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California's 2013 Airman
of the Year.

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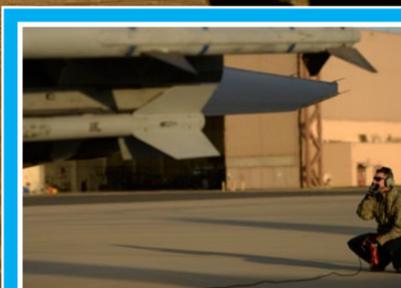
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Capt. Christina Prejean shares African-American history week story.



COMMANDER'S

VIEW

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-Col. David Bakos

Welcome to February UTA, and I hope you all enjoyed your Super Bowl weekends. Time now to get back to business and prepare for several upcoming events here at the 146th. Last month I tried to introduce myself to all of you and give you some background on who I am, what I hope to accomplish as your commander. I encourage you always to use my “open-door” policy, and to stop in and say hello. I look forward to getting to know you throughout the coming months.

Coming up very soon we have a big contingency from our wing heading out on deployment overseas. Chances are you will be tasked in some way in your duties to help get them out of town smoothly. I thank you in advance for offering your expertise and knowledge, so many of you have a wealth of experience to offer, and many of those deploying are doing so for the first time. Your advice and help are greatly appreciated.

Billeting for upcoming UTAs may be changing from their usual locations in the very near future. In order to save money for the wing we will begin using the local Navy accommodations and often we will no longer use local hotels. Check with your orderly rooms for details on your billeting.

Our wing is proud to support the national security objectives, to provide forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country. What you do is relevant and important. I know you will continue to exceed expectations, and will do this wing proud. We anxiously await to speedy and safe return home.

Col. Dave Bakos

Deployed Staff Sgt. wins state Airman of the Year award

Photo by: Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis

Our very own Staff Sgt. Carlos Puga, Air Transportation Journeyman with Small Air Terminal Operations, is California's newest Outstanding Airman of the Year. Currently deployed with Operation Enduring Freedom, Puga was unable to accept the award personally at this year's ceremony. However, beaming with pride, Command Chief Rick Onsgard stepped on stage to accept the weighty Minuteman statue on Puga's behalf.

The 2013 Outstanding Airman of the Year Awards Banquet was held Jan. 17, 2014 at the Grand Sheraton in Sacramento for the second year in a row. All nominees selected from Air and Army Na-

tional Guard units across the state of California filled the grand ballroom along with several hundred representatives, both green and blue.

Puga has an astounding and extensive list of accomplishments, and he is known by his coworkers for his leadership and outstanding work ethic. He currently is working as a HAZMAT inspector with Operation Enduring Freedom. Top of his class for all military education time and again, highly involved in his community, Puga's commitment and service before self in all he does earned him the title of California's Outstanding Airman of the Year.







THE 146TH AIRLIFT WING MONTH IN PHOTOS

Photos by: Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis, Senior Master Sgt. Chris Drudge, & Staff Sgt. Timothy Chacon







146th hosts Hill AFB F-16s

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Chacon
Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis

F-16 aircraft from Hill Air Force Base's 4th Fighter Squadron in Salt Lake City, Utah shared the ramp with C-130s from the 146th Airlift Wing for two weeks in January, 2014. The F16s were participating in a U.S. Marine Corps Integrated Training Exercise (ITX) near Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. and with the U.S. Navy off the shore, as the local geography and weather climate provide the perfect training environment. "The support of the 146th Airlift Wing and in particular the LRS (Logistic Readiness Squadron) has been amazing, making this a preferred location to come back to," said Lt. Col. Todd Robbins, F-16 aircraft commander. "The hospitality, support, and willingness to make things happen, to help our pilots and get

the training they needed was outstanding." Many of the full-timers at the 146th Airlift Wing as well as local area residents may have been wondering what all the extra loud flying noise was all about. Chief Master Sgt. Ron O'Connor from Communications Flight was seen coming out of his building wondering what all the noise was coming from. "We were talking and all of a sudden the noise was deafening," said Senior Airman Nick Carzis of the Public Affairs Office. "Our back door was open, and Chief O'Connor and I went out to see what was going on. It's not too often that we get to have these aircraft around." The ITX provided an opportunity to hone close air support skills with Navy and Marine Corp

Hill AFB F-16s



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

H. R. 7152

PUBLIC LAW 88-352

Civil Rights in America

Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

in the City of Washington on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, thousand nine hundred and sixty-four

An Act

to enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education, to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to have authority to conduct in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this act may be cited as the "Civil Rights Act of 1964."

SECTION 1. VOTING RIGHTS

Sec. 101. Section 2001 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act approved August 13, 1957 (71 Stat. 643), and the Act approved July 1, 1960 (74 Stat. 853), are amended to read as follows:

(a) Whenever it is determined by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, that the voting rights of any citizen of the United States are being denied or abridged on account of race or color, the court shall have jurisdiction to issue such orders, judgments, and decrees, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, as may be necessary to enforce the right of any citizen to vote.

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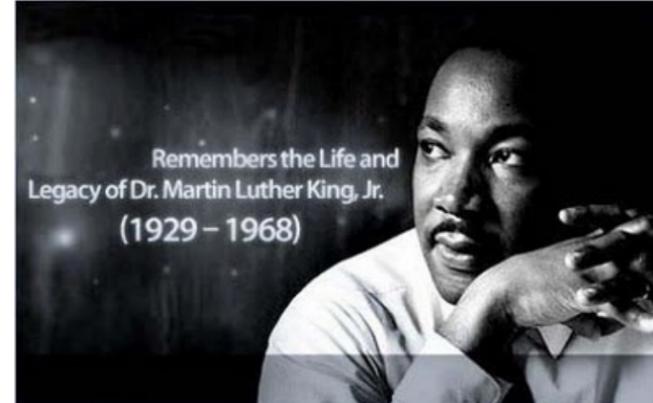
James Baldwin

Ella Baker



African-American history month a history and a legacy

Story by: Capt. Christina Prejean



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." ---Harriet Tubman

Our nation observes African American History Month in February of every year to celebrate and acknowledge the history, legacy, and contributions of our nation's African Americans. This year's theme, "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality" is best highlighted by the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Tuskegee Airmen.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

One very prominent leader, and strong proponent of civil rights and racial equality, was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A passionate, dedicated, natural born leader, Dr. King led a yearlong bus boycott in 1955. Finally, on December 21, 1956,

as a result of the leadership of Dr. King and the dedication of those who worked with him in the boycott, the Supreme Court declared bus racial segregation laws as unconstitutional, declaring a major victory for our nation's first non violent demonstration in civil rights. Between 1957 and 1968 Dr. King traveled over six million miles and gave over 2,500 speeches, making his presence wherever injustice and protests were found throughout the country. As a result of his leadership for equality in Birmingham, drives to register African Americans as voters took place in Alabama, and a peaceful march on Washington, D.C. was accomplished, where he delivered his infamous "I have a Dream" speech to an audience of over 250,000 people. Dr. King worked with both President John F. Kennedy and President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was the

youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of thirty-five. He dedicated his life to the civil rights movement and racial equality. Dr. King was arrested twenty times, assaulted four times, wrote five books and numerous articles, and was awarded five honorary degrees, which led to him receiving the "Man of the Year" award for Time Magazine in 1963. Dr. King became a symbolic leader for racial equality not only throughout our nation, but throughout the world.

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THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

The Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military aviators, also significantly contributed to the furtherance of racial inclusion and equality; especially in our nation's military. During World War II, Jim Crow laws of racial segregation were still in place, and the Tuskegee Airmen were subjected to constant racial discrimination. Despite the constant racism, the Tuskegee Airmen became known as some of the best pilots in our nation's military. Flying 1,578 combat missions, 179 bomber missions, and destroying 112 enemy aircraft in the air, and 150 enemy aircraft on the ground, their efforts and skill played a significant role in the U.S.'s victory in World War II. This month provides an excellent opportunity for us at the 146th Air Wing to celebrate African American History Month and recognize the incredible dedication, immeasurable sacrifice, resilient leadership, and remarkable contributions of African Americans such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Tuskegee Airmen. It is important to remember the legacy they left on our nation and appreciate racial equality, diversity, and inclusiveness.

LEGACY

HONOR

DFAC Menu

Saturday

Cream of potato
Jamaican Jerk Chicken
Chili Lime Tilapia
**Baked Yams with Cream
Cheese Butter Sauce**
Jambalaya with Sausage
Plantains
Peas
Carrots

Sunday:

Minestrone Soup
Turkey Meatball Stroganoff
**Cheese Tortellini with roast-
ed red pepper pesto**
Asparagus tips
Italian vegetable blend
Mozzarella Cheese Bread

ADDITIONAL
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