

# 146th AIRLIFT WING

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Wing hosts  
week-long  
MAFFS training

### KNIFE FIGHT

146th Security Forces Squadron goes head to head against each other during combat arms training

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Lt. Gen. Darren W. McDew tours 146th and speaks to the members during his short visit



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# COMMANDER'S

Another drill is upon us and I will update you on the AMC ORI, the MAFFS call out, the 18th AF/CC visit, and a memorable speaker at Wingman Day.

We have contacted the AMC/IG several times this past month to get a status of our October Operational Readiness Inspection; however, we have not received any formal notice of a cancelation yet. Maj. Gen. Baldwin, The Adjutant General of California National Guard, called the AMC Vice Commander and had a conversation about the status of our ORI, but no more information could be given. The AMC IG liaison officer, Lt. Col. Barras, advised that he will let us know as soon as possible when we are officially released from the ORI and I will immediately pass this in-

formation to you. The War Skills training scheduled for this drill has been canceled until further notice.

On the morning of May 2nd, a fire started in Camarillo and due to dry Santa Ana winds, grew out of control in a matter of hours. We were called to support Cal Fire that day and were ready in about 4 hours for a launch order. This was due to one MAFFS unit already being loaded for an exercise the next week with Cal Fire and aircrews/maintainers already at work and ready to go. The second MAFFS unit was loaded and we waited for a launch order, however we didn't get used by Cal Fire until Saturday afternoon. Many thought we were misused by Cal Fire, but I don't agree. We are one of many assets that Cal Fire has at its disposal and we were launched when our capability was needed by the incident commander. Cal Fire, like the USFS, has air tankers on contract and will use these assets first before coming to us. When we are activated, we wait for the call for a launch order to fight the fire. On Saturday, we made one drop on the Springs Fire and more importantly, were sent to a startup fire in Santa Maria. The MAFFS aircraft and other civilian air tankers were successful in extinguishing this new fire. The Springs Fire was being whipped by 50 mph winds on Thursday and fixed air tankers were not used due to these conditions. On Friday, the incident commander had enough air assets and didn't give us a launch order. The Springs Fire burned 28,000 acres, destroyed 10 outbuildings, damaged 6 outbuildings, damaged 6 commercial properties, and caused 8 injuries. Pt. Mugu's

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military housing was evacuated when the fire burned swamp grass up to the fence line of the Navy base. Cal Fire was aggressive in activating us this call out and we will be called out when needed in the future. Typically, we are federally activated by the USFS, but this was a State of California activation. Due to our quick response, Cal Fire will not hesitate to call us in the future when the need arises.

The 18th AF Commander, Lt. Gen. McDew, came to visit Channel Islands on the 9th and 10th of May. Lt. Col. Brian Kelly and I flew to March ARB to pick him up and flew him to Chico airport for a MAFFS observation ride. Lt. Col. Bryan Allen flew the MAFFS flight and showed Lt. Gen. McDew the firefighting mission first hand. Cal Fire has an annual training event at Chico and General McDew told me his flight was well worth the time. He was very appreciative for the opportunity and it would help him when MAFFS is discussed at his level in the future. Lt. Gen. McDew stayed overnight at Pt. Mugu and he returned to Channel Islands for a mission brief and tour of the base. Senior leaders discussed with him our concerns with the active associate in FY 2017 and the simulator that is to be built at our location. The active duty had previously told us that they would bring personnel to Operations, Maintenance, and Mission Support, but didn't plan on bringing additional aircraft. Lt. Gen. McDew understood our concerns, but wasn't sure where the additional aircraft would be transferred from. He said that personnel only was a base by base decision, but couldn't tell us if additional aircraft could be accomplished. The simulator is currently on the list at AMC, but is unfunded at this time. Lt. Gen. McDew was made aware that the simulator was essential to a successful active associate at Chan-

nel Islands. Lt. Gen. McDew held an all hands briefing in the wing auditorium, giving an entertaining and informative briefing. Overall, he was impressed with our personnel and the base, thanking everyone for their hard work and hospitality.

We had a Wingman Day on Wednesday 22 May and the guest speaker was Jason Barber. His presentation was a powerful and thought provoking message on drunk driving. Jason was convicted several years ago of killing his younger brother while driving while intoxicated and spent 4 years in State Prison. He has fought to overcome the guilt and shame of this tragic incident, having since becoming a drug and alcohol abuse counselor to at risk teens. He spoke of drunk driving as a choice, as opposed to an accident. My only regret of this presentation is that we didn't video tape it. I think that everyone could benefit from his story and would hopefully change some lives. Wing leadership has spoken against drunk driving numerous times in the past, but we have had 7 drunken driving arrests among our personnel in the last year. Our last DUI was a felony arrest for an accident that severely injured an innocent citizen, leaving him paralyzed. Please be responsible and designate sober drivers if you are our and having alcoholic beverages. Also, be a good wingman and don't let your friends get behind a wheel if they are not sober.

I hope this drill is productive for you and I will see you around the base,

Paul Hargrove, Col  
146th AW/CC



# MULTIPLE AGENCIES GATHER

## FOR ANNUAL MAFFS TRAINING

by Senior Airman Ashley Moore  
photos by Master Sgt. Dave Buttner/Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis  
146th Airlift Wing

5/16/2013 - CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif. -- Members of the 146th Airlift Wing along with participants from CAL FIRE, Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service assembled here at the Channel Islands Air National Guard Station in Port Hueneme, Calif. for a week long training and certification exercise. C-130s equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems, known as MAFFS, performed several training water drops throughout the week.

MAFFS units, owned by the Forest Service, are a removable firefighting unit capable of dropping 3,000 gallons of water or fire retardant from a military C-130 cargo plane. There are 8 MAFFS units altogether; two are stationed at the 146th Airlift Wing (AW), while the other six are staggered throughout the country, specifically located at 145th Airlift Wing in Charlotte, N. C., 153rd Airlift Wing in Cheyenne, Wyo. and 302nd Airlift Wing in Colorado Springs, Colo.

C-130 and Forest Service lead plane pilots and crewmembers ran several water drops each day dropping in the mountains of the Angeles National Forest near the Palmdale area. Ground crews from all agencies also trained on reloading the aircraft on the flightline while others performed aircraft coordination and radio operations in the tower.

The annual training brings together several different agencies and participants from all over the country to work together as one towards a common goal. "We need to make sure we all are speaking the same language," said Teri Corning-Sevey, a MAFFS Liaison Officer for the Forest Service. Knowing the codes, acronyms and even different hand signals on the flightline for each agency that works on MAFFS is important for a smooth and safe firefighting season, she said. Corning-Sevey started training with MAFFS in North Carolina in 2000, and explained that this multi-agency training helps their new trainees

# MAFFS TRAINING

see a different side to firefighting. “This was a new experience in firefighting when I joined,” she said. “This has taken me to more places than I would have ever been as a normal firefighter.”

Although this training was already scheduled, several of the participants were given the opportunity to test their skills early when the 146th was called on to assist in several California fires the week prior, to include the Camarillo Springs fire, which was burning within just miles of the base.

“A lot of the time we are deployed away fighting fires in Colorado or elsewhere, but this time we were able to help citizens in our hometown” said Colonel Paul Hargrove, wing commander for the 146th AW. “It just added to the satisfaction of the mission.”

Hargrove said he is grateful to his Airmen who worked hard and responded so quickly even though the fires were so close. “I know it’s hard when you have a fire in your own backyard,” he said. “I’m happy that we were ready for CAL FIRE when they needed us and we were able to respond as quickly as we did.”

Hargrove, who is also a MAFFS-trained pilot, knows first-hand the importance of this annual training, “MAFFS is a demanding mission; it can be taxing at times,” he said. “It is also one of the most satisfying... it’s one of the reasons why I have stayed in.”

When asked how new Airmen of the base can find their way someday onto the flightline, Hargrove says, “Work hard, learn your AFSC and be good at what you do. They will get there.”



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# 146TH SECURITY FORCES COMBATIVE FIGHTING ARTS

Story and photos by Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis 146th Airlift Wing



5/05/2013 – CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif. – Members from the 146th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) recently conducted a four-hour war skills training in combative techniques. Lead by instructor Mike DeLio and his trainers from Combative Fighting Arts, a company that specializes in teaching tactical hand-to-hand combat, the Security Forces personnel were tasked with training objectives that would help them survive life or death close combat scenarios.

“The bumps and bruises that we heal today, help us grow stronger for the battles tomorrow.” said DeLio as the trainees listened in a circle around him, and excitement was visible within the group.

DeLio who is a sergeant in the California State Military Reserves began by demonstrating his techniques, and the SFS mirrored his moves. Each participant held a rubber covered knife to practice with, and DeLio explained in detail exactly what the technique is used for while demonstrating the movements at the same time.



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The hands-on training changed from demonstration to execution as groups were split into two-person teams. DeLio blew a whistle and the maintenance hangar erupted into close quarters combat. Every participant had eyes on their attacker, exchanging blows with the practice knife.

In the midst of the noise and training a knife was dropped, just as it might in the chaos of combat. DeLio blew the whistle again—this time it was the signal that someone must pay for losing their weapon. The individual at fault must drop to push-up position and start pushing and immediately after, other participants were allowed to attack the individual with their practice. DeLio reminded all participants that these consequences merely represented the actual possible fatal consequences of dropping one's weapon during combat.

The training continued with blocking, paring, trapping, stabbing, thrusting, slashing techniques, footwork, combinations, and countering methods, all covered in detail. As step-by-step exercises of the various techniques and practice drills went on, the participants executed them with practical and reality-based methods, enabling them to get the feel of an actual knife-fight attack and the defense measures needed to win.

“Winning means survival. The bottom line is to protect our freedom, our nation, our communities from these bad guys that want to see us fall,” said SFS Chief Master Sgt. Steve Timbol. “I agree with Mike’s mind set...at the end of the day...get home to your loved ones, no matter what it takes.”



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-Mike DeLio.



# Commander of the 18th Air Force Visits



## Channel Islands

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Dave Buttner 146th Airlift Wing

Lt. Gen. Darren McDew, commander of the 18th Air Force, headquartered at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., recently travelled west to meet with Airmen of the California Air National Guard, May 9-10.

His visit began with a 146th Airlift Wing C-130 flight alongside Wing Commander Col. Paul Hargrove and Vice Commander Lt. Col. Brian Kelly to Chico Municipal Airport. There, McDew visited the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's tanker base and observed fire retardant reloading pit operations.

He and his staff also observed a Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems (MAFFS) training mission firsthand, including a water drop in the mountains near Chico. "The general was able to see a wide cross-section of aerial firefighting, assets and employment techniques," said Lt. Col. Bryan Allen, MAFFS pilot.

"He seemed quite impressed by how an aircraft as large as the C-130 fits into the firefighting battleplan." McDew praised the MAFFS crew, noting "[they] made a very complex scenario look easy."

During his visit, the general met with the wing's command staff to discuss current budget issues and future total force integration plans and hosted an "all call" briefing in the wing auditorium to hear what was on the minds of Airmen. The discussion covered a variety of topics, including the budget, professionalism, and respect.



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-Lt. Col. Brian Kelly



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The general also visited Airmen at work centers throughout the wing, including Base Operations, Security Forces, the Propulsion Shop, the 562nd Air Force Band, and Medical Group facilities. "This was a great opportunity to show him our mission and it gave Gen. McDew great context in which to make decisions for total force integration," said Kelly.





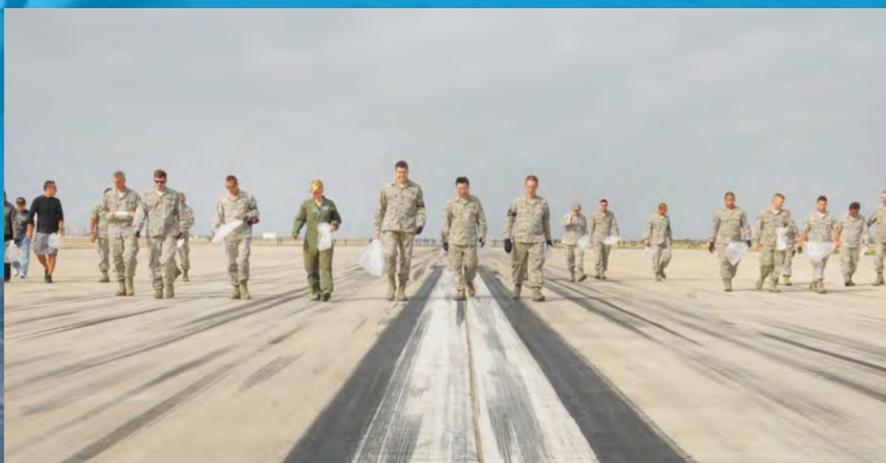
# MAY'S HONORABLE MENTIONS

This new section of the E-130 showcases pictures and events that happened during the previous month that didn't make it into a feature article but is still newsworthy.

In this issue's Honorable Mention, members of the 146th Airlift Wing were included on a FOD walk across the Point Mugu runway in an effort to help clear the runway of debris.

Oxnard High School JROTC members took a small tour of the base and spoke with various personnel from around the 146th.

On May 22, Wingman Day was held in the auditorium where prizes were raffled, safety awards presented, and guest speaker Jason Barber spoke out against drinking and driving.



Photos by Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis

# AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

July's featured Airman of the month is Airman 1st Class Cassondra Perez who works in the Services Sustainment Flight. Prior to joining the wing Perez studied to be a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

She said that once she graduated she felt she needed to do something "bigger", and so in 2008 she enlisted in the Air Force. She began working with services in December of 2009.

"Before I decided to enlist in the Air Force, I was going full time to school for LVN- Nursing. Once I graduated I felt I needed to do something bigger for my community, country, & state. I had a great high school friend that was currently in active duty air force and she suggested Guard or Reserve, and since I didn't want to leave my nursing commitment I believed the guard was the best choice for me. I could make a difference and serve and at the same time continue my education and civilian life," said Perez.

"Being an Airman has opened my eyes to how wonderful military life can be, and how much it has to offer. Being an Airman has its responsibilities and learning stepping stones, and I embrace all of them. "Being in the military is a humbling experience; the most important thing I've learned in the military is its ties to unity, that there is NEVER an Airman Left Behind. Her dream TDY is to go to Greece. "I love history and it's full of history there."

Perez loved basic training and tech school, and says that being a Military Training Instructor, (MTI) is one of her dream careers. "I like to be a leader in projects, I'm organized and I'm very picky when it comes to directives. To see a flight change from civilians to airman would be a great accomplishment." When asked what she does with her spare

Workers Compensation Industry doing the billing for a lien representative out of the court in Los Angeles, I work as a clerk/paralegal for a works compensation lawyer, and my third job is right here on our lovely 146th AW base. I just started a temp tech job with Family readiness. I also have a two-year-old beautiful daughter that take up most of my afternoon time. But when she is down for a Nap or busy with her dad, I do enjoy an occasional book or two.

"I'm a big outdoors fan, I love to go shooting with my husband when we can, I love to fish, camp, ride motorcycles, drive boats, sea-doo's. You name it I've probably tried it and I like it."



## 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 893-7420. 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!"

Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Buttner



# Additional Info

## AirForceToons

OK, I GET  
TURNING OFF THE  
LIGHTS TO SAVE  
ENERGY....

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...AND I  
UNDERSTAND NOT  
PAYING SOMEONE TO  
CLEAN THE BATHROOMS  
EVERY DAY...

...BUT IF YOU  
ASK ME, THOSE TWO  
**COMBINED** ARE A RECIPE  
FOR DISASTER.

**DUDE, WATCH  
YOUR AIM!**

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### Welcome new 146th Airmen!

Airman 1st Class Anthony Goglia  
Airman 1st Class Stephanie Dunn  
Airman 1st Class Kyle Caldwell

Staff Sgt. Nathan Alan  
Staff Sgt. Janese Thompson

### 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.

### Recently Retired!

Lt. Col Lynda Peralta  
Staff Sgt. Mario Rosado  
Lt. Col. Peter Shaner  
Tech. Sgt. Omster Haynes  
Tech. Sgt. Gregory Greenwood

### Welcome back Airmen from formal schools!

**Staff Sgt. Anthony Laboriante**  
*Material Management Apprentice*  
**Airman Aaron Punga**  
*Traffic Management Apprentice*  
**Airman Sharae Sharp**  
*Basic Military Training*  
**Airman Rebecca Flores**  
*Basic Military Training*

## DFAC Menu

### Saturday

Corn chowder

Star anise braised short ribs w/ sesame sauce

Mandarin Orange Chicken Chow Mein Noodles

Steamed Jasmine Rice

Asian Vegetable Mix

Steamed Bok Choi

### Sunday

Corn chowder

Lasagna

Chicken alfredo

Tuscany vegetable blend

Mediterranean vegetable blend

Mozzarella bread



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