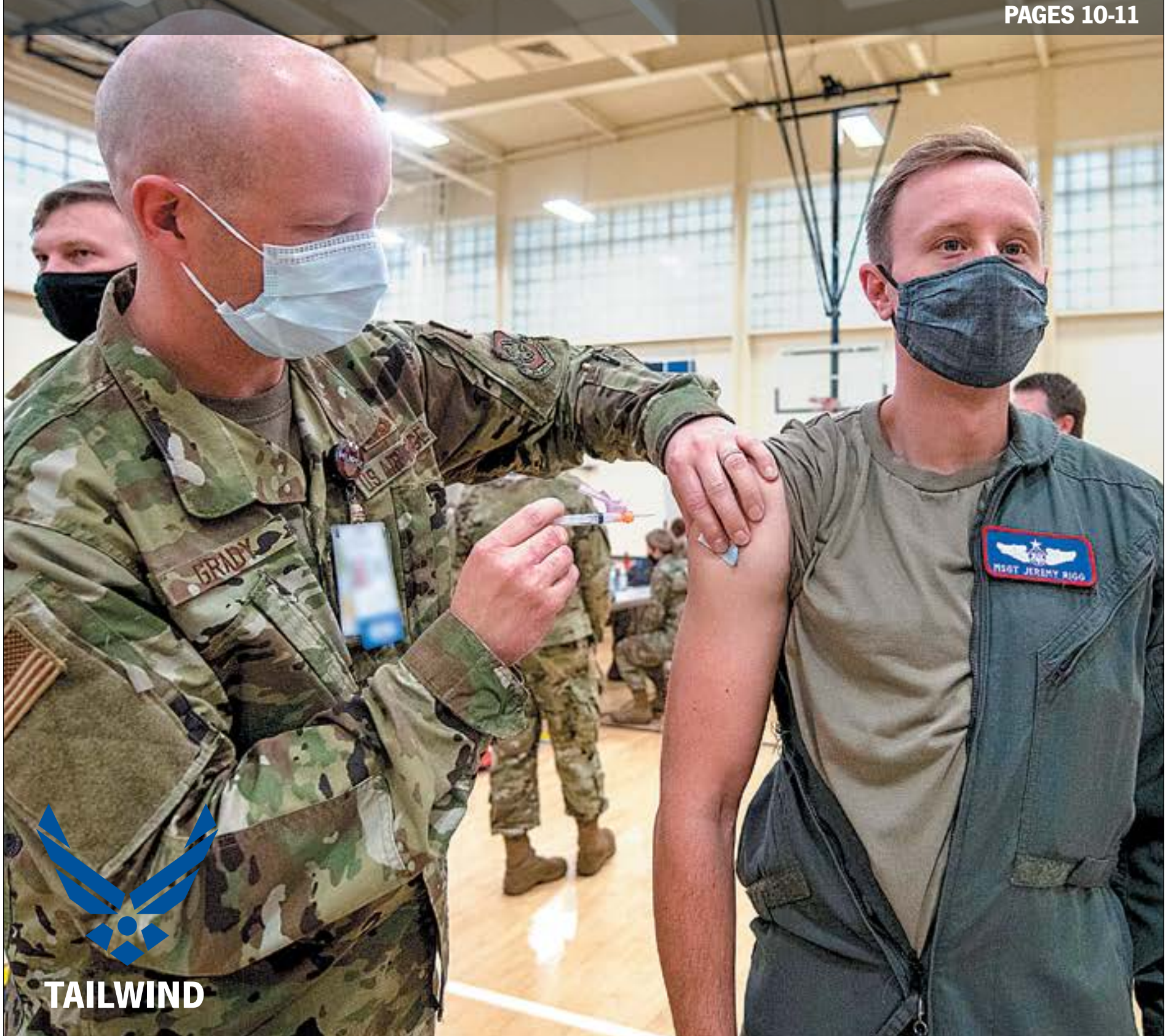


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Association honors former 349th AMW leader

Daily Republic Staff Report

FAIRFIELD, Calif. — Susan Labrecque, director of resource development and transition services for the Solano County Office of Education, has been named the Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators.

The award is given to individuals for “significant contributions to education through outstanding performance and achievements,” according to a statement from the Office of Education.

“We are thrilled to see Susan recognized as an ACSA administrator of the year. She is an inspiring woman who is a true advocate for students, and

a tremendous partner for staff, SCOE and the U.S. Air Force,” Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson said in the statement.

Labrecque is a former 349th Air Mobility Wing leader and now serves as the deputy director of Mortuary and Casualty Affairs at the Pentagon. She commanded the 349th Force Support Squadron from November 2013 to September 2017.

Labrecque joined the Office of Education in 1995 as a vocational specialist to support the employment needs of students with different abilities. Labrecque in her current job oversees Workforce Development and Career Technical

Education programs.

The Fairfield High graduate is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserves. She also served six years of active duty, including a deployment in Afghanistan in 2010.

Labrecque was also recognized by the Association of California School Administrators for “consistently being committed to equity in student outcomes and educational opportunities.”

“She has been a strong advocate for students’ rights to quality instruction and has been innovative in removing barriers for students,” the statement said. “Susan has a deep commitment to inclusive decision making with students’ best interests in mind.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Robert Wade

Then-Capt. Susan Labrecque, center, promotes to the rank of major during a pin-on ceremony in March 2012 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Labrecque, a former 349th Air Mobility Wing leader, was recently named the Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators.

Exchange helps make memories with Valentine’s Day gifts

Nguyen Ai Vy Tran

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE
SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Travis Air Force Base Airmen and family members can make their sweethearts smile this Valentine’s Day by picking up a heartfelt gift from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service.

At the Travis AFB main Exchange and Express locations, shoppers can choose from a variety of chocolate and candy sets. The main Exchange also offers adorable gifts, festive

decorations and other Valentine’s Day essentials.

Starting Feb. 10, shoppers can pick up fresh flowers – ranging from \$5.99 to \$29.99 – at the Travis AFB Main Exchange and Express.

At ShopMyExchange.com, shoppers can find an extensive Valentine’s Day gift guide, which features jewelry, fragrances and gift sets, candy, fresh flowers delivered to your sweetheart’s doorstep, entrees and sides for a romantic dinner for two, and other gift ideas.

Shoppers looking to dazzle

their loved ones with diamonds are also in luck – from Feb. 12-14, diamonds will be 10% off, with an additional 10% taken off when a Military Star card is used.

Through April 29, Military Star cardholders will also receive 0% interest and no payments for 12 months for any jewelry or watch purchase of \$799 or more. The offer is valid at any Army & Air Force Exchange Service facility and shopmyexchange.com. It must be a jewelry and/or watch purchase of \$799 or more in a

single transaction. This excludes smart and/or fitness watches, prior purchases, layaways, concessionaires, Exchange Online MarketPlace, NEX, CGX and MCX. The offer ends at 9:59 PT on the final day of the promotion.

“A thoughtful Valentine’s Day gift is the perfect way to show your sweetheart that no matter how tough things have been over the past year, you are still by their side,” said Phonda Bishop, Travis AFB Exchange general manager.

The Exchange delivers safe,

sanitized, secure shopping during the COVID-19 pandemic, offering buy online, pick up in store and curbside pickup options for minimal-contact or contactless shopping.

Delivery of flowers and food from ShopMyExchange.com is available in the continental United States only. Flower delivery orders should be placed before Feb. 10 to ensure delivery by Feb. 14.

Military shoppers, including honorably discharged veterans and veterans with a

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Black officers commanded regiment during WWI

Kevin Braafladt

FIRST ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND HISTORIAN

ROCK ISLAND ARENAL, Illinois — The 370th Infantry Regiment, 93rd Infantry Division during World War I stands out as one of the fascinating accounts and lessons that can be found in history.

Its history and contributions are often lost in the confusion of the war; however, some physical traces of its legacy remain.

The 370th is one of few African American regiments that served in combat in World War I and notably was the only regiment commanded entirely by black officers. Yet few people know about this unit of young Black men, which served alongside First Army during World War I.

The unit’s lineage is tied primarily to the 8th Illinois Regiment, originally formed in 1898 by Gov. John R. Tanner of Illinois. Gov. Tanner authorized the formation of a regiment of Black Soldiers recruited from communities in Chicago and Springfield. The regiment was making history as it was the only unit to be led by Black officers to fight in the Spanish American War.

The 8th Illinois regiment was mobilized in October 1917 and re-designated as the 370th Infantry Regiment and shipped south by train to Camp Logan on the outskirts of Houston, Texas, as this was the usual training camp for Illinois Guard units. The regiment was



U.S. Army photo

Officers of the 370th (Old 8th Illinois) stand on the deck of the La France IV before landing in New York City. From left are 2nd Lt. Lawson Price, 2nd Lt. L. W. Stearls, 2nd Lt. Ed. White, 2nd Lt. Eli F. E. Williams, 1st Lt. Oasola Browning, Capt. Louis B. Johnson, 1st Lt. Frank Bates, and 1st Lt. Binga Desmond.

nearly 3,000 strong at the time of mobilization.

After completion of training in March 1918, the regiment shipped out to Newport News, Virginia, where the 370th first met the other 93rd Division regiments (369, 371st and 372nd Infantry Regiments). The rest of the Soldiers were comprised of National Guard units from the states of New York, Illinois, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, the District of Columbia and from

Black men drafted in South Carolina.

Upon arrival in France, the 93rd Division and its regiments were assigned to the French army. At the time, it was said to be a temporary arrangement with the plan that they would be regrouped as an American division. This was never done, as the regiments remained with French army until the close of hostilities.

The men of the 370th fought with distinction in France and

Belgium during the war. The Soldiers fought hard, so hard that the Germans who fought them gave them the nickname “Schwarze Teufel,” translating to “Black Devils,” for their ferocity in combat. The 370th Infantry served with distinction along with the French 34th, 36th and 59th Infantry Divisions, earning streamers for the battles of Lorraine and Oise-Aisne.

Sectors occupied and engagements participated in were

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U.S. Air Force Capt. Michael Grady, 60th Medical Group Hematology and Oncology nurse manager, administers the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Jan. 28 to Master Sgt. Jeremy Rigg, 79th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, at Travis Air Force Base, California.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name:

Airman 1st Class Alana Willms.

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60th Surgical Operations Squadron.

Duty title:

Surgical services.

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What is your greatest achievement?

Maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average while working full time.

What are your goals?

To become a surgeon.

What are your hobbies?

Hiking, reading, paddle boarding.

Courtesy photo



Medical technicians from the 375th Medical Group transport litters up a newly constructed Patient Loading System and onto a KC-135 Stratotanker Jan. 26 at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. The PLS is a portable and constructable ramp used to safely on and offload patients to high-deck aircraft, such as the KC-10 Extender, KC-46 Pegasus and KC-135 Stratotanker.

Innovation faces demonstration

Master Sgt. R.J. Biermann
AIR MOBILITY COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command hosted the final operational demonstration for the Patient Loading System at Scott Air Force Base, Jan. 25-28.

The PLS is a portable and constructable ramp used to safely on and offload patients to high-deck aircraft, such as the KC-10 Extender, KC-46 Pegasus and KC-135 Stratotanker.

“This upgraded system represents a new frontier in our ability to support the global aeromedical evacuation mission,” said Brig. Gen. Norman West, AMC command surgeon.

Eight medical technicians from the 375th Medical Group were first trained on how to construct the system, then assembled it to demonstrate the capability to AMC leaders.

“Our AE system is designed to make us self-sufficient, so we don’t have to rely on non-medical staff to load our patients or equipment,” said Lt. Col. Todd Roman, medical modernization division chief at the AMC Office of the Surgeon General. “We have to teach our staff to put this together, which is what we’re doing this week. We’re also testing to see how long it takes to put it together.”

According to Roman, the goal is for an eight-person medical team to construct

the system within eight hours. Despite having never seen it before, the team met all assembly requirements. They also provided invaluable feedback to improve instructions and ease of assembly as the system moves to final production.

“The ability to configure the device to meet the requirements of all three high-deck aircraft allows us to be adaptable to the aircraft available, even in the most resource-limited environment,” West said.

The current PLS design has multiple drawbacks, including weight limitations and steeper ramp incline. Additionally, since it was designed for Civil Air Reserve Fleet aircraft, its military utility is limited to

the KC-135.

During AE missions that use low-deck aircraft, such as the C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 Hercules, patients can simply be carried on and off the aircraft. But high-deck aircraft present a unique challenge.

“For our high-deck aircraft, we need a mechanism to get our patients from the ground to deck level,” Roman said. “The PLS is designed to provide a safe, alternative method to loading patients when mechanical means are not available.”

“This is a significant accomplishment from a strategic standpoint, because in this peer/near-peer competition, we can now use

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Quantico closes out cold case

Wayne Amann
AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

QUANTICO, Va. — Two years ago, Patrick Pipkins, Air Force Office of Special Investigations special agent, did what his chief of the OSI Cold Case Team called, “some amazing work,” to locate an Air Force deserter who went missing in 1984.

At the time of her disappearance it was believed the Airman took off with a married man who had parentally kidnapped his 4-year-old son. Neither the Airman, the man, nor the son were heard from since 1984.

The Air Force, the Airman’s family and the son’s mother were left with unanswered questions about the trio’s fate.

Fast forward to 2019, when Pipkins, through some innovative data mining, determined all three missing persons had assumed new identities and settled in Little Rock, Arkansas. Unfortunately, all three died of natural causes within a two year span dating back to 2007-2009.

“We also learned prior to his death, the son fathered two children,” said John Fine, OSI Cold Case Team chief. “As part of our efforts to confirm the identity of the Air Force deserter, we partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to conduct DNA testing.”

One of those tests confirmed the son’s identity, so 35 years later, his mother finally had some answers. Despite the sad news, she also learned she had two new grandchildren.

“We learned from NCMEC that in the very near future the grandmother will meet two of her grandchildren for the first time,” Fine said.

According to NCMEC “The children were found in Little Rock, Arkansas, in a loving foster home.”

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Total Force Fitness aims for holistic approach

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What does it take to reach and sustain an optimal level of military fitness, health, and performance?

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Introduced to the Department of Defense in 2009, Total Force Fitness is a framework that helps warfighters, their family members, and military units reach and sustain optimal, holistic health and performance in a way that aligns with their mission, culture, and identity. By taking a holistic approach to improving warfighter performance, Total Force Fitness also serves as the Military Health System’s connection to first line of effort in the current National Defense Strategy – building a more lethal force.

“The DOD is increasingly recognizing that people represent our greatest asset, and the human weapon system is the priority investment to ensure readiness, said retired Army Col. (Dr.) Francis O’Connor, professor in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University and the medical director of the Consortium for Health and Military Performance. “Total Force Fitness is the framework that links the vision with practical implementation.”

Total Force Fitness suggests you reconsider what it means to be healthy



Air Force Senior Airman Erick Requadt climbs a dirt incline May 4, 2019, during the Moody Mud Run in Ray City, Georgia. About 850 airmen, military family members and others in the community participated in the event.

beyond just physical fitness by focusing on your whole self and those life domains that are key to holistic military wellness. Your total fitness includes eight domains: social, physical, environmental, medical and dental preventive care, ideological and spiritual, nutritional, psychological, and financial health.

In any given situation, you may draw on each Total Force Fitness domain to perform well. For example, if you’re getting ready to take your physical fitness

and physical readiness tests, the emphasis is on your muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. However, many other things – such as the quality of your sleep, what you’re eating, and reactions to any supplements you might be taking – can impact your performance. Your mental focus, environment, and support system of training partners play a role too.

“Total Force Fitness has become a priority across the DOD because leaders understand the importance of

looking at our people as the greatest asset,” said Dr. Patricia Deuster, professor at the Uniformed Services University and executive director of the Consortium for Health and Military Performance. “That means taking care of them in every domain of TFF – from nutritional and physical fitness to social and spiritual fitness – as they service and sacrifice for our country.”

Total Force Fitness gets away from a one-size-fits-all model for health and performance. It allows your identity, culture, and mission to shape your quest for total fitness. Everyone’s mission demands, occupational risks, culture, and mission-essential skills are different, so their approaches to sustaining health and performance need to be different.

“For service members to meet and excel in their performance, it’s important for them to pay attention to all eight life domains. Understanding the intersection of the Total Force Fitness domains is crucial to optimizing performance and readiness,” said O’Connor. “For example, it’s possible to assist in the management of depression by leveraging your social relationships, changing your diet, and getting more exercise. In addition, your mental health can boost your cardiovascular health and physical fitness – mental imagery can help.”

The Human Performance Resources by CHAMP, at the Uniformed Service University of Health Sciences in

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Camp enriches education for Kenyan students

Master Sgt. Marie Brown
435TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Members of Camp Simba Manda Bay have put Mead’s words into practice and changed the lives of about 120 students in the village of Magogoni in Lamu, Kenya.

After visiting the village in 2017, members of CSMB noticed that the community did not have a school. Young children were being taught on a rented space constructed from mud. Older children had to walk three miles, one way, to get to a government-provided school. “The route was dangerous,” said Paul Kinyanjui, Camp Simba Charity coordinator and volunteer. “There were wild animals and terror gangs.” After a call to action, service members and contractors at CSMB chipped in and completed the construction of the first four classrooms in September 2018. Then, due to an increase in the number of people in the village and the success of the first project, Camp Simba Charity



Courtesy photo

The new primary school in Magogoni Village, Lamu, Kenya awaits the welcome of more than 120 students through its doors Jan. 9. Beginning in October 2020, a group of more than 15 U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command personnel and 35 Kenyan volunteers started working to fund and restart the local school expansion.

decided to embark on a second project consisting of a much-needed improved and permanent structure and four more classrooms. Due to insufficient funds, the development was stopped. In October 2020, however, a group of more than 15 U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps Forces,

Special Operations Command personnel and 35 Kenyan volunteers started working to fund and restart the local school expansion for the village of Magogoni. “COVID-19 strangled and limited our relationship and regular contact with the community,” said Capt. Francisco Gonzalez-Vargas, 475th Expeditionary Air

Base Squadron chaplain. “It wasn’t until the end of October 2020 that we reestablished our laces with the community and the mayor.”

The group of volunteers began to spread the call for help. With the use of secured media and the military community, they were able to get around \$3K in donations.

“These donations helped us hire labor and procure construction material to finish up the elementary school,” Gonzalez-Vargas said.

“With the four additional classrooms, the school will have a capacity to accommodate approximately 120 students up to eighth grade,” Kinyanjui said. “The previous existing classrooms held approximately 35 students.”

After three years, two separate deployment rotations and donations from more than 30 individuals, class is now back in session for students from Magogoni, Kauthara, Bora Imani and Sina Mbio villages.

“In December 2020 we finally received the certificate of registration from the Kenya Department of Education for the now-official Magogoni Primary School,” Gonzalez-Vargas said. “As of Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, Magogoni

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Milton Hamilton

U.S. Army paratroopers assigned to the 1st Squadron (Airborne), 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, assigned to Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, prepare to board a C-130J Super Hercules aircraft Jan. 20 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The paratroopers conducted static-line jumps into Grafenwoehr Training Area while being supported by 37th Airlift Squadron pilots and loadmasters.

Services boost interoperability

Senior Airman Milton Hamilton
86TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The U.S. Army’s 173rd Airborne Brigade, joined forces with the 37th Airlift Squadron to conduct a rapid deployment exercise of personnel and equipment on Jan. 20.

“This joint exercise by the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 86th Airlift Wing demonstrates that the 173rd Airborne Brigade can rapidly deploy from anywhere to meet our Army Contingency Response Force mission in support of U.S. Army Europe and Africa,” said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Josh Brown, 1-91 CAV commander.

As part of the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, elements of the 173rd Airborne Brigade can rapidly deploy to conduct contingency operations in Europe, Africa and Asia. To do this well, both organizations coordinate regularly to conduct these deployment readiness exercises.

Since Aug. 2020, the 173rd Airborne Brigade has

expanded its responsibilities, aligning with the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force – Africa, and gained expanded alert requirements supporting U.S. Africa Command in addition to U.S. European Command.

“The 1-91 Cavalry is a rapidly deployable, Airborne Cavalry Squadron responsible for maintaining a cohesive, combat ready, Army Contingency Response Force,” Brown said.

Strengthening interoperability, the 173rd Airborne worked seamlessly with the 37th AS and 86th AW air and ground assets to further enhance their training and mission capabilities.

“As the primary C-130J Super Hercules aircraft lift asset in Germany and Italy, the 37th AS and the 173rd Airborne maintain a strong working relationship in support of fixed wing air support,” Brown said. “Our professional and personal relationships bolster the combat readiness of the 173rd, allowing us to provide a critical capability as Europe and Africa’s emergency responders.”

The 173rd Airborne Brigade

and their joint partners in the 37th AS routinely conduct deployment readiness exercises from both Germany and Italy into numerous drop zones in Europe. Exercises like this set the foundation for expanding the joint capability to deploy both Airborne and Stryker capabilities anywhere in support of EUCOM, AFRICOM and U.S. Central Command priorities.

“We provide a ready-now option that is tailorable and scalable to commanders at echelon in the EUCOM, CENTCOM and AFRICOM through execution of rapid, no-notice deployment in support of non-standard mission sets,” Brown said.

During the training exercise, approximately 130 paratroopers, additional personnel, numerous vehicles, containers and supply pallets deployed from Grafenwoehr to Ramstein Air Base within hours of notification.

“During airborne operations, we hone our paratroopers’ proficiencies and competencies to ensure our

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CMSAF joins virtual training

Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith
I.G. BROWN TRAINING
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MCGHEE TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Tenn. — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass joined a teleconference with more than 300 Airmen enrolled virtually in the Non-commissioned Officer Academy and Airman Leadership School with instructors at the Lankford Enlisted Professional Military Education Center in East Tennessee.

“She understands the challenges of this COVID-(19) environment on the EPME enterprise,” said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Durrance, Lankford Center commandant. “As a former EPME instructor, Chief Bass has that experience speaking with fellow Airmen, and she approaches these opportunities with the same amount of zeal as she did in the classroom.”

Bass offered her enlisted viewpoint Feb. 1, during the total force students’ closing weeks of virtual in-resident

remote EPME – which shifted to online classes last June and graduated thousands from their homes during the pandemic.

She spoke on the Air Force’s challenges in readiness in the coming decade and how the all-volunteer force will train and develop through total force talent-management to ensure strong 2030 Airmen. She also expressed her appreciation to Airmen and their families for their sacrifices and service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“You continue to support, and you continue to raise your hand and be part of the 1% that serve our nation,” Bass said. “And that is not lost on us.”

The chief answered nearly two dozen questions generated by each of the EPME classes’ flights. She discussed issues on Airmen development, diversity, and resiliency. She also provided her position on responsible social media,

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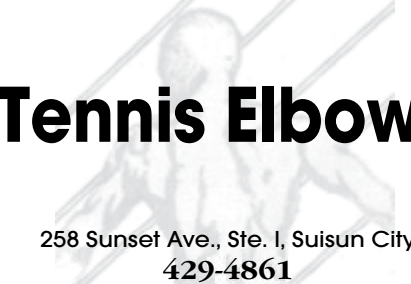


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Commentary

was struck by a German submarine torpedo. There were 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard the ship that sank only 150 miles from its destination. Hundreds lost their lives, but the story of the selfless acts and bravery of four chaplains who went down with Dorchester was carried in the memories of those who survived.

U.S. Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister gave their lives as their final act reinforcing today's vision of the Air Force Chaplains Corps: "To care for Airmen more than anyone thinks possible."

Amidst the terror and confusion, the four chaplains began to guide and direct everyone on board. It was dark,



Shown are the official photos of the U.S. Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister. All four perished with the sinking of the SS Dorchester (SC-290583) after being struck by a German torpedo, Feb. 3, 1943. In 1988, Congress honored them by establishing Feb. 3 as Four Chaplains Day.

cold and the ship was sinking quickly. Naturally, people began to panic and feared for their lives. These chaplains brought a sense of calm and peace in a time of incredible uncertainty. One account says that petty officer John Mahoney headed back towards his cabin when Rabbi Goode noticed he was

going the wrong way and asked where he was going. "To get my gloves," Mahoney responded. Rabbi Goode told him to take his gloves, but Mahoney resisted. He contended that he couldn't take the chaplain's own gloves. "Never mind, I have two pairs," Rabbi

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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Department of the Air Force, in support of both the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, stood up the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Jan. 11.

In June 2020, former Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett stood up a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, which has evolved into this new office. The organization will work directly for the secretary of the Air Force and continue to address the strategic impact of diversity, inclusion and equity on Airmen, Guardians and their families.

Tawanda Rooney, a career member of the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service, is the acting senior advisor on Diversity and Inclusion. Prior to this position, Rooney served as deputy director,

Concepts Development and Management Office, Secretary of the Air Force.

"The Department of the Air Force is committed to enabling all Airmen and Guardians to thrive in a diverse and highly inclusive environment," Rooney said. "Our office will lead this charge and continue all the good work the Task Force initiated. Diversity and inclusion are warfighting imperatives and we need to capitalize on all available talent by enabling a culture of inclusion where every member is respected and valued for his or her identity, culture and background.

The ODI was established based on the recommendations of both the Office of Secretary of Defense and Air Force Inspector General independent review of racial disparity, ordered by the secretary of

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U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dwane R. Young

U.S. Navy EA-18G Growler aircraft assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron 132 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, sit Jan. 26 next to F-22 Raptors assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, during Red Flag 21-1 at Nellis AFB, Nevada. Red Flag is the U.S. Air Force's premier air-to-air combat training exercise, which provides aircrews the experiences of multiple, intensive air combat sorties in the safety of a training environment.

Joint training powers warfighters

Airman 1st Class Dwane Young 57TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

of joint partners and allies at Red Flag 21-1.

Teams are given three weeks of working and training together with friends who operate slightly different, so they must communicate well, learn about each other and get on the same page to win.

The 414th Combat Training Squadron Red Flag exercises provide the Air Force, partners and international allies the opportunity to experience realistic combat scenarios to prepare for future warfare. It ensures combat forces are ready to win future conflicts by building partnerships and interoperability across multiple domains.

This environment matches allies together with a common goal, pits them against expert opposition and allows them to work

together, building a stronger, more lethal and adaptable force.

"This is as close to actual war you can get in a training environment," said Lt. j.g. Douglas Reneau, VAQ 132 warfare and public affairs officer. "We're in the air with 50 to 100 aircraft, executing a mission; in briefings together; and our crews launch jets all at the same time. Working at a high-operations tempo, exposes the difference between what was planned and what is executed, showing us what works and what doesn't."

Each partner brings unique capabilities to the fight and VAQ 132 doesn't disappoint with their EA-18G Growler and electronic warfare expertise. Among other things, they provide radar capabilities and tactical jamming so allied

aircraft are not readily seen during missions.

"We support the fighters by employing tactical jammers and air-to-ground missiles to support the destruction of surface-to-air missile sites with violent prejudice," Reneau said.

Joint training allows mission commanders to interact with their supporting units and plan together. Commanders armed with a full understanding of the capabilities of their partners can plan missions to be safer and more effective.

"What's awesome about Red Flag is showing our partners what the Growlers and our squadron can do," Reneau said. "When growlers integrate with the exercise, mission commanders usually change the way

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VCSAF sees change step up

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. – Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, welcomed Gen. David Allvin during his first visit to the field as the Air Force's vice chief of staff, Jan. 29.

The visit provided Allvin the opportunity to meet with – and personally recognize – the 341st Missile Wing's Total Force Airmen who support, safeguard and execute the nation's long-range precision nuclear strike capability.

"Malmstrom is home to world-class Airmen whose competence and professionalism sustain our most critical undertaking as a service – nuclear deterrence," Allvin said. "Their laser-focused commitment to upholding the exacting standards our nation expects of our nuclear force is truly awe inspiring. They execute a no-fail mission and it's clear that Malmstrom's Airmen get that. Watching them in action has been an energizing experience."

During his visit, Allvin spoke with Airmen from across the 341st Missile Wing including members of the wing's cross-functional innovation panel, Wing Operations Center, Wing Staff Agency, 40th Helicopter Squadron, Security Forces and remote Launch Facility and Control Center.

"Wing One was honored to welcome Gen. Allvin, who specifically chose to visit Malmstrom as his first (official visit) as the vice chief of staff of the Air Force," said Col. Anita Feuge Opperman, 341st Missile Wing commander. "He took this opportunity to recognize and thank our Airmen, who ensured

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Defense personnel receive second dose of COVID-19 vaccine

U.S. Air Force photos by Nicholas Pilch



1) U.S. Air Force Airmen 1st Class Patricia Blockmoore, 60th Medical Group Surgical Unit medical technician, waves over a service member to receive the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Jan. 28 at the fitness center at Travis Air Force Base, California. The vaccine requires two doses per person, separated by about four weeks between doses. It is designed to protect personnel against the coronavirus, and medical personnel are encouraging all personnel to take the vaccine as it becomes available. 2) Syringes of the vaccine are prepared Jan. 28 at the fitness center at Travis AFB. 3) DoD personnel receive the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Jan. 28 at the fitness center at Travis AFB. 4) U.S. Air Force Airmen 1st Class Julissa Lujano, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutic Squadron diet technician, checks in DoD personnel to receive the second dose Jan. 28 at the fitness center at Travis AFB.



5) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tyra Fondren, 60th Healthcare Operations Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of the family medicine residency clinic, returns an ID card to a U.S. service member Jan. 28, 2021, prior to administering the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the fitness center at Travis Air Force Base, California. The vaccine requires two doses per person, separated by about four weeks between doses. It is designed to protect personnel against the coronavirus, and medical personnel are encouraging all personnel to take the vaccine as it becomes available.

U.S. Air Force photo/Nicholas Pilch

Chaplains

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Goode replied. It's said that Mahoney later realized the chaplain never planned to leave the vessel.

Each chaplain eventually made it to the top of the ship and helped distribute life jackets and get survivors into lifeboats. As you can imagine, things were stressful. People began to wonder if they would receive a life jacket or if there would be enough room in the life boats. Again, these chaplains helped calm those fears. When life jackets ran out, one account says that the chaplains immediately offered their four life jackets to four service members who hadn't received them. One survivor said, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

Their bravery and selflessness didn't end there. Eyewitnesses say that as the ship finally began to sink below the water, the four chaplains stood against the deck with their arms linked together. They prayed together. They sang together. They died together.

Only 230 men survived the attack but the number would have been even less had these chaplains not been aboard. They demonstrated selfless acts of kindness and love to people who were hurting. These chaplains didn't prioritize people for their worldview. They helped everyone that they could, and in the chaos, they helped give those who survived the will to live as they awaited rescue drifting in life boats through chilling water.

The chaplains were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. The four chaplains' extraordinary acts were so impactful, Congress authorized the Four Chaplains' Medal, a unique medal awarded by the president, Jan. 18, 1961. It was only awarded once and intended to carry the same weight as the Medal of Honor, which is awarded for acts performed under fire. In 1988, Congress honored their selfless

sacrifice by establishing Feb. 3 as Four Chaplains Day.

Why share this? Why retell this story? If we're honest with ourselves, life may have felt like a sinking ship over the past year. We've all had numerous plans torpedoed by a pandemic. You have undoubtedly been concerned about how to navigate the waters ahead. Maybe you've had relationships that suffered. Perhaps you've dealt with isolation, loneliness, or self-worth challenges. You may have even asked if it was worth continuing the fight. In the midst of this chaos, we want you to know that your chaplains are still here to help.

Now, 78 years later, the spirit of the four chaplains is the heartbeat of your religious support team. It's said that before Chaplain Poling left to board Dorchester, he asked his father to pray for him. He said, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty ... never be a coward ... and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

Our duty is to help you in any way that we can. Believe it or not, by sitting down to talk, we may be able to give you a figurative life jacket that keeps your head above water.

Just like these four chaplains prioritized getting life jackets on people regardless of faith, chaplains still prioritize help over anything else. If you need help, please reach out. We want you right and we want you safe. We want to care for you even more than you thought possible.

No matter what you may be dealing with today, understand that it's okay to not be okay. You don't have to have it all together. If we're honest with ourselves, none of us have it all together. If you need help then reach out. Your chaplains and religious affairs Airmen are here to support you.

Don't wait until you feel like your ship is sinking. If you or someone you know could benefit from the support of a chaplain, reach out to your chaplain office today.

Training

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the mission is planned. We give them more options."

As a Defense Defense asset, VAQ 132's Growlers often integrate with the Air Force, Marines and Army during deployments. Red Flags' hone the communication skills of their leadership, while the rapid pace of its battle rhythms provides critical training for

VCSAF

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our mission continued uninterrupted despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, and further, to broaden his understanding of the nuclear enterprise."

Throughout his visit, Allvin was able to assess and reemphasize how Airmen at Malmstrom AFB are supporting the Chief of Staff's Action Orders to Accelerate Change across the Air Force.

"It's evident that Airmen at all ranks here at Malmstrom are stepping up to their charge, embracing empowered problem-solving, delivering unique solutions and making smart recommendations and decisions," Allvin said. "(Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr.) has made it clear that our competition won't wait, and Malmstrom's Airmen are clearly leaning forward. That's exactly what we need."

The visit also allowed Allvin to preview Malmstrom AFB's significant role in the department's modernization efforts, including the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent intercontinental

maintainers and air crew head-down range.

"We like our squadrons to participate in two to three Red Flags before they deploy," said Chief Petty Officer Danny Sprueill, VAQ 132 maintenance controller. "This environment is so dynamic, and it constantly gives our guys something to think about. It can't be replicated."

Red Flag and large joint-force exercises, because of their scale, foster better integration between forces as they

get a real-world opportunity to see how they affect the fight. It helps many participants see where they fit into the large puzzle of a battle.

Following the "train as we fight" motto, it provides a proving ground for the U.S. and its allies to learn hard lessons.

Individual units' train at their home bases or squadrons, sharpening their skills, and Red Flag is the place they are proven before they go down-range.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Daniel Brosam

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin presents a coin for exceptional performance to Tech Sgt. Mayra Corona, 341st Medical Group Military Health System Genesis project coordinator, Jan. 29 during a trip to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana.

ballistic missile program and future MH-139 Grey Wolf basing.

Malmstrom AFB is slated as the second installation to begin GBSD military construction activities in the mid-2020s to replace the nation's aging Minuteman III missiles, which first became operational in 1970. The GBSD program advances the nation's ability to maintain a robust, flexible, tailorable and responsive strategic nuclear

deterrent to meet current and evolving global threats.

"Our nuclear force represents our nation's insurance policy; no capability has done more to preserve the peace between great nations," Allvin said. "This has never been more important. Maintaining the credibility of our nuclear force is key to preserving deterrence as we enter an era of increased Great Power Competition."

Office

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the Air Force and the Air and Space Forces service chiefs, released Dec. 21, 2020.

The inspector general's review focused specifically on assessing racial disparity in military discipline processes, personnel development, and career opportunities as they pertain to Black/African American Airmen and Guardians. The new office is charged with

identifying and changing policies and procedures, removing barriers and other practices that may have an unfair effect upon underrepresented Airmen and Guardians.

The office is a cross-functional team of military and civilian Air and Space professionals that represents communities across both services and applies subject matter expertise to the changes being considered. Members represent different ranks and perspectives, both minority and

majority groups, whose sole focus is to make changes that create an equitable environment for all Department of the Air Force personnel.

The task force and Office of Diversity and Inclusion has made strides in the past months, including efforts such as an emblems and mottos review and tracking administrative discipline data.

For more information on diversity and inclusion efforts across the DAF, please visit www.af.mil/diversity.

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Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass answers questions during a teleconference Feb. 1 with nearly 300 Airmen enrolled virtually in Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Airman Leadership School.

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CMSAF

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and she encouraged Airmen to weigh the potential benefits and harm social media actions have to themselves and others.

She also shared some of her career challenges, including experiences and hopes as a junior Airman. “I remember sitting in ALS and NCO Academy,” she said.

All Airmen have the opportunity to become a CMSAF,

Bass said. According to the chief, leaders’ investments through mentorship and coaching are essential factors that shape Airmen’s talents to reach such potential.

“Thank you so much for spending the last hour with me,” Bass said. “Honestly, I could have spent another hour with you ... to put you all on a panel and ask you a bunch of questions, because I like to be in the receive mode on what are some of the things that you think we need focused on.”



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Kenyan

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has a fully operational primary school.”

Projects like this don’t come with any monetary value for the volunteers who work on them; they come with a much bigger reward.

“It is life changing being a part of, and seeing firsthand, the impact and happiness small gestures and charity can produce into the world,” Gonzalez-Vargas said.

“Being able to make an impact in the community, interacting with the locals, putting a smile on the children’s faces and giving marginalized communities a fighting chance in life through improved educational standards is the best reward I could have hoped for,” Kinjanjui said.

With the school 90% finished, there are other upcoming projects planned to make the school and the community better.

“We are planning several other projects including fencing the school compound,” Kinyanjui said. “Future projects also include drilling a borehole, donating solar kits and installing a health center.”

“We are in the process of delivering solar-powered charging and lighting stations to around 40 households,” Gonzalez-Vargas said. “This will allow the kids to study at night and families to stay connected.”

Strengthening and leveraging partnerships is key for Airmen of the 435th Air Expeditionary Wing. Members of CSMB not only built a school for the local community but also built a lasting relationship while deterring potential

“We have a lot more that we can do, but we cannot do it without help.”

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How to beat Str8ts – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

No. 528 Medium

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Easy

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5	9	6	3	1	4	2	7	8
7	1	4	2	8	9	3	5	6
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1	3	5	6	2	8	9	4	7

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Cold case

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The team involved with the care of the grandchildren; the case workers, supervisors, doctors and therapists, met to discuss reuniting the children with their biological grandmother and their consensus was yes.

The grandmother was informed and a therapist is going to talk with the children to set a date, now that they’ve

responded positively to the idea.

“A case never goes cold for the victim’s family,” Fine said in putting the case into perspective. “For the victim’s family members, solving a cold case can bring very much-needed resolution to what happened to their loved ones.”

The innovative data mining approach used by Pipkins, demonstrated how employing OSI’s Line of Effort to Drive Innovation not only closed a 35-year-old cold case,

but it brought welcome closure to families searching for answers.

“This case is a prime example of what the OSI Cold Case Team does for the Air Force, its members and their families,” Pipkins said. “It shows who we are and why we exist to find the truth. It doesn’t matter how long it takes, we will never give up. Providing closure and the opportunity to reunite family members after more than 35 years, is the ultimate reward.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. R.J. Biermann

Medical technicians from the 375th Medical Group transport litters up a newly constructed Patient Loading System Jan. 26 at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. The PLS is a portable and constructable ramp used to safely on and offload patients to high-deck aircraft, such as the KC-10 Extender and KC-46 Pegasus.

Innovation

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nearly any cargo aircraft for AE missions,” Roman said.

The system also allows AMC to better project the joint force, one of its four command priorities focused

on rapidly delivering combat power, humanitarian aid and disaster response, anywhere in the world and at a moment’s notice.

“The U.S. Air Force AE system is world-class and has been adapting to ‘aircraft of opportunity’ even before the retirement of the

C-9A Nightingale, which was AMC’s last dedicated AE airframe,” Roman said. “This system further improves our AE capability by giving combatant commanders greater flexibility in our ability to evacuate patients using any available aircraft, regardless of available base support.”

Approach

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1) U.S. Air Force Col. Corey Simmons, center, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Schultz, 60th AMW command chief, left, attach bindings to two snowboards under the supervision of Tyler Peretti, 60th Force Support Squadron outdoor recreation facility operations manager, at the Outdoor Recreation facility Jan. 29 at Travis Air Force Base, California, during Leadership Rounds. The Leadership Rounds program provides 60th AMW leadership an opportunity to interact with Airmen and receive a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis AFB. 2) Simmons makes a bed under the supervision of two staff members of the Westwind Inn Jan. 29 at Travis AFB during Leadership Rounds. 3) Schultz attaches bindings to a snowboard at the outdoor recreation facility Jan. 29 at Travis AFB during Leadership Rounds.



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Travis leaders dig into 60th FSS work

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