

# *Vance At A Glance*

**Aug 7, 2026**

“If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always be where you’ve always been.” – T.D. Jakes

**This week in pilot training** – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 693 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 284 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 9 sorties, for a total of 986 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 296 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, use the link

[https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/680191](https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/680191). For more information, call 580-213-6643.

**19<sup>th</sup> AF/CC new photo available** – The official photo of Maj. Gen. Travolis Simmons, 19<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander, is available in Public Affairs, Room 206, Building 500. If the one you have has one star, time for an update.

**STUS luau, Aug 14** – The 71<sup>st</sup> 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!

**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](https://www.memberplanet.com/events/vanceafbclubs/sncoinduction2026_1). For more information, contact Senior Airman Jeyla Hall, 580-213-7935.

**TMO in-person counselling unavailable, Aug 10-11** – The Traffic Management Office in-person counseling will not be available Monday, Aug. 10, or Tuesday, Aug. 11. Virtual self-service options remain available for all in-processing and out-processing at

<https://webmail.apps.mil/book/TMOCOUNSELINGAPPOINTMENTS@bookings.af.mil/?ismlsauthenabled=true>.

**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.

**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.

**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 at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/1LJvmbv9U?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://jayhawkssunsetdinner.fillout.com/rsvp>.

**Spouse Orientation, Aug 11** – The next Spouse Orientation for new spouses and those currently stationed at Vance is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. Children are welcome to attend but childcare will not be available. RSVP by Monday, Aug. 10, using the QR code on the attachment.

**Commissioning programs panel, Aug 13** -- The Base Education Services Office has scheduled a Commissioning Programs Panel at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Professional Development Center, Building 455. Learn about different commissioning opportunities, including ROTC, OTS, OTS/SLECP-O and USAFA LEAD. Get tips on how to put together a strong application package. To registration or for more information, call 580-213-7388.

**Tax tip** -- The tax law for 2026-2028 includes a \$6,000 deduction for seniors age 65 and older, which can potentially reduce the taxable portion of your income. Joint filers that are both over 65 would have an additional \$12,000 deduction. This deduction phases out for single filers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeding \$75,000 and joint filers with an AGI over \$150,000. No deduction will apply if a single filer AGI exceeds \$175,000 and if a joint filer AGI exceeds \$250,000. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

**Today's chuckle** – The demolition derby website is inaccessible right now. It keeps crashing!