



THE LIBERTY LEDGER

48TH FIGHTER WING // RAF LAKENHEATH, ENGLAND // MARCH 2021

VASCO'S VIEW



Spring is in the air and the eagles are flying! Our fighter squadrons have been working diligently to prepare for an upcoming deployment and multiple Agile Combat Employment Exercises around Europe. Just last week we completed surge operations with the 493rd Fighter Squadron who completed 216 flights in just four days! The RAF runs a recurring exercise called Crimson Warrior and Airmen from the Liberty Wing participated in that for two weeks. During this exercise, we were able to take dozens of airplanes and go out and execute the mission safely and effectively over the North Sea. Crimson Warrior was a phenomenal exercise and I could not be more proud of all participants, both British and American.

Along with ramping up flight hours, we've also ramped up operations around the Liberty Wing. Our procedures on base have been really good and our number of positives on base can be counted on one hand. We're very pleased with those numbers and we are equally pleased with the amount of folks that we have vaccinated. A large portion of our base population has received their first vaccination and many are fully immunized. We're vaccinating service members and their families as quickly as possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We're looking forward to many great events this year as the country reopens and cannot wait to have you back here on RAF Lakenheath as soon as possible. Cheers to 2021!

Vasco
Col Jason Camilletti
Commander, 48th Fighter Wing

Inspiring the next generation



Pilots from the 494th Fighter Squadron held a question and answer Zoom session with students from Southview Community Primary School March 12. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the F-15, the gear that the pilots wear, training and what it is like to fly.

Heritage Arch



An Eagle Scout project honoring 48th Fighter Wing heritage finished construction March 6. It was the combined effort of Troop 215, the Lakenheath High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and over 50 additional community volunteers.



International Women's Day

Four female Airmen from RAF Lakenheath met with Girl Guides March 9 to talk about their careers in honor of International Women's Day. "This was a wonderful opportunity for our British Girl Guides, U.S. Girl Scouts, local community members and Airmen from RAF Lakenheath to share stories and learn from one another," said Sarah Stevens, RAF Lakenheath Community Resource Advisor. "This was an extremely well received community relations event where Guides and Scouts learned about success stories and overcoming adversity."

