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MINUTEMAN FEATURE

Haz-Mat training, the 562nd Air National Guard Band of the West Coast, and much more!

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Local civil authorities team up with the 146th Airlift Wing and other Air National Guard units to prepare for future natural disasters

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Catch up on events and exercises missed during the month of June through July with our extended photo pages, including photos of our returning deployers!



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Multiple ANG Haz-Mat teams train alongside Ventura County Fire Department.



146th Airlift Wing trains with local civil authorities to prepare and plan for the next natural disaster.



Air National Guard Band of the West Coast kicks off tour through 4th of July.



COMMANDER'S CHIEF'S

Well, it's finally come time to say goodbye to my family here at the 146th Airlift Wing. This is the end of a career that has spanned more than 42 years for me at the 146th. I never thought 42 years ago that I would end up in this position with this responsibility. I look back over all those years and think of all the officers and enlisted who have inspired me, both good and bad. I have always thought that if you had the mindset of "it's the right thing to do" that challenges would always be positive. I have continued throughout the years with that philosophy and found it has always been the best policy. If you use it with our core values, you will always be proud of your actions.

Since I took over the command position five years ago, many things have taken place. Some of them good, and some of them not so good. I have strived to continue to make our wing the best it can be, just as my predecessors have done. When you deal with issues that affect the enlisted force you soon realize that you can't always make everyone happy with the policies that you have put in place. I understood that when I took on this position, however I still had the responsibility to make our wing a better place and carry out the mission requirements.

VIEW

Now more than ever we are coming into more changes in the Air Guard. You will need to be more productive with less funds and manpower to do the work. Creative ways of accomplishing mission objectives will need to be looked at closely. The thought of "this is the way we have done it in the past" should be looked at very closely. We need to find new ways of doing things better, faster and safer. Our new troops coming into the Guard today are some of the best I have ever seen. They have the ability to come up with new, fresh ideas and different ways of accomplishing tasks. We as leaders need to give them the opportunity and responsibility to prove their concepts.

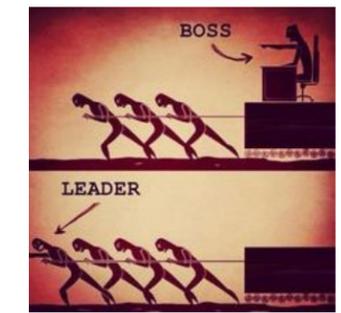
You, the workers and you the leaders of the squadrons and sections, you need to take a little more time in overseeing and understanding what's happening with the enlisted force. Every one of us has the responsibility to one another,

not just to make sure your co-worker goes home safely each evening, but to offer moral support for them in time of need. We are a group of proud individuals, and most of us don't want anyone to know that we may be having problems at home; a sick child, issues with a spouse, or financial difficulties. It is our responsibility to give our utmost attention to those in need, and provide them assistance when needed. That is what our family here at the 146th is for, that's what we do, and never thinking what has that person done for me.

I leave you with a few thoughts to help you carry on our tradition here at the 146th: build your popularity on qualities of justice and fairness to all, inflexibility in demanding obedience, faithful performance of duty, constant vigilance for the welfare and interest of our members and, above all, the forethought and preparation for the conduct of your position as it will inspire respect and admiration for your ability as a leader. Give co-workers a chance to talk, and listen to them attentively, with interest and appreciation. Treat them with the respect and consideration due an intelligent person. Most of all treat them as you would like to be treated in a similar circumstance.

It has been my honor to serve this unit and members for the past four decades. I ask that you all carry on our tradition here at the 146th.

Blue Skies to all,
Chief Onsgard



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Change is one constant thing in our world; whether it is moving to a new location, going on deployment, returning from deployment, getting married, or the birth of a child. It constitutes a major change in our lives. For many people change is something that they embrace. They live for the thrill of new and exciting adventures. While others, like me, who crave stability and dislike change, see it as a disruption to the order of our life. However, like it or not, change is something that happens in this world. Often this is a stressful situation but it can still be a profitable time in which we can grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. When we feel overwhelmed, do we use our resources such as family, friends, chaplains, and the Department Physiological Health? Do we spend time in prayer or meditation so that our souls might be strengthened in times of change and uncertainty? When we put our trust in the eternal and unchangeable creator, we can take peace and comfort in knowing that we are in the hands of the Almighty and that we might experience personal growth through our life experiences.

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AIR NATIONAL GUARD HAZ-MAT TEAMS PREPARE TO SUIT UP WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

Story & Photos by: Staff Sgt. Nicholas Carzis

“Great weather and a great facility, that’s what Ventura has to offer like no other location in the country,” said Oscar Soto, retired Senior Master Sgt. and former Installation Emergency Manager for the 146th Airlift Wing. “Putting on a hazmat suit, a person gets very warm, so no one wants to be doing that in 100 degree heat or in the humid southern states. We have nice temperatures plus the very best training center right here with the Ventura County Fire Department.”

Eight Air Guard wings from five states came out June 12, 2014 to participate in Haz-Mat training and recertification. The Ventura County Regional Fire Training Center is renowned as being especially advanced training for hazmat first responders. There are several hazardous tanker and rail car accident and spill props; an industrial tank farm leak prop area; and a simulated methamphetamine lab, built inside a shipping container, and situated in a miniature orange grove.

146th Airlift Wing Vice Wing Commander Col. Brian Kelly joined in the games to get a first-hand look at what the training was about. Donning the hazmat suit which includes a self-contained breathing apparatus substan-

tial pack of equipment on his back, he aided in the recovery of a 180-pound training manikin during a search and rescue scenario.

“The experience was eye opening.” Kelly said. “The training facilities here offer so many options for training scenarios, and create the ideal place to train our Airmen.”

Soto remains involved with the Emergency Management programs at the 146th, and has been working side-by-side with Senior Master Sgt. Ruel Gadbury who now holds Soto’s former position. He has worked and trained in many exercises like this, and he agrees that the training center is a great improvement.

“This was our third year of providing this type of training and units from California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Tennessee,” said Gadbury. “This type of training directly reflects and meets the TAG’S intent of providing support to civilian agencies in domestic operations.”





HAZ-MAT TEAMS CONT.

The training included scenarios for Airmen to practice methods of entering and exiting hazardous areas, worked with strengthening their communications out in the field, and the proper ways to decontaminate their Haz-Mat protective suits when returning from their mission. Overall Gadbury says he's happy with the results his Emergency Management team and the Ventura County Fire Department Regional Training Center have been able to provide.

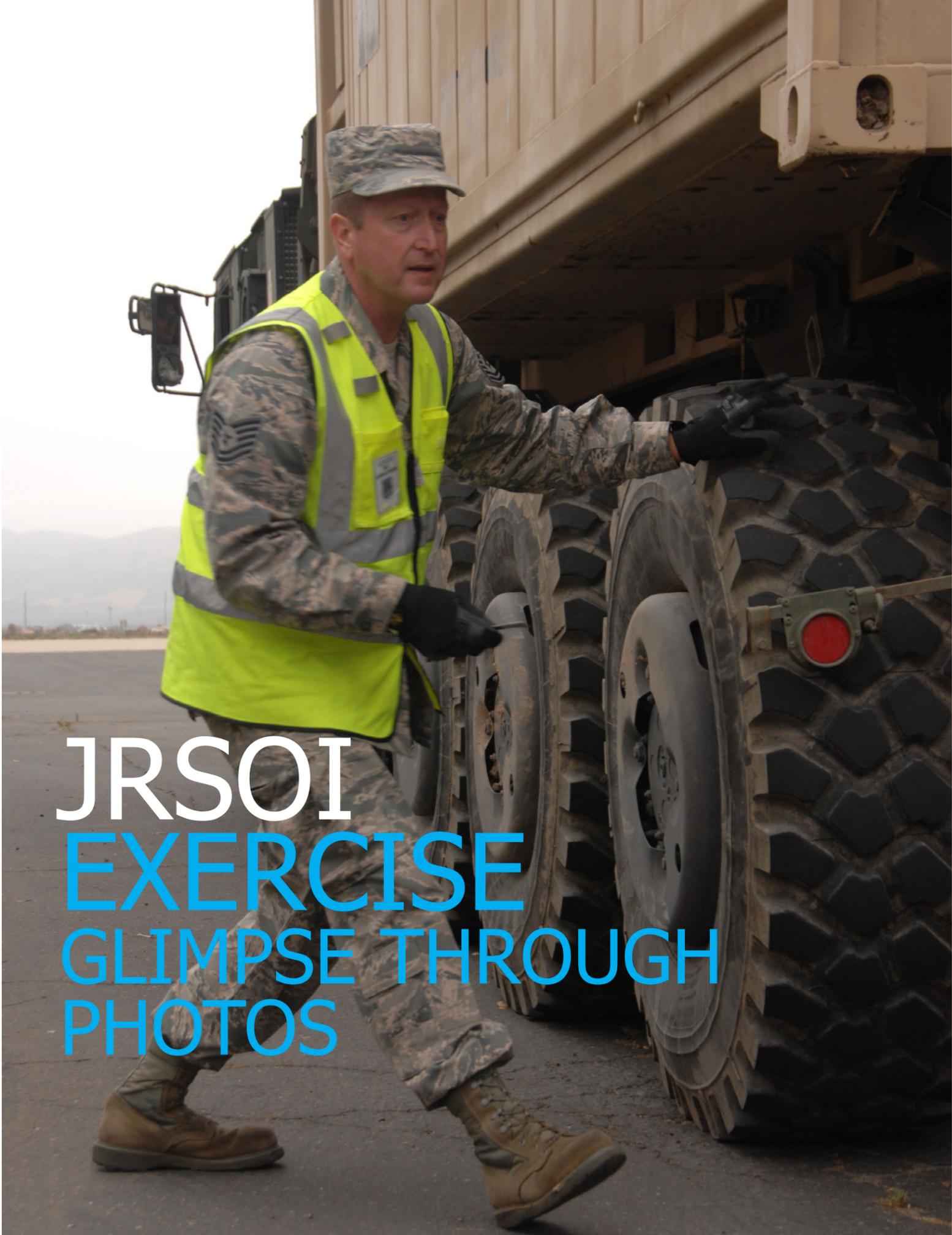
“Oscar Soto has built a reputation of ensuring that trainees receive the training they expect, and more,” said Gadbury. “Visitors constantly compliment the facilities and the hospitality of the 146th. The event is so popular that some visiting units make plans to return even before the event has concluded.”

Air Guard units included California's 129th Air Rescue Wing, 144th Fighter Wing, 134th Air Refueling Wing, the 164th Airlift Wing from Tennessee, 152nd Airlift Wing from Reno, the 162nd Fighter Wing from Tucson, and the 153rd Airlift Wing from Cheyenne.



“The combination of the unique facilities that the The Ventura County Regional Fire Training Center offers the ideal place to train emergency management teams across the Air National Guard.”
- Col. Brian Kelly





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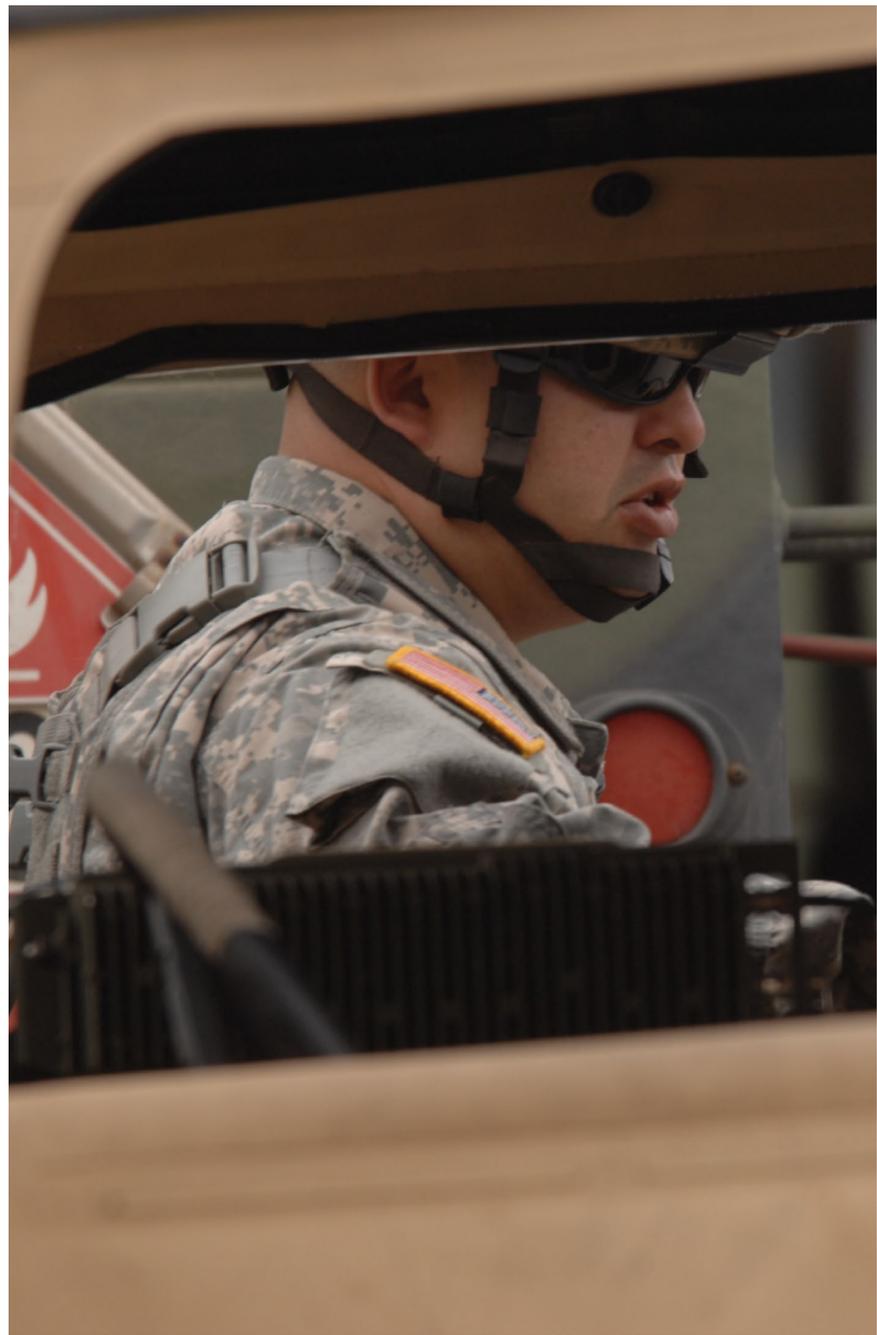


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BAND OF THE WEST COAST KICKS OFF SUMMER TOUR

Story & Photos by: Airman 1st Class Madeline Richards

Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards is a photographer, fresh out of tech school, with a fresh perspective on life in the Air Guard. She joined the 562nd Air Force Band of the West Coast last month for a whirlwind tour of the Salt Lake City area where she blogged about what she experienced along the way. Here are a few highlights and great photos of the band doing what they do. For more photos and blogs from the trip go to facebook.com/146thAirliftWing.

June 25, 2014

On the first night of our trip, the band performed in a nice little town called Ojai, California, at the Libbey Bowl Amphitheatre. While they were rehearsing before the show, I had the chance to set up my cameras and hear a little preview of what they would be playing later. As soon as I heard

the first song, I knew I was in for a good trip.

The band performance lasted about an hour and a half and to say they just “sounded pretty good” is an understatement. They were amazing! From singing, to flute solos, beautiful music, and my favorite part, when they asked the Veterans in the audience to stand up towards the end of the show! I had a few audience members approach me after the show was over just to express how much they enjoyed it too. When the last song was over I heard quite a few audience members saying they wish they could hear one more song! I’d say that is some pretty good feedback.

After the show ended and the audience cleared out, the band started to pack up their equipment. I had never stopped before to think about who hauled all of that sound equipment, instruments,





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chairs, uniforms, music stands... you get the idea. Well the band does it all! I was amazed by how much work they have to put in to prepare and clean up for a show. This was a great way to start my first trip and I feel like I really hit the jackpot when I was chosen to travel with the band. I am excited to see the rest of their performances. Utah bound on Friday! Let the road trip begin.

Day 2

The 562nd Air Force Band of the West Coast has made it to Utah! I wish I could say that the drive was beautiful and scenic but I slept the whole way. Much needed

THE BAND

sleep for the long day that was ahead of us.

Our day started with a 7am report time. The band and I headed over bright and early to Hill Air Force Base in Layton for their Air Show. I had the pleasure of watching the Brass Quintet and the Dixieland Tailgaters, small group bands made up of members of the 562nd band, play before the main event. They were so much fun to watch. Both groups were extremely upbeat and people just loved to watch them as they were passing by.

After they were done performing, the entire band lined up to march down the edge of the flight line. Their formation was beautiful and I don't think I saw one person out of step. I know because I took pictures that can prove it! When they came to a stop it was time for

them to play the National Anthem while someone jumped out of an airplane with an American flag flying in the wind. it was quite an amazing moment for the Air Force Band of the West Coast!

Band of the West Coast Cont.

That evening the band played at the Ed Kenley Amphitheatre in Layton, Utah. The crowd started filling up 30 minutes before the performance even began and by the time it started almost all the seats were full, even sitting in the grass for overflow! The audience was very diverse in age, ranging from adorable young kids waving American flags to many old Veterans representing their branch of service with hats and t-shirts. The energy of the crowd was amazing and I could definitely tell that the band was feeding off their good vibes. A good audience makes a huge difference. When the song 'America the Beautiful' began, the crowd sang along, and even the Captain of the band admitted it gave him goose bumps! It was a lot of fun to shoot and I hope the rest of their performances get an equally enthusiastic reaction from the audience. I am exhausted between the two shows and I can only imagine how tired the band members are. Another 7am call tomorrow morning for day three with our spectacular band!

Day 3

Today I learned that even though the schedule of the band says we only have one thing to shoot that day, it is not always the case. Goodbye sleep... it was nice knowing you. Another 0700 report time to head back to Hill Air Force Base, and today we would see our band march out the front of a C-5 Galaxy aircraft, the Air Force's largest cargo plane! Okay fine, this was worth losing a little sleep.

The vision was to have the nose of the plane open up while the ramp was dropping down and inside would stand the 562nd Air Force Band of the West Coast in formation, then they begin to play the "Air Force Song" as they march out of the plane! Well... that almost happened. After a few practice runs of everyone marching out of the plane, the band lined up ready to go inside and they closed up the nose of the plane. As I got my camera ready to go, fellow P.A. professional Tech. Sgt. Ty Moore set up four video cameras that were on record ready to shoot! We



took our positions and then we waited... and waited...and waited? Okay, I thought, I don't think this is supposed to take so long. Technical difficulties, the nose of the plane decided to lock shut and because of the time schedule that the pilots were on, we were out of luck. The band started to get off the plane in single file down the side stairs. Not exactly how they planned to exit. Luckily, Ty and I had been shooting the practice rounds and we ended up getting some pretty decent shots from it anyways! The band kept a positive attitude and ended up finding it pretty funny. What a way to start the morning!

That evening the band performed at the Bountiful City Park in Bountiful, Utah. The setting was a beautiful stage with wooden ceilings and the audience brought lawn chairs to sit in the grass. The music was amazing, as usual. On this occasion I really enjoyed taking pictures of intermission and the end of the performance. A few of the band members, including the Commander, stepped out

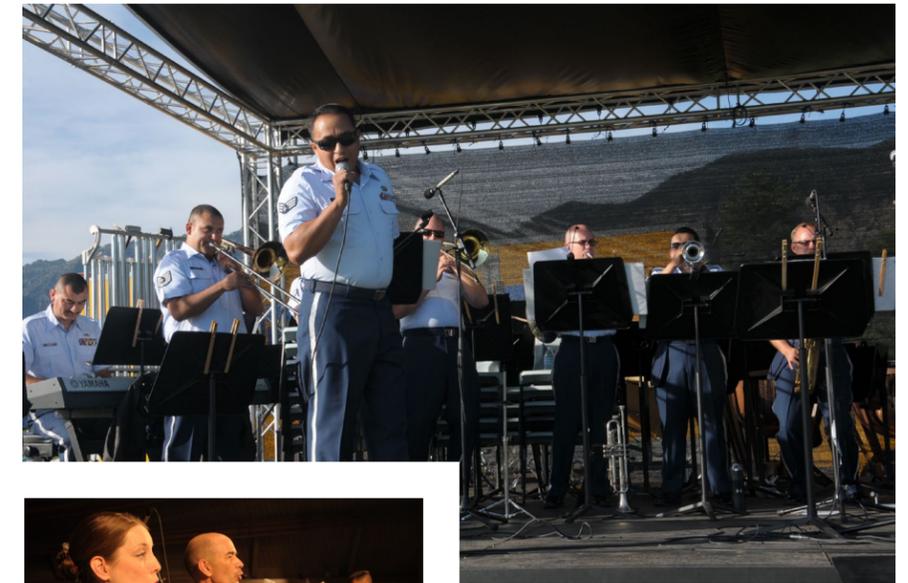
into the crowd to talk to the audience members and they just loved it. People loved asking questions about the band and it was hard for a band member to walk a few feet without someone coming up to shake their hand. I saw that this is really a great way to educate the public on what the band is all about, and to make a lasting impression on individual people.

Day 4

4:45 AM and the Tailgaters are off to Park City, Utah. It was about an hour drive and, as usual, I slept the whole way there. During the Tailgaters' performance at Hill Air Force Base, a fellow National Guard member Joe Davis, who also happens to be the host of a TV show, approached the Tailgaters and asked them to be on his show. That's how they landed this awesome gig.

When we arrived at the Park City Television Station, Joe explained how the show was going to go and they waited for their cue to go on the stage. Joe interviewed the commander, Capt. Vu Nguyen and Master Sgt. Gerald Lockwood; then the Tailgaters began to play. Altogether, the members played a total of four songs spread throughout the show. Joe liked them so much he gave them an open invitation to come back whenever they were in town again and he even invited the whole band to join them next time! They wouldn't be able to fit all of them in the studio so I think he had a plan for them to stand outside on the deck. How awesome! This was also worth losing a little sleep over!

The evening performance was at the Draper City Amphitheater in Draper City, Utah. The show started off a little rocky with some tech-



**"The audiences were very receptive and supportive."
-Tech. Sgt. Daniel Plaster**

FACTS NOTED

The band toured for a total of 2 weeks with over 30 members touring in 7 vehicles playing twice a day in some instances.

Day 5

Three more performances under our belts and we are calling it a day! Wednesday we had a performance in Ogden City; on Thursday the band performed in Murray City, and on the 4th of July they performed at the Brigham City Pi-

nical difficulties when the microphone stopped working just as the band was being introduced during the first song. Being the true professionals they are, the band maintained their composure and kept playing. After that first hiccup, the band was good to go for the rest of the night.

In the background of this performance there was a projector screen behind the whole band, which looked really cool. They had a moving picture of the American flag waving in the wind. I think that added a lot to the performance, especially when it started getting dark. Tomorrow is a fairly easy day for us with just one performance in the evening, which means this girl can finally sleep in! Another great day for the Air National Guard Band of the West Coast!



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oneer Park in Brigham City, Utah. Whew!

The performance on the 4th was special because we got to see the band's Latin-rock group Fuego Azul perform for the first time this trip. It was a nice change of pace with very up-beat music. It was also a good opportunity for more band members to be featured and show off their talent. After the show a teenage boy approached the group expressing to them how much he enjoyed it. It was sweet to see how the band can touch all different age groups.

The Dixieland Tailgaters were on a roll tonight, walking in the audience and picking different groups to play for. People absolutely loved it! They had set up next to a few families having a cookout and even played a Happy Birthday tune to a young girl in the crowd at her parents' request. I thought it was funny when they would pick a spot to play and, while they were playing, they would decide to pick up and move around throughout the crowd a little more... but they 'forgot' the drum player, Master Sgt. Scott McPherson, who was stationary with his drum set. They would realize that they left him to play the drums all by himself once they got about ten feet away from him then return. It was quite entertaining and the audience always got a laugh out of it.

With it being the 4th of July, people were extra patriotic and showed an even higher level of excitement. As I walked through the crowd to get some different shots, an older man approached me just asking me to thank the band for coming, and to tell them how much their music meant to him and his wife. He said he would come to see them every year if they came back. I also started talking to a couple that I recognized from the show in Ogden City. They loved it so much they came back to hear their music one more time before we headed back to California.



The band performed right up until 10pm when the fireworks started. It was a late night but a great way to end the trip...well almost end it. We still have a 14-hour road trip ahead of us tomorrow. All I hear is a 14-hour nap until I am reunited with my pet bird and hamster, Kawaii and Kaboo. This was a great experience and I can now say I have completed my first band tour, and my first TDY! I am so excited to see where else I get to travel throughout my Air Force career. I hope you enjoyed!



OPERATION MEDICAL BASE CONNECTS STATE & CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Story by: Senior Airman Ashley Moore
Photos by: Staff Sgt. Nicholas Carzis

Nearly 100 Airmen from the 146th Medical Group and 115th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron participated alongside approximately 1,000 volunteers from 20 local emergency service agencies in Operation Medical Base on May 2 at Camarillo Airport in Camarillo, Calif. The three day event simulated a mass casualty catastrophe where 'patients' are triaged and then 'transported' to local hospitals or other locations for the medical care. The event was designed to test inter-agency capabilities of local 'first responders' in the Ventura County area.

The three-day training and exercise event started with classroom trainings for all participating members. Local first responders and 146th members

were taught skills ranging from "Trauma 101," "Explosive Recognition," to "Military Medivac: How to." Once the volunteers became versed in the capabilities of each agency involved, it was time to put their new-found knowledge to the test.

The day of the exercise began with a scenario of a 9.2 magnitude earthquake hitting the Ventura County area. Several hundred victim volunteers flooded the grounds with injuries ranging from broken bones to severe burns and lacerations. Victim volunteers were covered in dirt and several had fake blood and make-up on their limbs to simulate actual wounds. After the victims were triaged by participating local hospitals it was determined that there were more





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casualties than an on-site hospital could accommodate. The Incident Command Center then made a call to the California Air National Guard to assist in transporting 70 victims to alternate care sites using a C-130J aircraft. Victim volunteers were moved to a tent where waiting members of the 146th Medical Group were on hand to treat and stabilize patients for transport.

Once loaded into a vehicle, the victim volunteers were driven out to the flightline where they were greeted by Airmen from the 115th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and a waiting C-130J aircraft. The victim volunteers were moved from the vehicles to empty litters and secured in the back of the plane for transport.

The 'patients' were given a flight brief by Airmen and they also simulated procedures for take-off and landing. The 'patients' were then taken off the plane and the simulated event was complete.



AIRMAN OF THE MONTH



The 146th Airlift Wing congratulates Senior Airman Sean Jacoby for being selected as the July Featured Airman of the Month. Jacoby is an Air Transportation Journeyman and has been with the unit for five years. He is currently assigned to the Air Terminal Operations Center where he certifies hazardous and special cargo for airlift.

Jacoby says he believes this mission is important to the wing because it ensures safety of our people, assets and the mission. Jacoby said that what motivated him to join the 146th was the great impression he got when meeting members from his shop when he was first looking for available positions. He said that after he enlisted he never changed his mind, and has remained with his unit ever since!

Embracing the core values is also something that Airman Jacoby strives for in not only his professional but in his personal life as well. He says that he always looks to help out anyone in need, continually conducts himself with ut-

most integrity and always strives for excellence. Airman Jacoby says he would love to one day deploy to Australia, and given the opportunity to have his dream "Air Force" job, he'd want to be a flight surgeon so that he may help those most in need.

This Santa Monica native works as a general manager of a restaurant and also teaches business as an adjunct professor for Los Angeles Community College. In his spare time he enjoys building computers and playing video games. One thing you may not know about this Airman is that he is nearly complete with his PhD!

Airman Jacoby says that he is always willing to help his fellow Airmen if they need school or resume advise. He said "I'd be happy to help, just look me up in the directory!" Thanks Senior Airman Sean Jacoby for your dedication to your job and your fellow Airmen! Congratulations!



REMEMBERING RYAN KENNEDY

Senior Airman Ryan Kennedy's memorial service will be held on Wednesday, 16 July 2014, at The Grove Church, 19900 Grove Community Dr., Riverside, California from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Committal service will be at Riverside National Cemetery at 1:15 PM, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, California, staging area # 2. Reception will take place at VFW Post 9148, 13932 Valley View Ave., La Mirada, California on 16 July 2014 starting at 3:00 PM. Please click on the link for more information.

<http://www.miller-jones.com/book-of-memories/1905533/Kennedy-Ryan/obituary.php>

Arrangements are entrusted to Miller-Jones Moreno Valley Mortuary, 23618 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley, California. Funeral Service will be held at The Grove Church, 19900 Grove Community Dr., Riverside, California from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Wednesday, July 16, 2014. Committal service will be at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, California, staging area # 2, at 1:15 PM. Reception to follow at VFW-Post 9148, 13932 Valley View Ave., La Mirada, California. Donations may be made to Kim Kennedy.

Ryan Jacob Kennedy, age 28, of Buena Park, California, passed away, Monday, June 30, 2014, in Buena Park, California. He was born on Wednesday, November 27, 1985 in Anaheim, California to Jeff Kennedy & Kim Kennedy.

Ryan served his country honorably in the Air Force. He was a service member of the Department of Defense for over 10 years. He was honorable and prideful of his country that he served. Ryan enjoyed spending his free time camping, sailing and riding dirt-bikes. His greatest joy of all was spending time with his family. He will forever be remembered as being a free spirit, adventurous, courageous and having a heart of gold. Ryan will be forever in the hearts of those that loved him the most.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents, Jeff Kennedy and Kim Kennedy, brother, Jordan Kennedy; sister, Christa Lodygowski and a host of other family members and friends.



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WELCOME HOME DEPLOYERS!







146TH SECURITY FORCES DEPLOYERS RETURN HOME



REMEMBER
TO MARK
YOUR CALENDARS:

SEPTEMBER
4TH-7TH
SUPER
DRILL!

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MENU

Saturday

- Harvest mushroom bisque
- Beef tenderloins with chasseur sauce
- Herbed roasted apple pork tenderloins
- Rosemary chicken
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Rice pilaf
- Peas and corn
- Baby carrots

Sunday

- Tomato basil soup
- Spaghetti with meatballs
- Grilled chicken with spinach alfredo rotellini
- Yellow zucchini
- Spinach
- Mozzarella bread

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