

Vance At A Glance

Sept 5, 2025

“You have to believe in yourself when no one else does – that makes you a winner right there.” – Venus Williams

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 239 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 125 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 46 sorties, for a total of 410 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!

25th FTS change of command, Sept 5 -- The 25th Flying Training Squadron has scheduled a change of command at 10:25 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5, in Hangar 199. Lt. Col. Jared Johnson will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Bryan Watson.

SSgt release party, Sept 8 – Join the celebration for Vance’s Staff Sergeant selects at 3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, at the Crosswinds Club. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. John Soska, 580-213-5694 or john.r.soska.mil@health.mil.

Trivia Night, Sept 10 – Time for another Trivia Night at the Crosswinds Club. The games begin at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10. Five rounds are scheduled for teams of up to six members, with the winners taking home a prize. Food and beverages will be available.

Dorm residents BBQ, Sept 12 – The Vance Enlisted Dorm Council is hosting a BBQ for residents of the enlisted dorms at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, next to Building 423. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Brianna Smith, brianna.smith.13@us.af.mil.

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. Bring a folding chair for your comfort. Shuttle buses will run from the 71st Operations Group parking lot to the event at Woodring, starting at 1:30 p.m. Shuttles leave the base at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The shuttles will depart Woodring Airport at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. For more information, go to <https://EnidAFA.com>.

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. It will be a morning and afternoon of hope, healing, and humor. Save time at the door by signing in at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/6cpF4TuYgw?origin=lprLink>. 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. 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.

CGOC meeting, Sept 12 – Vance's Company Grade Officers' Council has scheduled a meeting at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 12, in the E-Lounge in the Crosswinds Club. The lunch meeting will include sign-ups for volunteering at Eisenhower elementary school, information about upcoming socials and more about how to get involved with CGOC. The meeting is open to all Vance CGOs. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Julia Love, 580-213-7477 or julia.love.3@us.af.mil.

Motorcycle safety classes, Sept 13 & 14 -- Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Training classes are scheduled Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 13 & 14, on the MSF training range/parking lot north of the Chapel Community Activity Center. All vehicles should be removed from the training range by the close of business the Thursday before. The MSF training range/parking lot will be coned off and closed the Friday morning before the training. Vehicles that remain will be towed at owner's expense. For more information, contact Wing Safety, 580-213-6169.

Suicide Prevention & SAPR training schedule – Annual Suicide Prevention and SAPR training is scheduled throughout September, October and November in the 3rd Flying Training Squadron auditorium. Registration is required by emailing 71ftw.cdvp.prevention@us.af.mil. For more information, call 580-213-5585.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day, Sept 9 – Vance's Military Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Crosswinds Club. Discussions on TRICARE, ID cards and other topics of importance to retirees will be presented. For more information, call 580-213-7859.

Run/Walk/Ruck in September – The Vance Operational Support Team is hosting two events in September. A Run/Walk is scheduled at 6 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5, beginning at the Base Park. A Ruck/Walk is scheduled 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.

Suicide Prevention Month -- Families are powerful protectors. Recognizing warning signs, starting conversations, and connecting loved ones to care can save lives. Learn how family

suicide prevention training can help you turn care into action --

https://www.resilience.af.mil/Spouse-Family-Resources/Equipping-Families/Family-Suicide-Prevention-Training/?utm_source=chatgpt.com. For more information, call the Primary Prevention office, 580-213-5585.

National Preparedness Month – September is National Preparedness Month. Vance’s Emergency Management folks encourage everyone to learn how to prepare and plan for disasters. They plan to have a booth at a variety of locations during the month, filled with information and advice on emergency planning and a chance to win a survival backpack or car jump-starter.

Study skills briefing, Sept 16 -- The Vance Education Services Office will be offering a Study Skills Brief at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, in Suite 6, Building 314. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, call 580-213-7388.

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 -- Military personnel selling a house are eligible for a special look-back time period by the IRS. This means that instead of the normal look back of five years, you can extend the look-back time period to the 6-to-10-year time period or the 11–15-year time period to check your eligibility for the \$250,000 Capital Gain exclusion. To be eligible for the exclusion, the military member must have used the home as a primary residence for two years during the appropriate five year look back period. It is possible to qualify for a smaller pro-rated exclusion provided you qualify for the reasons discussed in IRS Pub 523 “Selling Your Home.” This special look back ends when you separate or retire as it applies to active-duty personnel. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today’s chuckle – There’s a movie coming out about a mobile home. I just saw the trailer!