

Vance At A Glance

Sept 16, 2025

“Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” – Christopher Robin

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 623 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 258 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 119 sorties, for a total of 1,000 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance has contributed to delivering 352 world-class pilots so far, this fiscal year. Vance Proud!

Operation Hope, Sept 16 – Operation Hope is a support community for those navigating infertility, pregnancy loss, IVF and alternative paths to parenthood. The next meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept 16, in the Hunt Housing office. For more information call the Vance Resiliency team at 580-213-5579.

POW/MIA Run/Walk/Ruck, Sept 19 – The Air Force Sergeant’s Association, Top IV & Defenders Association are partnering to host the 2025 POW/MIA Recognition Day 24-hour Run/Ruck/Walk from 8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19, until 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20. This event will keep the POW/MIA Flag and American Flag in constant motion for the entire 24-hours to remember and honor nearly 83,000 American service members that remain missing or as Prisoners of War. To sign up to carry the POW/MIA or American flag, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BACAF2EA2FDC70-58660581-2025>. Additional members are welcome to walk alongside the flag bearers in support if the slots are full. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kayli Cortright-Monette, 762-241-7674.

Dorm Dinner, Sept 18 – Watch a football game and feast at the taco bar during the Vance Chapel’s Dorm Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, in the Chapel Community Activity Center. For more information contact Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Gilmore, 580-213-7668 or christopher.gilmore.6@us.af.mil.

Free Paint Night with Primary Prevention, Oct 1 – Vance’s Primary Prevention office is hosting a free guided painting class from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Crosswinds Club. All materials and instruction included. Seats are limited. For more information and to register, email lorraine.reimer@us.af.mil by close of business Sept. 29.

Ruck/Walk in September – The Vance Operational Support Team is hosting a Ruck/Walk at 6 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19, beginning at the Base Park. For more information, contact Alex Krause, alexander.m.krause.civ@health.mil or 580-213-6420.

Vance/Enid golf scramble, Oct 19 – The City of Enid is hosting the annual Vance/Enid golf scramble, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Oakwood Country Club. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. Teams will include one community/business leader and three base personnel. For more information, contact George Pankonin, 580-747-1323.

Suicide Awareness month -- We are stronger together. Belonging and connection protect against suicide by ensuring no one feels alone. Let's keep building a culture of care across our community. Support is always within reach. Contact Primary Prevention office for more information at 580-213-5585. For resilience and community resources, go to https://www.resilience.af.mil/?utm_source=chatgpt.com.

National Preparedness Month trivia contest answers -- The answers to last week's trivia questions follow. See Friday's Base-wide email for your next chance to win a free emergency preparedness kit.

- 1 -- What type of institution in Enid provides disaster-related financial assistance? -- **Bank**
 - 2 -- What document helps residents of Enid manage monthly expenses? -- **Budget**
 - 3 -- What item should be stored in a fireproof container for safekeeping in Enid? -- **Documents**
 - 4 -- What local office in Enid assists with employment recovery? -- **Workforce**
 - 5 -- What financial tool helps build emergency savings in Enid? -- **Account**
- For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Briana Calloway, 580-213-5209.

Motorcycle Safety Training, Sept 20 & 21 -- A Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course is scheduled Sept. 20 & 21. All vehicles should be removed from the MSF training range/parking lot north of the Chapel Community Activity Center by the close of business the Thursday before. The MSF training range/parking lot will be coned off and closed the Friday morning before training weekend. Vehicles that remain will be towed at owner's expense. For more information, contact Wing Safety, 580-213-6169.

Study skills briefing, Sept 16 -- The Vance Education Services Office will be offering a Study Skills Brief at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, in Suite 6, Building 314. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, call 580-213-7388.

Friday night at the movies – Movies are screened Friday nights in Building 455 and are free for all with base access. This month's movies are:

Friday – Sept 19

5:30 p.m. – Elio (PG)

8 p.m. – Thunderbolts (PG-13)

Friday – Sept 26

5:30 p.m. -- The Fifth Element (PG-13)

8 p.m. -- 28 Years Later (R)

Friday – Oct 3

5:30 p.m. -- Jurassic Park (PG-13)

8 p.m. – Sinners (R)

Attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Joseph Reddin, 580-213-7303 or joseph.reddin@us.af.mil.

Tax tip on state residency -- The Retiree Activities Office recommends new spouses of military members consult the Vance Legal Office regarding their options of state residency prior to filing taxes. There are many misunderstandings of spouses' rights and options, and proper planning involves a review of your situation. Inaction risks losing valuable tax benefits in both the short and long terms. For more information, contact the RAO at 580-213-7859. For information on how to determine legal residence, contact the Vance Legal Office, 580-213-7404. Basic information about the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act is available on the Air Force Legal Assistance website under "Legal Information," the "Taxation" topic, https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/apps/aflaass_public/bin/main.php.

Today's chuckle – I named my dog “Six-Miles,” so I can honestly say, I walk six miles every day!