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Electronic News from the 146th Airlift Wing



Budget Crisis. Sequestration. Debt ceiling. Continuing Resolution. Furlough. These words have been in the news lately. As one who believes in transparency and as much disclosure as possible, I'm going to share what I know about these topics as of now. You may or may not be aware, but there are actually several events all happening at the same time. The first date to take notice of is 1 March. That is the date that mandatory sequestration actions are initiated. Some of these include the possible furlough of civilian DoD employees. The second important date is 27 March. That is when the current Continuing Resolution expires. As no fiscal year 2013 budget has been approved by Congress, the six-month continuing resolution keeps the Department of Defense funded at the FY12 level. The final date to watch for is 18 May the date where the government ...(continued on page 3)

2013 Calendar

- 2-3 March UTA **Full PTF Exercise @ Home Station**
- 19-21 March – **C2 Exercise @ Home Station**
- 5-8 Apr – **Home-Station ORE**
- 16-19 May – Ops Block Training
- 1-2 June – **War-Skills Training** (All Wing personnel required)
- 9-11 Aug – **Full PTF Exercise**
- 11-17 Aug – **Deployed ORE @ Gulfport**
- 27 Oct – 3 Nov 2013 – Deployed ORI**

Welcome new 146th Airmen!

- Staff. Sgt. David Cervantes Security Forces
- Senior Airman Angel Hernandez Civil Engineering
- Senior Airman Sam Tavalodi Aerial Port
- Senior Airman Ryan Kennedy Mission Support
- Senior Airman Reyna Lopez Operations
- Senior Airman Fernando Logistic Readiness

Welcome back Airmen from formal schools!

- Airman 1st Class Justin A. Snyder Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice
- Airman 1st Class Andrew A. Davila Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice
- Airman 1st Class Beau S. Lewis Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice
- 2nd Lt. Isabelle Zhang Officer Training School

Chaplain services

- Catholic Mass 1100 LRS Conference Room
- Protestant Service 1300 LRS Conference Room
- Chaplain's Office is located in the Supply Building 119
- Office hours are 0800 to 1600 Saturday and Sunday

March UTA

FRIDAY (1 MARCH) –

- 0830** – Activate DCC/UDCC/CDF/PDF
- 1300** – Combined Pallet Build-Up, TMO Parking Lot
- 1530** – First Cargo Event – CARGO Assembly Complete
- 1700** – First PAX Event – PAX Assembly Complete (@ UDCC)

SATURDAY (2 MARCH) – Total 4 Chalks

- 0800** – First PAX Assembly COMP

SUNDAY (3 MARCH) – Total 2 Chalks

- 0800** – First PAX Assembly COMP, continue main body chalks

ORI Glossary of acronyms

- C2 – Command and Control
- DCC – Deployment Control Center
- ORE – Operational Readiness Exercise
- ORI – Operational Readiness Inspection
- TMO – Traffic Management Office
- UDCC – Unit Deployment Center
- PAX – Passengers
- PTF – Prepare the Force

Promotions

- Tech. Sgt. Andrew Cooper
- Senior Airman Killian Doheney
- Maj. Jasmin Quiocson

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Guard's only female MTI named AU NCO of the year

Story by Capt. Peter Shinn



(U.S. Air Force photo by: Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz)

(MAXWELL AFB, Ala.) -- The first and only female Military Training Instructor in the Air National Guard is also the first and only Air National Guardsman to be named the Air University Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Leslie Cummings of Corona, Calif., is a Military Training Instructor for the Academy of Military Science, the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School commissioning program for Air National Guardsmen at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Lt. Col. Reid Rasmussen, a native of Clarksville, Va., commands the Academy of Military Science. He described Cummings as a "top-notch professional" and said he was not surprised to learn Cummings won the Air University award for 2012.

"AMS and OTS are fortunate to have people like Leslie," Rasmussen said. "I'm constantly amazed at not only her job performance but everything she's done for Maxwell, as well."

Cummings' contributions to the Maxwell-Gunter community include founding Airmen Against Drunk Driving, known locally as A2D2, which has virtually eliminated drinking and driving incidents among military personnel here. Cummings is also a founding member of the Guard and Reserve Network, or GARNET, an organization that enhances the skills and civilian employment opportunities of Reserve Component members.

GARNET's founder is Col. Edward Vaughan of Denver, Colo. Vaughan, who is also the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander and President of the Air University, praised Cummings as an "outstanding Citizen-Airmen" and a premier example of the Total Force concept.

"Sergeant Cummings is quite simply one of the Guard's very best leaders," Vaughan said. "Her selection as AU's NCO of the Year shows that she's one of the one of the very best leaders across the Total Air Force as well."

Cummings, who is currently serving on extended Active Duty, is a member of the California Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing, located at Channel Islands ANG, Port Hueneme, CA. The unit is commanded by Col. Paul Hargrove, who congratulated Cummings on her historic achievement.

"I, and every member of the 146th Airlift Wing, we're all proud of Leslie's accomplishments," Hargrove said. "We're looking forward to her return to the unit."

Though Cummings is the first Air National Guard Military Training Instructor and first Guardsmen to be selected as the Air University NCO of the Year, she said she doesn't see herself as a pioneer.

"I really don't think of myself as a trailblazer," Cummings said. "I've just been given great opportunities that I've tried to maximize as best I could, because I believe every opportunity you're given is an opportunity to set yourself apart in a positive way."



(U.S. Air Force photo by: Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz)

Asked about her feelings about winning the award, Cummings expressed appreciation for her co-workers at the Air University, the Jean M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, U.S Air Force Officer Training School and the Academy of Military Science.

"It's awesome, and I really appreciate it, but it's really about just doing your job to the best of your ability and maximizing your contribution to the team," said Cummings. "I'm very fortunate to work with such a great group of professionals."

The Commander's view

(Commander's view Continued from front page.)

again reaches its debt ceiling. If you're like most people, you're asking yourself, "How does this affect the 146th AW?" Until this week we had remained relatively untouched. However, on 25 February, we were notified that our flying hours would be cut by reduced for the period 27 Feb-27 Mar. This is a reduction of approximately 200 flying hours. This primarily affects Operations in that commanders will now have to prioritize aircrew training and currency requirements due to fewer flying hours available for training and currency sorties. This affects Maintenance in that there may not be money to procure some specialized parts required for aircraft maintenance. It may also provide maintenance personnel some additional time to complete required maintenance on our airplanes. Furloughs have been proposed due to sequestration. The furlough could be as high as twenty two days starting April 21st through September 30th. This has not been decided yet or how it would be implemented.

Rest assured that the senior leadership here at the Wing, State Headquarters and the National Guard Bureau are working diligently to reduce the impact of these severe actions. We do not want to spread rumor and conjecture. As I get credible information I will forward it to you. If you have questions about possible actions, forward them through your chain of command. Taking care of you is my top concern and I will do my best to keep you informed and prepared through these actions.

Don't forget the resources provided by our outstanding Airman and Family Readiness Director, Ms. Julie Morency. She has resources that can help you and your family get through this challenge. Her office is in the Wing Building or you can call her at 805-986-7468 if you have any questions. Our Director of Psychological Health, Ms. Kim Evans also an invaluable source of support and has referral resources to help our Wing members and their families cope with any stress these issues may bring. Should you need her assistance, she can be reached at 986-7549.

With all this budget concern you may be wondering if we are still preparing for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. The answer is most definitely YES! Our Wing has a long history of excellence. This ORI is just another chance for us to show our pride and professionalism to the IG. This weekend we are conducting a full Prepare the Forces (PTF) exercise. We will be processing personnel and cargo as if we were deploying to a combat zone. As we are in the home stretch of preparation, take this exercise seriously. We won't have the opportunity to practice much more before we do this for the IG in October. Work with your commanders and Unit Deployment Managers to ensure you are in the right place at the right time with the right equipment. Even though we will have EET to evaluate our processes, they are acting like the IG. It's not too early to start practicing your customs and courtesies, having your uniform sharp, and above all keep a positive attitude.

I want to end this month's view on a positive note. Twenty five years ago the 146th AW began its move from Van Nuys to Channel Islands. It's hard to believe we've been in Ventura County that long! I know many of you have seen the changes to the Wing during that time...and many of your careers have only been here at Channel Islands. Another special reason to celebrate this year is it is the 25th anniversary of the Alumni Association. To celebrate these milestones, the 146th AW Alumni Association is hosting a ball celebrating the Heritage of the Hollywood Guard and the Van Nuys Years on 20 April at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ventura. All Wing members are invited to what promises to be a fun, humor-filled night of mingling and reminiscing with current and past Wing members. This event is free to all current Wing members who are not yet members of the Alumni Association. Dress is Hollywood costume, former uniforms (no current uniforms please!) or California Casual. Tickets go on sale 20 February. For more information contact an Alumni Association member or check out their website: 146th alumni.org.

As always, I want to thank each and every one of you for your professionalism, loyalty and dedication. You have been members of this wing through some good times and some difficult times. In spite of the difficulties, you have met each challenge with courage and determination and we have overcome each one. I see these upcoming budget issues as a serious threat. But with the history of the 146th AW members, I feel confident that we can and will work through this challenge like we've met the previous ones...with creativity and a commitment to excellence in all we do.

See you around the base,

Paul Hargrove, Col

146th AW/CC



Preparation Begins at the 146th

Story by: Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis

Young Airmen at the 146th Airlift Wing had many challenges before them last February UTA. It was only the second month of the year, but the race to make sure all assets and personnel are properly trained and ready for the upcoming ORI had begun.

With the tasks before them, they only have until November when they will be put to the test during the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

Senior Master Sgt. Leanna Rominger, Superintendent of Logistics plans, and her team with the Logistics Readiness Distribution and Execution office (LRGDX) created a course for everyone involved with pallet buildup for the upcoming ORI. Instruction took place recently in a well-rounded, activity-based training environment.

“I see this as invaluable hands-on training,” said Rominger. “Airmen learned fundamental techniques that will assist in the process of getting equipment to and from the ORI. For some, this was a welcome refresher

course; for the junior enlisted this was something entirely new,” she said.

With new Airmen beginning the transition into their first ORI, the road ahead at first may seem daunting and even overwhelming at times. But with training and preparation at the forefront from senior enlisted who have the experience and knowledge to make that job is done right, the Airmen feel they are in good hands.

“We learned all about organization, team effort, and they demonstrated strategies on how to simplify the objectives in building pallets,” said Master Sgt. David Buttner, one of the members participating in the class. “Mission safety was highly stressed because this can be a dangerous job.”



Beyond the normal briefings there was something special that shined through the demonstration.

“The sincere advice and experience from the senior enlisted is worth its weight in gold. Tips and tricks to making the mission successful are being passed down, and with it comes confidence for the next generation,” said Buttner.

Are the Airmen up to the tasks at hand? According to LRGDX the answer is yes! The enlisted force of the 146th Airlift Wing is always ready to be challenged and is waiting to prove itself. This practice and training will help ensure that those headed into the inspection will have all of the knowledge and understanding needed to get the job done.

This month in photos at the 146th Airlift Wing

(U.S. Air Force photos by: Tech. Sgt. Alex Koenig/Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis)



AIRMAN OF THE MONTH



Staff Sgt. Andrew Kirst is this month's featured Airman from the Aircraft Hydraulics shop in aircraft maintenance. Kirst has been with the unit since 2007.

"I repair flight control systems, brakes, landing gear, cargo ramp and door, and steering systems on our aircraft," says Kirst. "Without hydraulics our planes wouldn't fly."

From 2003-2007 Kirst was with the 302nd at Peterson AFB, Colo. with the Air Force Reserves working on C-130H models. He wanted to come to California for school and chose to join our unit to continue working with C-130s.

"My work with the Air Force has given me a lot of opportunity for travel and for my education, making me want to give more back to the community," says Kirst who is a world-traveler by anyone's standards, having been to more than 30 countries and having lived in six countries!

Kirst says his favorite trip with the Air Force so far was to Germany, but that his dream TDY would be to go to Brazil where he lived for a year.

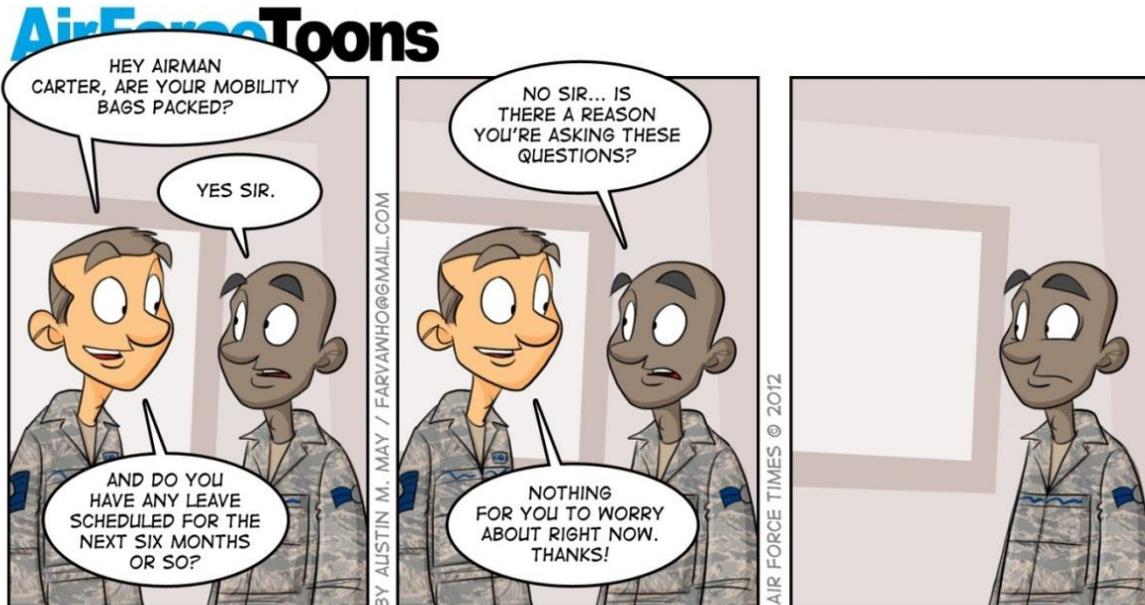
"I have deployed twice to Al Udeid AB, Qatar, and twice to Bagram AB, Afghanistan. I have been TDY twice to Germany, and that is definitely the most fun."

He currently lives in Santa Barbara and is working on his Master's of Global and International Studies at UCSB while working as a teacher's assistant.

Staff Sgt. Kirst enjoys his job in the Hydraulics shop and wouldn't want to work anywhere else, he says.

"If you put the effort in, your hard work will be recognized."

Do you know someone who should be highlighted in our wing? Let us know! Call Public Affairs at ext. 7420.



DFAC Menu Saturday

Broccoli cheese soup

Jamaican jerk chicken

Jambalaya

Rosemary potato

Mixed vegetables

Steamed broccoli

DFAC Menu Sunday

Broccoli cheese soup

Linguini with meat sauce

Rosemary herbed chicken

*Garlic mashed potato with
cream gravy*

Italian breaded zucchini sticks

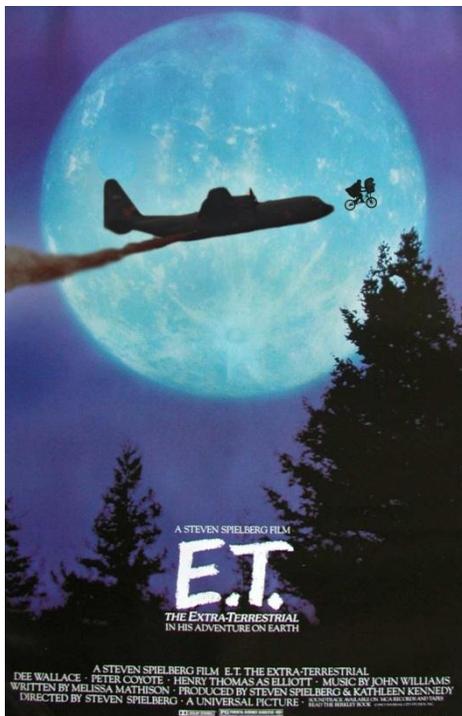
AIRMAN OF THE MONTH?



Who should we spotlight?

Do you know someone on base who has a fascinating job? Has a great story to tell? Someone who stands out amongst the crowd and deserves to be recognized?

Please let us know! Call the Public Affairs office at 7420. We are always looking for people who represent our wing in the best way, and we will feature them as our next "Airman of the Month"!





25th Anniversary Costume Ball Celebrating The Heritage of The

HOLLYWOOD GUARD

Please join the 146th Alumni Association as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Association, the 25th year of the 146th Airlift Wing's relocation to Channel Island Air National Guard Base in Ventura County. The theme of this years Ball is the Heritage of the Hollywood Guard and the Van Nuys Years!

- WHEN:** Saturday the 20th of April 2013.
5pm till they turn out the lights (0001hrs.)
- WHERE:** Crown Plaza Hotel in Ventura, CA
Top of the Hotel Ballroom
- WHAT:** Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment, DJ Dancing
Costume and Door Prizes and Surprises
- WHAT ELSE?** No Guest Speaker, No Speeches
Dress is Casual or Costume!



Costumes Optional but Recommend

Dress as your favorite Hollywood Character
Wear any uniform that still fits (No current Uniforms)
Alumni Members, Wing Members and Guests

WHO? Alumni Members, Wing Members and Guests
How Much? \$40 each for Alumni member and guests
\$0 each for members of the 146th Air Wing* and only \$25 for guests of Wing Members (***Yes! Complimentary to current Wing Members who are not already Alumni Association Members***) (*You must have a ticket, there will be no ticketing at the door. Check the website for details and information on reduced prices for hotel rooms.

TICKETS GO ON SALE 28 FEBRUARY 2013.

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**Wednesday, March 6, 2013
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Veteran Job Seeker Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Veteran Job Seekers: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Open to the Public: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Free
Parking**

**Ventura County Office of Education
5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA 93012**

Local employers will be represented at this event with a variety of positions available.

Job Seekers:

- Bring your resumé
- Dress professionally

Employers:

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