

Vance At A Glance

July 31, 2026

“Growth starts where your comfort zone ends.”

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 461 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 207 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 8 sorties, for a total of 676 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance contributed to delivering 296 world-class pilots in fiscal year 2026. Vance Proud!

Major Blunck retiring, July 31 – Maj. Bryce Blunck is retiring after 20 years of Air Force service during a ceremony scheduled at 3 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the Crosswinds Club.

MSgt Pinson retiring, July 31 – Master Sgt. Michael Pinson is scheduled to retire from active duty during a ceremony at 2 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the ML Becker Learning Center, Woodring Regional Airport. For more information, call 580-213-7561.

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 Hutchison. The training is open to all Vance personnel (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Civilians) and family members, age 18+, with base access. RSVP using the QR code on the attachment or at <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/1LJvmbvb9U?origin=lprLink>. For more information, call 580-213-5593.

Wing Command Chief’s photo – If Chief Master Sgt. Chasity Hert isn’t smiling in your unit’s photo of the Wing Command Chief, you need her new official photo. Stop by the Wing Public Affairs Office in Room 206, Building 500, and they will fix you up.

Donations for dorm dwellers – New dorm dwellers are always in need of things like kitchen utensils, small appliances, dishware, bathroom essentials and small room decor items. The dorm managers are seeking donations for the enlisted and officer dorms. Your contributions will directly help new inbound dorm members get a head start as they transition into dorm life. Donations do not need to be new. Gently used items are perfectly fine and greatly appreciated. Large furniture or other big, bulky items won’t work due to space limitations. Drop off point for donations is Building 714. For more information, contact Natalie Pye, 580-213-7949.

White House comm agency is recruiting – Thinking about a unique, high-visibility special duty? The White House Communications Agency is hosting a virtual briefing Tuesday, Aug 11. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Amber Marcum, 580-213-7222.

Free lap swimming at Champlin pool – The City of Enid's Champlin Pool is offering free lap swimming for military Tuesday through Thursday, from 6 to 7 p.m., from Aug. 4 through Sept. 24. Champlin Pool is at 400 West Cherokee in Enid. For more information, call 580-616-7313.

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://jayhawksunsetdinner.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.

New hours at Clinic -- The Vance Medical Group has new ancillary service hours effective Monday, Aug. 3.

Radiology, Laboratory & Immunizations: Open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pharmacy: Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dental: Open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For questions or concerns, call the appointment line at 580-213-7416.

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 -- For procrastinators whose tax bill exceeded \$1,000 last year, you have two more opportunities to avoid federal penalties for having too few federal taxes withheld in 2025. Consider making estimated payments using Form 1040-ES. Send the form and your payments to the "Internal Revenue Service, PO Box 931100, Louisville, KY 40293-1100." The due dates for third & fourth quarter payments are respectively Sept. 15, 2026, and Jan. 15, 2027. If your income levels changed significantly in 2026, and you would like assistance reviewing what estimated payments to make, call for an appointment. Bring your 2025 tax return and a copy of your changed circumstances with you to your appointment. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today's chuckle – Shout out to those who don't know what the opposite of in is...