



# Vance At A Glance

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

**71st STUS Holiday Party** – Attention all wizards and muggles. The 71st Student Squadron will host a Harry Potter themed holiday party, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Click here for ticket and party details.

**Study Skills Course** – The Education Office has scheduled a Study Skills Course for all enlisted personnel at 9 a.m., Dec. 13, in the Education Office. They will be discussing study tips to help with your Career Development Courses and college courses and assist you in learning job skills. They will also cover test anxiety, organization, and time management. Seats are limited. To reserve a spot, call the Education Office, 580-213-7895, or email [keely.oconnor@us.af.mil](mailto:keely.oconnor@us.af.mil).

**Jumbo Holiday Greeting Card Contest** – Help bring in the holiday spirit from head to mistletoes with a jumbo holiday greeting card from your agency, section, flight or squadron. The greeting cards will be displayed around base from Nov. 30 to Jan. 3. There will be prizes for the three cards with the most votes. To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAFA728AAFBCE9-46102871-jumbo>.

**Education Highlights** – Are you interested in going back to school or furthering your career through educational opportunities? Click here for the November Education Office Highlights. Included are the latest updates on Community College of the Air Force transcript requests.

**Aviator Expo** – Interested in learning more about aviation? Come to the Vance Club Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., to learn about planes, assignments and pilot experiences. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Capt. Logan Schneider, [logan.schneider.3@us.af.mil](mailto:logan.schneider.3@us.af.mil).

**Annual Airman Cookie Drive** – Cookie makers and packers are needed for the annual Airman Cookie Drive, scheduled for Nov. 29 and 30 at the Chapel Community Activity Center. All donated cookies will make the holidays more cheerful for Team Vance deployed members and dorm residents. For more information, contact the Vance Spouses Club, [vancespousesclub@gmail.com](mailto:vancespousesclub@gmail.com), or Master Sgt. Covito Redman, [covito.redman@us.af.mil](mailto:covito.redman@us.af.mil) or 580-213-6288. See flyer.

**Free movie schedule** – The following free movies are scheduled in the Professional Development Center, Building 455:

*Friday – Nov. 17*

5:30 p.m. – Blue Beetle

8 p.m. – Sound of Freedom

*Saturday – Nov. 18*

5:30 p.m. – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

8 p.m. – The Equalizer 3

Admission is open for all with base access. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Joseph Reddin, 580-213-7303 or [joseph.reddin@us.af.mil](mailto:joseph.reddin@us.af.mil).

**Tax tips** -- Early IRA withdrawals – Early withdrawals from an IRA usually incur a penalty if you take the funds before you reach 59½ years of age. There are a few pertinent exceptions where the penalty does not apply. You may use up to \$10,000 as a down payment on your first home purchase. An early distribution may be used to pay for a close family member’s eligible higher education need. Another exception is to use the funds to pay unreimbursed medical expenses for a close family member (the rules for this applies only to the amount greater than 7.5% of your adjusted gross income). Reservists called to active duty for more than 179 days are also allowed an exception. Restoring the funds withdrawn into another IRA within 60 days is yet another exception. Make sure you inform your tax preparer if you think one of these exceptions apply. For a more exhaustive listing of exceptions, consult IRS Pub 590-B “Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements” on pages 25-28 for a traditional IRA and on page 32 for a Roth IRA. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

**Today’s chuckle** – It’s funny, England doesn’t have a kidney bank. But it has a Liverpool.