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The 144th Fighter Wing Newsletter



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Commander's Message- from Col. Jeremiah Cruz, 144th Fighter Wing Commander

Welcome to August UTA and welcome back to the base for many of you who we haven't seen since June! We have a full drill, with lots of exciting events. Although our base and local community COVID numbers are finally starting to decline, please continue to ensure social distancing, proper mask wear at all times, and if you don't feel well, stay home and contact your supervisor. Your diligence to protect the force and our no-fail mission during this pandemic is evident in how healthy the wing has been. Don't let up! We must continue to be careful, stay healthy, and keep each other safe. The work life balance is always hard, and it seems more challenging now than ever. Please remember, you are not alone! My number one goal is taking care of you; we have an arsenal of support and help. Our care and support team and other services are just a visit or call away. I cannot emphasize enough the important of taking care of yourself to ensure you are mission ready. This pandemic and disruption to our way of life is no different. The outside gym remains open – I'll see you out there!

Command Highlights

Airmen Return Home After Serving State Missions- by Capt. Jason Sanchez, Public Affairs Officer

Over 30 Airmen from the 144th Fighter Wing returned, July 14, 2020, from responding to multiple missions across California. It all began, April 9, when Airmen were tasked with providing assistance to the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Silicon Valley, located in San Jose, California. Story is continued at: <https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News>

Flexibility is Key- by Staff Sgt. George Solis, Public Affairs Staff Writer

Capt. Patrick McGar, a drill status guardsmen and 144th Medical Group Detachment clinical nurse, had to adapt repeatedly as mission requirements changed while he was serving as a member of a COVID-19 medical strike team which provide support to several Southern California cities... Story is continued at: <https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News>

PPE Works!- by Lt. Col. Jordan Darnauer, 144th Medical Group Detachment Commander

Medical personnel from the 144th Medical Group's medical detachment are finally returning home after spending more than 90 days supporting over 15,000 COVID-19 tests and medical treatment for hundreds of COVID-19 patients... Commentary is continued at: <https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Commentaries>

Effective Time Management- by Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Chacon, 144th Weapons Section Chief

As you progress in your career and climb the ladder of development, you will inherently acquire greater responsibility and more will be expected of you. As projects increase and deadlines rapidly approach, stress levels... Commentary is continued at: <https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Commentaries>

Air Force News: Department of the Air Force: Focus on Priorities

Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barretta announces the four priorities for the Department of the Air Force: Build the United States Space Force, modernize the Air and Space Forces we need, grow strong leaders and resilient families, and strengthen our allies and partners.

Read more at: <https://www.af.mil/About-Us/Focus-on-Priorities/>

