

Vance At A Glance

Aug 28, 2026

“Work to improve yourself, not prove yourself.” – Joshua Becker

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 464 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 279 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew two sorties, for a total of 745 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 339 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

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/vanceafbclubs/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.

Enid High football night, Aug 28 – The Enid High School football team is hosting the Enid Plainsmen Football Military Appreciation Night beginning at 6:45 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28, in the D. Bruce Selby Stadium in Enid. Military personnel and family members can present their military ID for free entry to the game. Vance aircraft will execute a flyover before the game.

Legal Office closing early, Aug 28 – The Vance Legal Office will close early Friday, Aug. 28, for an official event. Afternoon walk-in hours will be 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 580-213-7404.

Run//Ruck, Sept 4 & 18 – The Vance Operational Support Team has scheduled two Run/Rucks in September. The first is a 3.2-mile run beginning at 6 a.m., Friday, Sept. 4, in the Base Park. The second is a 3-mile run/ruck beginning at 6 a.m., Friday, Sept. 18, in the Base Park. For more information, contact Alex Krause, 580-213-6420.

Spouse Orientation, Sept 8 – The next Spouse Orientation is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. All Vance spouses, both new and currently stationed here, are welcome. Children are welcome to attend however, childcare will not be available. To RSVP by Monday, Sept. 7, at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jbExg4ct70ijX6yIGOv5tHtfshxn-xNHrCariPxX6HZUNUFCMUpINVE3MIQ4NU5GUVIaMIFMSUxFWi4u>. For more information, call 580-213-7873.

MWD memorial service, Sept 8 – A memorial service honoring Military Working Dog Ffrederika is scheduled at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Crosswinds Club. Dress will be uniform of the day. For more information, call 580-213-7163.

Hush no more, Aug 28 -- Dr. Vanessa Guyton is scheduled to share her personal story of military sexual trauma and discuss 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 from the Vance Visitors Center for family members with no ID card. 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. Bring your best Sleeves for our party shirt contest. 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.

Child Care during Air Force Ball – For those attending the Air Force Ball, child care will be available at the Child Development Center and the School Age Center from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26. The cost will be \$32 per child and deadline to sign up is Sept. 25. For more information, call the CDC, 580-213-7310; or the SAC, 580-213-7474.

Vance Clinic closed, Sept 4 – The Vance Medical Group will be closed Friday, Sept. 4. The Flight Medicine Return to Fly/Controlling Airsickness, SERE Clearances (RAC) services will remain open from 8 to 9 a.m. For medical emergencies, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room. For non-emergent care and health advice, the MHS Nurse Advice Line is available 24/7 at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1. For more information, call the appointment line, 580-213-7416.

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.

Tax tip -- Those who purchase a new vehicle made in the U.S. from 2025-2028, may be entitled to a tax deduction for the interest paid on the loan. The vehicle has to be new, assembled in the U.S., under 14,000 pounds, and your Modified Adjusted Gross Income must be under \$150,000 (Single) or under \$250,000 (Married Filing Jointly) for any deduction to apply. IRS guidance on what information they require has not been published yet, but Year, Make, Model, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and a bank statement indicating what interest has been paid on the loan for the tax year is probably what your tax preparer needs to claim the deduction. This deduction does not apply to a leased vehicle, a used vehicle, or vehicle purchased prior to 2025. If you had eligible interest on a vehicle in tax year 2025, please be advised that the interest paid on the same vehicle loan is deductible in 2026. This deduction is also temporary, so the deduction may not apply in tax year 2029. According to a Consumer Reports article, VINs that start with 1, 4, 5, 7F through 7Z, and 70 are manufactured in the U.S. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – Do you know if anyone in the Arachnophobia club has a website?