office has scheduled a Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview Exam briefing at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9, in Suite 6, Building 314. Those accepted to the LEAP program and want to improve their score or get familiar with the Oral Proficiency Interview test's tasks, rubrics and levels before taking it will benefit from the briefing. To pre-registration and reserve a seat, call 580-213-7388.

Patient travel policy for Active Duty -- The TRICARE Operations and Patient Administration office has released updated local travel reimbursement parameters for Active-Duty service members. Travel for approved specialty care outside a 75-mile radius from Vance Medical Group may be eligible for mileage reimbursement, with no closer option available. Prior authorization from the Chief of Medical Staff and a completed travel request form are required before traveling. To initiate a request, contact the Patient Travel Office (Medical Records) in the Building 810 lobby, or call 580-213-6507 or 580-213-5714; or email dha.vance.vance-mdg.mbx.topa@health.mil.

TRICARE Prime travel benefit updates -- The TRICARE Operations and Patient Administration office has updated guidelines for the TRICARE Prime Travel Benefit program for family members and retirees empaneled at Vance Med Group. To qualify for specialty travel reimbursement, patients must have an authorized referral to a provider located more than 75 miles away (for active-duty family members) or more than 100 miles away (for retirees/retiree families) with no closer option available. This is an actual-expense program; itemized receipts are required for all claimed expenses. For details or to file a claim, visit the TOPA Patient Travel Office (Medical Records) in the Building 810 lobby or call 580-213-6507 or

580-213-5714; or email dha.vance.vance-mdg.mbx.topa@health.mil or go to <https://tricare.mil/TravelReimbursement>.

Free power breezer – The maintenance team has a power breezer available free for official use. While not in “showroom” condition, it can move a lovely breeze to help cool off the work area. For more information, call 580-213-7255.

Free furniture (note new phone number) -- 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, 580-213-7859.

Tax tip -- Oklahoma has a tax credit available for parents enrolling their child in a private school. To find out what is needed to claim the credit please visit <https://oklahoma.gov/tax/individuals/parental-choice-tax-credit/pctc-taxpayers.html> to find a “Parental Choice Tax Credit Application” fact sheet which addresses the steps necessary to claim the credit. Oklahoma also has a tax credit available for homeschoolers. Scroll down the same website address mentioned previously and you will find a fact sheet of what expenses qualify and what needs to be included with your tax return. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today’s chuckle – I’m having a garage sale this weekend. Please don’t come if I ever borrowed anything from you.