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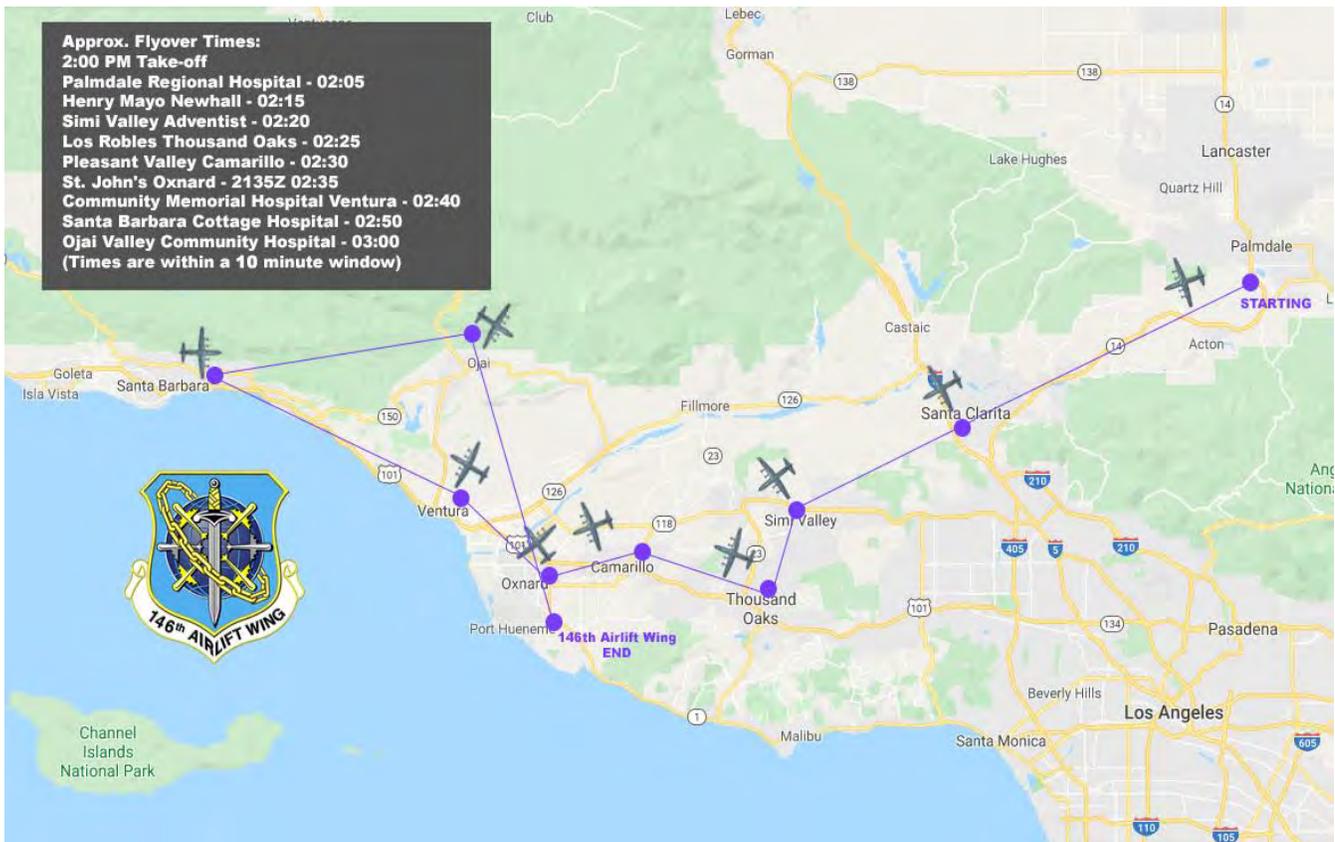
Cal Guard salutes health care workers and first responders with flyover

CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif. – The 146th Airlift Wing will be participating in Operation America Strong honoring California’s front line COVID-19 responders with a community flyover May 14. The pilots will fly in salute to health care workers, first responders, and everyone on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19.

A formation of two C-130J Super Hercules aircraft, flown by the 115th Airlift Squadron, will begin the flyover at approximately 2 p.m. at the Palmdale Regional Medical Facility in Palmdale and continue throughout the state ending with a flyover throughout Ventura County.

“We are so grateful to all of our health care workers serving in our communities,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Keith Chikasawa, 146th Airlift Wing commander. “Please join us as we show our appreciation to local health care workers with a flyover salute, honoring their commitment in providing care to our communities. From all of our airmen serving at the 146th Airlift Wing, you have our most sincere thanks and gratitude. Thank you for your service.”

1	Palmdale Regional Medical Center	38600 Medical Center Drive, Palmdale, CA 93551
2	Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital	23845 McBean Prky, Valencia, CA 91355
3	Adventist Health Simi Valley	2975 North, Sycamore Dr, Simi Valley, CA 93065
4	Los Robles Regional Medical Center	215 W Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
5	St. John’s Pleasant Valley Hospital	2309 Antonio Ave, Camarillo, CA 93010
6	St. John’s Regional Medical Center	1600 N Rose Ave, Oxnard, CA 93030
7	Community Memorial Hospital	147 N Brent St, Ventura, CA 93003
8	Ventura County Medical Center	300 Hillmont Ave, Ventura, CA 93003
9	Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital	400 W Pueblo St, Santa Barbara, CA 93102
10	Ojai Valley Community Hospital	1306 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai, CA 93023



Residents in these areas will be able to see the flyover from the safety of their homes and should maintain all social distancing guidelines during this event. They should also refrain from traveling to landmarks, hospitals, or gathering in large groups to view the flyover. They can also expect to hear aircraft noise as the planes fly overhead.

We welcome and encourage viewers to tag us on social media in photos and videos of the formation with the hashtags #146AW, #AmericaStrong, and #CalGuard.

All times are subject to change based on weather and environmental considerations.

Please contact the 146th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at 805-986-7420 or via email at usaf.ca.146-aw.mbx.public-affairs@mail.mil for any questions or concerns. Media will be able to download pilot interviews and B-roll video at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/146AW> Thursday, May 14, after noon.