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Tips for telework success

By Jessica Brown
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Public Affairs

A U.S. Air Force member teleworks from home to practice social distancing. Staying home if sick, and self-quarantining if exposed to those with COVID-19 symptoms (coughing, fever, shortness of breath), teleworking when possible has been highly encouraged in both the civilian and military sectors. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kiandra Willie)

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency encourages Arnold AFB personnel to sign up for Hyper-Reach.

Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. — The Air Force has elevated its Health Protection Condition in response to the fast spread of Coronavirus 2019; in response, Airmen, civilians, and families are encouraged to practice prevention measures.

In addition to following strict personal and environmental hygiene, social distancing, staying home if sick, and self-quarantining if exposed to those with COVID-19 symptoms (coughing, fever, shortness of breath), teleworking when possible has been highly encouraged in both the civilian and military sectors.

If you find yourself teleworking in the following weeks as a result, you may discover it is harder than you first imagined (especially if you have little kids!).

Here, scrolling social apps or your pajamas with a bowl of cereal on your stomach may sound like the way to go, but you're not careful you can find valuable time lost, poor quality products purchased, your health compromised, in addition to keeping in mind if you are also taking care of your kids.

1. Set a morning alarm, shower and get dressed — keeping a daily routine similar to your typical workday will help you stay on track and make it easier to return to business as once you physically return to work.

2. Communicate, communicate, communicate. The old saying, “out of sight, out of mind” may be true if your coworkers, supervisor, or leaders are dealing with issues or a crisis such as COVID-19. During a crisis, certain things will move to the priority for commanders. This doesn’t mean what you do isn’t important, so continue to provide reports and recommendations. Your insight could help save taxpayer dollars, solve a shortage problem, or even save a life.

3. Keep the lines of communication open and divert your phone. Teleworking can be lonely, but it doesn’t have to be. Pick up the phone, initiate a video conference to check in on another and share updates on your projects.

4. Do the work— even with meetings postponed, information is still critical to advise your leaders. If you know that your unit’s daily meeting is cancelled, you can still send the information you would normally provide. Not only does this show initiative, it keeps the communications channels up to date and provides critical information to your organization.

5. Take breaks— just as you do at your work place, take breaks while teleworking. Sit outside for some fresh Spokane-air (while maintaining 6 feet of personal space!) and stretch your legs.

6. Prepare for success today and tomorrow— as you’re wrapping up your day, set aside 5-10 minutes to outline work for yourself to accomplish the next day. Make sure you have planned enough work to keep yourself busy. Will you need clients’ information? That case to review? This will save you from constantly asking what’s going on in the office to email you files. Your opportunity to telework should not be more work for them.

7. Communicate your plan to your supervisor— with an estimated timeline and task support if need additional information or resources.

8. Make sure your laptop is charged, programs are up to date and your equipment is out of reach from tiny hands.

9. Prepare healthy snacks for tomorrow so when the hunger pangs strik, you have healthy brain food ready to eat.

Additionally, below are tips for maintaining a balance between parenting and completing your teleworking tasks.

1. Establish a routine — if your children attend childcare or school, chances are they are used to some kind of routine. Try to establish one quickly; by having a similar routine, it will help them transition back to school/ daycare.

2. Distractions — as everyone knows, with children there will be distractions from work. Little Johnny will likely pull down the sack of flour or Sally will need help going to the bathroom. Don’t worry. Rapid Mobility will not cease because you had to take a break to clean up a mess.

3. Avoid multitasking— most parents know that multitasking is a critical skill to have while raising children. Many mothers have nursed while typing emails. Many fathers have juggled a baby and groceries. Is it necessary to complete all tasks at the same time? If you have to step away from a conference call to care for little Johnny, apply the mute button and take care of your child.

4. Delegate — if little Johnny and Sally are old enough, delegate certain things to them. Explain that since you’re staying home to prevent others from getting sick, you’re going to need their big kid support. Have them take their dishes to the sink, wipe up their mess, get dressed and even put up their toys.

5. Take breaks — schedule virtual “play dates” during your lunch, take snack breaks with the kids and give your toddler a break.

6. Keep calm, breathe, recognize your stress — there’s nothing like participating in a teleconference, typing emails and finding a screaming toddler all at the same time. When multitasking has to happen, a certain level of stress can affect you. It’s important to remain calm, take a deep breath, recognize that you are stressed and then manage the situation by handling each piece individually. Put out the biggest “fire” first. This might very well be the screaming toddler.

One installations has assumed a mission sustainment posture that best balances the Air Force’s number one priority — the safety of you and your families — with necessary mission requirements. Hopefully these tips will help you telework with success.
Suicide Awareness: What you can do to help

By AEDC Safety

This past December there was a class at Arnold Air Force Base titled "Mental Health First Aid.” Several AEDC team members attended the class to learn what to look for and how to help someone who exhibits clues that they might hurt themselves. This is some of what we learned.

According to William Sherman, 34th Flying Training Wing community support coordinator, the program provides a variety of needs from one-on-one coun-

eling sessions with a licensed, creden-
tialled master’s degree professional who can address significant challenges such as coping with stress from COVID-19 and prevention and treatment. Sherman said. EAP is accessible 24/7 to all Air Force civilian personnel (AFP), and AF contractors at no cost to employees.

As an active-duty personnel, you have all kinds of helping agencies,” said Sher-

man, who is the main point of contact at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, where people have questions about the program and the services provided.

Sensing a potential suicidal crisis, ask the individual if they are considering killing themselves. "Do you have a plan to kill yourself? Do you have access to a weapon? How would you kill yourself?" If the answer is yes, keep listening and sup-

porting.

"If the answer is no, keep listening and support them. They may not be ready to talk about killing themselves yet," Sherman said. "As active-duty personnel, you have a duty to care for each other. So as we go about our daily business, always be aware of your surroundings. Are you having a bad day? Are you feeling down? Do you have a lot on your mind? Are you noticing any changes in behavior?"

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OneSource, family and spouse programs still available

By U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command Public Affairs

QUANTICO, Va. – During this time of heightened awareness and the potential for opportunistic phishing campaigns, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warns the military community to be vigilant and not fall victim to these types of cybercrimes.

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“Right now, with coronavirus; anyone not known, or initiates contact regarding COVID-19 should be considered suspicious and take extra precautions against cyber crimes. They also recommended that you your computer is infected or malware. Your computer could take you to a site with a virus. Your computer can be rendered useless, but is in urgent need of money and personal or financial information. They also recommended that you should not have a relationship with, who offers investment alternatives to protect you from economic and make-up uncertainties.

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AFRL, associates improve processes for fabricating aircraft engine inlet ducts

By Donna Lindner

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Aircraft engine inlet ducts provide the engine compressor with a constant supply of air to prevent the compressor from stalling. Since the inlet is directly exposed to the impacting airflow, it must create as little drag as possible. The smallest gap in airflow supply can mean major engine problems as well as significant efficiency losses.

Part of the Air Force 2030 Science and Technology strategy includes the deployment of low cost Unmanned Aerial Systems in mass to assist in future near peer engagements. In order to realize this vision, new manufacturing strategies need to be identified which can support the rapid manufacturing of high quality aerospace components at costs that are lower than what are currently available using legacy manufacturing processes.

If the inlet duct is to retain its function of providing sufficient air with minimum turbulence, it must be clean and flawless.

The Air Force Research Laboratory’s Manufacturing and Industrial Technologies Division and the contractor team of Cornerstone Research Group, A&P Technology and SpinTech LLC, conducted research to quantify the benefits of replacing legacy manufacturing processes with novel processes for the fabrication of an 11-foot long, S-shaped engine inlet duct.

The legacy fabrication process for the inlet duct consists of composite material preimpregnated with a synthetic resin, applied by hand, to a multi-piece steel mandrel. The mandrel is packaged and placed in an autoclave for processing. An autoclave is essentially a heated pressure vessel which supplies heat to activate the resin curing and pressure to ensure there is minimal absorbency in the fully cured composite part.

The approach replaces the hand applied composite prepreg with an automated overbraid process which applies dry fibers to a mandrel. The very heavy multi-piece steel mandrel was replaced with a lightweight single-piece shape-memory polymer mandrel and the dry braided carbon fiber was processed with a low cost epoxy resin using a vacuum assisted resin transfer molding process.

One of the primary goals of this program is to understand part cost and production time benefits from introducing the new tooling and processing solutions.

The team completed element analysis finalization of the overbraid architecture, fabrication of a shape memory polymer forming tool and construction of the SMP mandrel that will serve as the tool during the preform overbraid process.

Because of inlet duct geometrical complexity, multiple iterations were necessary to optimize the overbraid machine settings and thus minimize composite material wrinkling. A total of four inlet ducts will be fabricated and legacy part cost and production time will be compared to the new design.

“We believe that the introduction of a shape memory polymer mandrel together with the automated overbraid process and an oven based VARTM composite cure will lead to significant cost and cycle time reductions,” said Mr. Craig Nodel, manufacturing lead for the Low Cost Attritable Aircraft Technology Initiative in the Manufacturing and Industrial Technologies Division.

Quantifying the manufacturing benefits and validating structural integrity will be critical to establishing a positive business case and convincing designers and manufacturers that the new materials and processes should be incorporated into future low cost engine inlet duct designs.

The final inlet duct will be delivered to the government for further integration into the Aerospace System’s Directorate’s complementary airplane design and manufacturing program. Personnel at the Aerospace Vehicles Division will conduct static ground testing of the integrated blended fuselage and inlet duct structure.

“While we have yet to define all of the implications of attrition tolerance on design criteria and the resulting manufacturing materials and processes utilized, we do have a baseline with threshold requirements for strength and stiffness which we will assess via full-scale airflow ground tests,” said Ray Fisher, aerospace engineer in the Aerospace Vehicles Division.

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Arnold AFB Fire and Emergency Services conducts live fire training

By Jill Pickett

AEDC Public Affairs

Over the course of two weeks in late February and early March, the Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel trained using structure and aircraft live fire simulators.

Live fire training is important for FES team members in order to maintain readiness. The simulators use propane and simulate smoke, which allows crews to quickly reset and cycle team members through repeatable scenarios.

Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel attack an aircraft fire with a hand line as they train March 5 on aircraft rescue and firefighting techniques using a propane-fueled trainer brought to the base. The aircraft trainer can simulate fires in multiple locations - cabin, ground, engine, wheel and brake, and the auxiliary power unit. (U.S. Air Force photos by Jill Pickett)

Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel enter a live fire trainer Feb. 25 at Arnold AFB during a training exercise. The trainer is a mobile trailer brought to the base for training. It uses propane for the fuel and simulated smoke, providing a more controllable situation for training.

Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel attack a ground fire near an aircraft with a hand line while training March 5 using a propane-fueled trainer brought to the base. The aircraft trainer uses propane to generate controlled fires in various locations in and around the mock fuselage.

Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel attack a fire using vehicle-mounted nozzles while training March 5 on aircraft rescue and firefighting techniques at a training area on base.

Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel attack an aircraft engine fire with a hand line while training March 5 using a propane-fueled trainer brought to the base. The simulator, which was brought in to facilitate training, uses liquid and vapor propane to create controlled and repeatable fire scenarios.

Arnold Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services personnel use the roof turret on an aircraft firefighting vehicle to battle a blaze while training March 5 on aircraft rescue and firefighting techniques at the fire crew’s training area on base.
Dolce celebrates promotion in virtual space

During a pandemic, when a member of the 586th Flight Test Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, was scheduled to be promoted they stepped up to uphold military traditions — virtually. Lt. Col. Paul Dolce, commander of the 586 FLTS, Detachment 1, is promoted March 31 during a promotion held virtually with the officiating officer Lt. Col. Hans Buckwalter and Dolce in different locations to maintain social distancing. The normal audience of friends, family and co-workers was replaced by a screen full of people in both their on-base and home offices. (U.S. Air Force photo) (This image has been altered by obscuring a phone number for security purposes.)

Arnold AFB Milestones

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Mark Echols, AF

35 YEARS
Gary Clower, TOS
Troy Davis, TOS
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30 YEARS
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An office providing resources and guidance to help ensure area veterans receive the benefits to which they are entitled officially opened March 12 at Arnold Air Force Base. State and local officials, joined by base personnel, cut the ribbon on the new Tennessee Department of Veterans Services Tullahoma Field Office during a ceremony hosted with TDVS and Arnold AFB Medical Aid Station.

The new TDVS office, located within the Medical Building at Arnold, is in place to provide veterans with help on their benefits, advocacy and other assistance.

Courtney Rogers, TDVS commissioner, said the office falls in line with Gov. Bill Lee’s vision of providing better support to veterans in rural communities across the state. Lee worked with TDVS Regional Director Steve Bell, who identified the Tullahoma area as an ideal location to help meet Lee’s objective.

“Today, I would like to add a special thank you for the TDVS vision to support Tennesseans,” Rogers said. “We want veterans across the state to have support in claiming the benefits they have earned through service.”

Rogers said he would also like to thank the state legislature for their ongoing support of Tennessee’s veterans and family members for enabling us to hire support staff to assist these rural communities.

Representatives with the TDVS approached Arnold AFB personnel last fall to propose that Arnold host a new office. Following discussions with Col. Charles Roberts, Arnold Engineering Development Complex Test Support Division vision chief, and Master Sgt. Joshua Sargent, Arnold AFB Medical Aid Station Branch chief, the TDVS agreed to forward with TDVS on establishing the new office at Arnold, the headquarters of all TDVS offices in the medical building was completed to make room for the office.

Roberts said approximately 1,200 Veterans Affairs patients are seen in the on-base VA office.

He added the new office will provide greater convenience to these patients, as well as the VA, in getting them to the same site to discuss disability compensation, health care eligibility and other veteran services and benefits specific to the state of Tennessee.

“With our current relationship with the VA, we are better able to provide service members and providers to local veterans,” Rogers said. “And we are getting a formalized relationship that we have already worked similar arrangements and they are able to come in and work to our facility.”

During the ceremony, Roberts expressed his appreciation to the TDVS for bringing the office to Arnold.

“You can’t task the opportunity to host the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services in this facility,” he said.

“TDVS staff and members of the TDVS are experienced and excited to start helping veterans in Grundy County.”

Rogers added the TDVS could be more convenient for veterans living in areas surrounding Arnold AFB, and the TDVS will allow them to take advantage of the services being provided via phone by contacting the number above. In-person appointments will resume once the Medical Aid Station reopens.

Helena Montgomery, TDVS Regional Director, said the office being opened in Tullahoma made a lot of sense for the regional office.

“I am excited to provide a landing place for services for our veteran community,” Montgomery said.

The office at Arnold will be manned by TDVS Regional Director Steve Bell and TDVS field office coordinator Michael Rinck who, as a 24-year veteran himself, said he appreciates the sacrifices each veteran has made. In his role, Rinck will connect veterans with various services and resources available to veterans and the federal and state benefits they have earned through military service.

The field office is located at 225 Von Kármán Drive on Arnold, Room 225, Bldg 124 on Arnold AFB. To schedule an appointment, call 931-461-7109 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDT.

In addition to its office at Arnold, Rinck has mobile responsibilities for the TDVS in Grunndy County with the first Thursday of each month at the County Library in Tullahoma, and the third Thursday of each month at Arnold AFB. Rinck said the mobile offices may be more convenient for veterans living in areas surrounding Arnold AFB, and he will allow them to take advantage of the services available.

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The office at Arnold will be manned by TDVS Regional Director Steve Bell and TDVS field office coordinator Michael Rinck who, as a 24-year veteran himself, said he appreciates the sacrifices each veteran has made. In his role, Rinck will connect veterans with various services and resources available to veterans and the federal and state benefits they have earned through military service.

The field office is located at 225 Von Kármán Drive on Arnold, Room 225, Bldg 124 on Arnold AFB. To schedule an appointment, call 931-461-7109 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDT.

In addition to its office at Arnold, Rinck has mobile responsibilities for the TDVS in Grunndy County with the first Thursday of each month at the County Library in Tullahoma, and the third Thursday of each month at Arnold AFB. Rinck said the mobile offices may be more convenient for veterans living in areas surrounding Arnold AFB, and he will allow them to take advantage of the services available.

Rogers also expressed his appreciation to the TDVS for bringing the office to Arnold.

“You can’t task the opportunity to host the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services in this facility,” he said.

TDVS personnel and members of the TDVS are experienced and excited to start helping veterans in Grundy County.”

Rogers added the TDVS could be more convenient for veterans living in areas surrounding Arnold AFB, and the TDVS will allow them to take advantage of the services being provided via phone by contacting the number above. In-person appointments will resume once the Medical Aid Station reopens.

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