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Electronic News from the 146th Airlift Wing



As this edition of the Commander's View was being written, Hurricane Sandy was bearing down on the northeast, the most populated area of the United States. Although this hurricane was not as powerful as some in the past, the amount of damage was extremely large. Hurricane Sandy brought massive flooding to New York and New Jersey, and caused billions of dollars' worth of damage. Manhattan's subways and electrical systems received enormous damage as well, and people are now struggling to survive in some areas, running short of water and gas for their generators. This is the type of event that the National Guard is known to support very well, and Hurricane Sandy is no different. The 146th AW sent two of our C-130J aircraft and aircrew to bring rescue equipment to the east coast, and we are standing by for any other requests for assistance from the National Guard Bureau, standing ready to help in any way possible. We all will keep the people located in this area in our thoughts and prayers. (Cont. on page 5)

2012-13 Calendar

Nov 14-16	AOCI
Nov 26-30	HQ AMC STAN/EVAL
Dec 2	Family Day/Hometown Heroes
Dec 17-18	COMSEC Inspection
Jan 27-1 Feb	Deployed ORE
Feb 20-27	ASEV
Mar 3-9	CRTC C2 Ex. (Full PTF 1-2 March UTA)
Apr 5-8	Home-station ORE
May 2-5	Ops Block Training
Jun 1-2	War-Skills Training
Aug 2013	TBD - Deployed ORE
Oct 27-3 Nov	Deployed ORI

Nov. UTA Events

Saturday

0845 - Commanders and 1st Sgt. Meeting, Jenny Room
1000 - NCO/SNCO Induction Ceremony, Wing Auditorium
**ORI players mask swap-out in Supply (check for times)

Sunday

0800 - 1100 - PT Test
0900 - 1st Sgts' Meeting, Sabre Room
1000 - Chiefs' Council, Jenny Room
1300 - POSH, Jenny Room
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DFAC Menu Saturday:

soup : tomato basil
sage buttered roasted turkey
pork tenderloins with demi reduction
garlic roasted red mashed potato w/ cream gravy
apple pecan cornbread stuffing
asparagus tips
baby carrots
honey butter cornbread
cranberry pear ginger chutney

DFAC Menu Sunday:

soup : tomato basil
linguini w/ Sicilian meatballs
penne rigate margarita
garlic herbed Tilapia
peas and carrots
vegetable capri

Fond Farewells and Retirements

Master Sgt. Sandra Valentin-Shields
Lt. Col. Craig Boguslawski (ceremony)
Lt. Col. Martin Nehring (ceremony)

Religious Services

Catholic Mass: 1100
Protestant Service: 1230
Both services are held in the
Commander's Conference Room, Bldg 119

AIRMAN OF THE MONTH



Airman 1st Class Danielle Dupont is our most recent Airman to be spotlighted on base. Do you know someone who deserves to be noticed? More on page 4

562nd Band Deploys to AFCENT

by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Plaster



"Fuego Azul" lit the summer on fire with Latin dance grooves and mainstream popular hits in Southwest Asia and Kyrgyzstan during July and August of this year. Comprised of Airmen from the Air National Guard Band of the Southwest located at the 146th Airlift Wing, the salsa dance band performed morale-boosting shows for servicemen and women, and built partnerships along the way performing for youth and public audiences.

"Fuego Azul", renamed "Vector" by AFCENT while deployed, was led by Tech. Sgt. Erick Quintanilla, a tuba specialist with the band who interrupted his band career for an active duty tour as a C-130 mechanic for the 146 Airlift Wing.

On returning to the band, he recruited a handful of his musical colleagues from Los Angeles, added in some additional band members, and now performs multiple sets of traditional Latin

dance numbers as well as rock and pop favorites familiar to all audiences.

Working closely with the AFCENT Public Affairs staff and the U.S. embassy in Kyrgyzstan, the band's mission was to promote cultural relations with the citizens of this partner country.

Interactive performances were arranged with several summer youth camps that provide English language instruction.

At these and other performances for audiences of all ages, the Latin and pop songs were greeted with big smiles, enthusiastic dancing, and many were able to sing along to the likes

of *Hard Day's Night*, *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Hotel California*, and *Pump It*, by the Black Eyed Peas.

Performance venues for morale missions in the AFCENT region ranged from small offices to large stages; more unique audiences included a Marine Battalion awaiting transportation 'downrange', service members at a dining facility, and even a flight line checkpoint.

For those away from home on deployment, visits from "Fuego Azul" provide a welcome break in the deployment routine with an opportunity to relax and listen, sing and play along. For others, it marks a memorable milestone while passing their deployment days. One fighter pilot during a performance noted that the Latin arrangements were a fresh and welcome contrast to the

common rock and hip-hop fare that is generally available.

Now returned home to Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, the band members are eager to continue their public affairs and morale missions across California and wherever they are requested.



Members of this year's annual Boo-be-que...do you recognize anyone?



What's going on in your world?

The 146th has so many interesting things go on...Do you have an idea for a story? Please let us know by calling the Public Affairs Office at x7420.

Help us to keep you informed!

MAFFS end of season

by: Maj. Kimberly Holman

The California Air National Guard's MAFFS (Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems) program was a vital tool for the U.S. Forest Service and CAL FIRE in what became a record-breaking firefighting year. For nearly three months the 146th Airlift Wing (AW) personnel and C-130 aircraft assisted with wildfire suppression, from June 25-Sept 14, contributing to more than 1000 cumulative drops and 2.5 million gallons of fire retardant delivered on fires across the Western U.S., many in California.

"We can all be proud that our efforts have made a difference in the lives and safety of firefighters, and those many communities around the nation affected by the events of this historical season," said Col. Gerald Champlain, 153rd Airlift Wing Commander located in Cheyenne, Wyo., who served as Air Expeditionary Group Commander during this year's MAFFS deployment. "The California wildfire season is unpredictable and often flares up during the fall months, but the 146th AW remains ready to assist if called upon," said Col. Paul Hargrove, 146th AW Commander and MAFFS pilot.



"Our aircrew and support personnel are loyal to the MAFFS mission and will respond at a moment's notice when needed." This year's

activation began in the Rocky Mountain Region with flames threatening the Air Force Academy and new cadets in Colorado Springs, Colo. The threat to life and property was so great that all eight MAFFS C-130 aircraft from across the country were activated to the same place at the same time, a situation seldom witnessed in more than 40 years of MAFFS' existence.

The U.S. Forest Service adjusted the MAFFS staging locations in order to follow fire activity and lessen aircraft commute times to the fires. Following the initial activation in Colorado Springs, MAFFS operations were staged out of Cheyenne, Wyo., Hill Air Force Base outside of Salt Lake City, Boise, Idaho and McClellan Air Field near Sacramento.

On July 1, MAFFS 7, a North Carolina C-130 equipped with a Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, crashed near Edgemont, S.D., while supporting the White Draw fire. Four of the six crewmembers were killed in

what was the first major incident in the 40-year MAFFS mission history. "We especially would like to remember our fallen comrades from MAFFS 7, and convey special gratitude to their families for their ultimate sacrifice in the service of this great nation," said Champlain following MAFFS' recent deactivation. "There is no greater duty than the defense of the lives and homes of our fellow countrymen, and our thoughts and prayers will remain with them always."



Tell us...

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!



Our newest Airman of the Month



Meet Airman 1st Class Danielle Dupont, the newest addition to the 146th Airlift Wing's Maintenance, Aircraft Electrical and Environmental shop. We caught up with Dupont to find out a little more about her, who she is and what she sees in her future with the Air National Guard.

A native of the Camarillo area, Dupont grew up near the base and has known for a long time that the ANG was where she wanted to be. She just returned recently from BMT and tech school and has been working to accomplish her "seasoning training" with her co-workers in maintenance. Her supervisor boasts that she has a real aptitude within her field. "On her first day on the job, she was troubleshooting electrical systems on the aircraft, and she found a problem that other more experienced people might have missed," said Master Sgt. Thomas Weaver. "We have been very impressed with her and are glad to have her on our team."

Welcome to the 146th Airman Dupont!

See more of this story at the [146th public website](#).

DON'T FORGET!

NEXT MONTH IS FAMILY DAY!

Dec. 2

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The 146th AW was released from MAFFS on September 14th, after two and a half months of continuous activation. This was the second busiest season in the 39 years history of MAFFS and the totals so far this season were 922 sorties, 1,011 drops, and 2,449,679 gallons of retardant dropped in support of wildfires. I would like to thank all our personnel who gave their time and expertise, risking their own lives for the effort to save others. Unfortunately, this season also saw the first MAFFS aircraft accident, which claimed the lives of four aircrew members from the Charlotte ANG. The Safety Review Board concluded its investigation, but the results can't be released to the public. An Accident Investigation Board is now investigating the accident and these results will be released when available.

The 146th AW just completed the Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program (ESOH CAMP) visit from 22 Oct to 26 Oct. This team of experts assesses our compliance with regulations relating to flying and ground safety issues, environmental, and occupational health issues at Channel Islands ANG. This is an extensive look at our programs in these areas and our personnel did very well. We always have minor write ups that will need to be corrected and responded to, but overall we had no significant findings by the team. I appreciate all the hard work that all of our personnel put into the preparation for the ESOH CAMP, most notably SMSgt Ron Nester and SMSgt Lorenzo Perez.

Brig Gen Witham has been hired as the Deputy Director of the Air National Guard and will be working at the National Guard Bureau full time for several years. Last year he was hired as the Adjutant General-Air for the Air Division of the California Military Department. Brig Gen Jon Kelk has taken over as the Adjutant General-Air for California. The 146th AW and I wish them the best in their new positions.

We are now within one year of our next Operational Readiness Inspection, which will take place the last week of October in 2013. We are taking the ORI with the 145th AW from Charlotte and I anticipate this will be a good relationship for the inspection. I have worked with Col Roger Williams, Charlotte's Wing Commander, for years, going back years ago when we were both stationed at Laughlin AFB at the same time. We have worked with Charlotte for years with the MAFFS mission and are very familiar with many of their personnel. In January, we will continue the preparation for the ORI by joining Charlotte at Gulfport, Mississippi for a command and control exercise. Charlotte will be having a deployed ORE and we will send about 50 personnel to practice the C2 piece of the inspection. This will be the first of many exercises to get ready for the ORI. So dust off your chem gear and start thinking of how you can prepare yourself for the ORI.

This weekend there will be an induction ceremony in the wing auditorium on Saturday at 1000 for the recent NCO and SNCO personnel promoted. Command Chief Onsgard started this noteworthy recognition for the men and women who have earned their next stripe and taken the next step in their military careers. Please stop by and congratulate the newly promoted!

The annual Airman of the Year banquet will be in January and will be combined with the Army National Guard. This is a change from the past banquets and will be in Anaheim this time. The winners from the 146th AW have been announced and my congratulations go out to Sr Amn Teresa Luna, SSgt David Scalise, MSgt Michael Stevens, and MSgt Doug Marshall. Please join me in congratulating these fine Airmen. I wish them luck in the state competition.

Next drill will be a Family Day, Christmas Party, and Hometown Heroes combination. Bring your family out on Sunday and enjoy the day with all the events that will be going on. MSgt Steve Renteria is leading the planning committee on the Family Day and he has promised it will be a great event. Enjoy the holidays and I will see you around the base.

Take Care,

Paul Hargrove, Col
146th AW/CC



146th Airmen on the job--keeping us safe from harm...
"You don't *look* like Chief Onsgard and Col. Hargrove," says front gate guard Senior Airman Teresa Luna. (photo by Master Sgt. David Buttner)

GAS GAS GAS! It's mask swap-out time!

As the ORI rapidly approaches, the time has come for our M-50 gas mask training to take place this month, Nov UTA. Members must bring their new M-50 gas mask with all the accessories to the Supply classroom at the pre-designated time. (see your leadership for scheduled class times)

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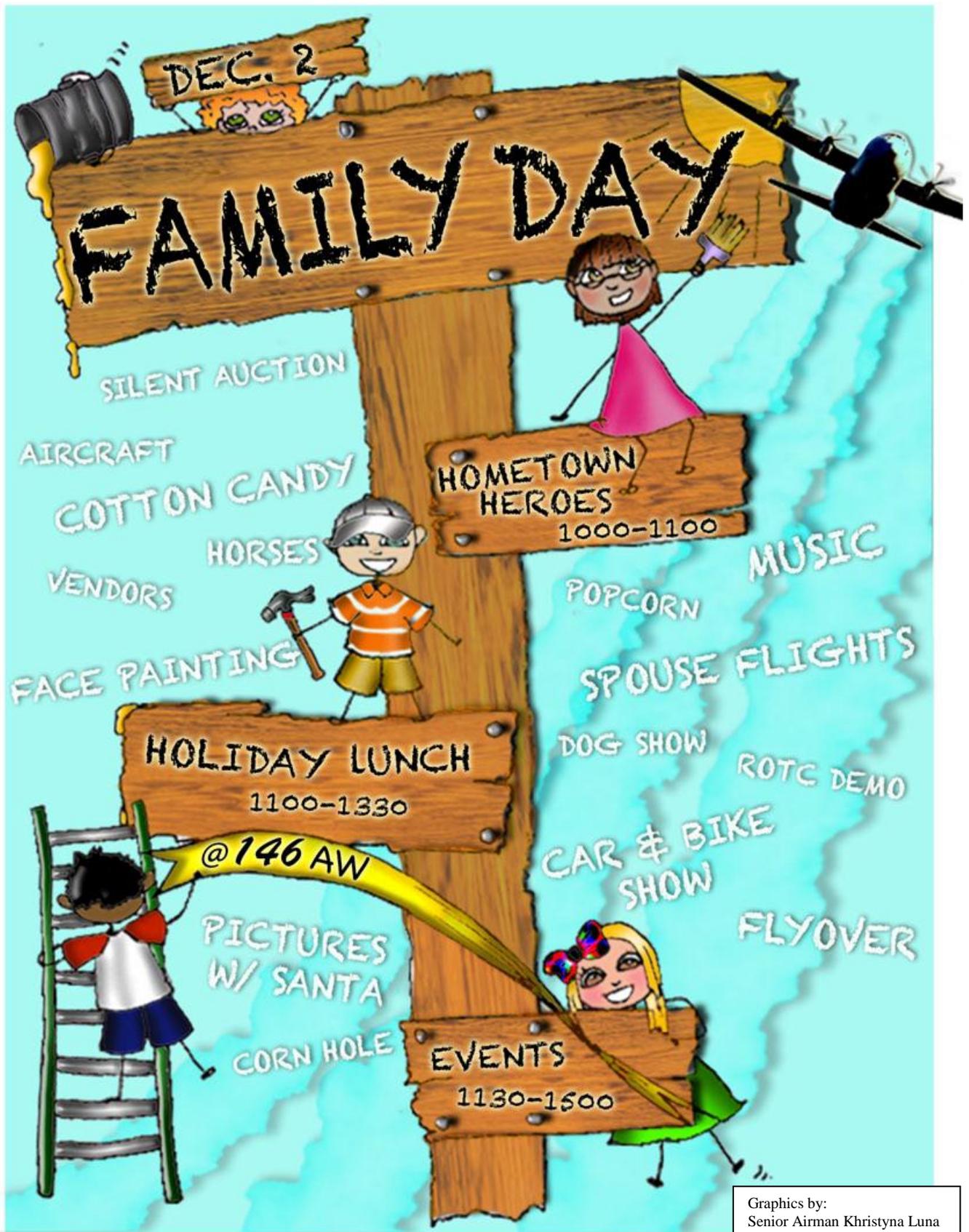
- 1 - Only traditionals (w/ few fulltime exceptions) will train during UTA
- 2 - Please ensure max participation since training seats are limited/tight

Financial planning offered on base, free of charge!

Mr. Hong Tran is a personal financial planner and he will be at the wing this UTA offering financial counseling free of charge. He is knowledgeable on financial planning, budgets, refinancing, Roths, financial issues during divorce, retirements, and more. Please contact Kim Evans (Wing Director of Psychological Health) to schedule a confidential, free appointment from 0800-1600 Saturday and Sunday; appointments will be every hour.
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Coming next month: 146th Security Forces Squadron goes to Guam!





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