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Members of the 144th Operations Group pose with Ukrainian pilots in the 144th Maintenance Hangar Sept. 8, 2019. The visit is part of the State Partnership Program between Ukraine and the California Air National Guard. This 26 year partnership helps foster relationships and build trust, with the ultimate goal of increasing readiness and training for both countries. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Capt. Jason Sanchez)

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Commander's Comments

By Col. Christopher Austin
144th Fighter Wing Vice Commander

Defeating Enemies Within

As we build our wing plan for 2020, take some time from the mission for a resilience pause and enjoy our annual family weekend.

I am humbled to start these words of encouragement on September 11th, 2019. 18 years ago, indescribable evil surfaced as buildings fell, airplanes crashed and chaos reigned. In that moment, courageous people showed us the best of humanity in their response to the worst of humanity.

While growing up, I was witness to other aspects of the best and worst of humanity. They were shown in the incredible pain, suffering and victories of my courageous mother. She not only struggled with battles inside herself, but with traumas she suffered at the hands of others when she was younger. Eventually, with help from many, she rose above these challenges and became a psychologist, treating other survivors of trauma. It is a victory that my family was deeply proud of!

Learning from her example, I believe our internal struggles in our minds and the struggle to protect each other from harm committed by others is as valid of a cause and can require the same amount

of courage as fighting terrorists on our own soil. I also believe that the more successful we are at winning these battles, the better we will be at defeating enemies on the battlefield. As we prepare to defeat, "all enemies foreign and domestic," let us defeat the enemy within and the enemy between us as well! Some thoughts:

The enemy within— burdens such as depression, addiction, anxiety, loneliness and discouragement are as real as any terrorist's deeds. Defeating this often silent enemy involves relentlessly pursuing connection, strength, resilience and growth. Defeating this enemy also means that if your internal struggles have brought you to your knees, I want you to know are not alone and there is a way out. People are literally standing by to lift you up and show you the way forward. No situation is hopeless, and without a doubt, many people have navigated similar difficulties with success. Ask for help, stay positive, stay professional, keep your head up, and I promise, you can do it!

The enemy between us. We must fight for a culture where we bring out the best in each other, where we are lifted-up, encouraged, inspired and



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enabled to navigate the ups and downs and inevitable dark times in our own lives.

This second enemy is often as silent as the first, and it exists when people become complacent about those who are victimized, isolated or forgotten. Sexual assault, harassment, discrimination and indifference are scourges that are hidden by our inability to communicate about such harsh realities or our unwillingness to admit them. We can also defeat this enemy, and we must!

For our wing, the resilience pause is intended for us to briefly reflect on how to win against the enemy within us, and wing family day is intended for us to briefly reflect upon family and community. In both cases, I believe a good culture of communication, dignity, inclusion, encouragement, fun and support is the primary answer, and a good culture must be fought for relentlessly.

Often, I am asked why I still serve in uniform. My answer is always very simple. I serve to be around courageous people who meet the worst of humanity with the best of humanity. Whether it is defeating enemies "foreign and domestic" on the battlefield, running into falling buildings, storming a hijacked cockpit, defeating enemies in the mind, or forging a culture of dignity and respect, I know in wearing this uniform that I am surrounded by people willing to do whatever it takes.



Chief's Corner

By Chief Master Sgt. Michele Flaherty

144th Medical Group

The 144th Family

Family Day is this weekend. It's time for us to show off what we do to those closest to us. I joined the 144th Fighter Wing back in 1990 and my family still loves coming out to see the base and where I get to work every day.

I especially enjoy when my Grandpa comes out. He's 93 now, so he can't walk around the base anymore, but watch out for his scooter! He's fast. Grandpa was in the Navy during World War II to be exact, so he knows the bond that we in the military share. You can see the joy on his face when he gets the opportunity to talk to 144th FW members. He is the reason I don't take the word "family" for granted.

I found this definition of family the other day: the family is a domestic group with a lasting association, which the members may or may not be biologically related. It functions as a unit

for the purposes of resource sharing and providing mutual emotional support while perpetuating tradition and values.

That definition reminds me of my second family, the 144th family. I say the 144th family because my family isn't just the Medical Group; it includes everyone on this base. One fantastic thing about the Guard family, which is different from active duty, is our ability to make lifelong friendships. We are more able to do this because we joined an organization that is based around our geographic home. We usually don't have to leave until we are ready.

My sisters often remind me of how blessed I am to have this extended family that I can count on for just about anything.

When you reflect on why you joined the Guard, did the reason change

over time? Maybe you joined for the benefits, for the extra pay check, or just to serve. But after a while, did you come to realize that you were here because of the people? Because of this family? I know I have.

Don't take for granted what we have; lean on those around you. Always remember that in this family, no one stands alone. Take strength in knowing that you are a part of a family that cares about you and wants to see you succeed in your endeavors.

None of us will be here forever, Grandpa reminds me of that as well, so enjoy the time that you have with your Guard family. Being in the Guard is a privilege and I personally am grateful for the experiences, the laughter, the tears, and everything else that has been a part of making this 144th "family."



The CA ANG and Ukraine Conquer Another First!

By Maj. Jennifer Piggott, 144th Public Affairs Officer

Fresno Air National Guard Base, Calif.— The California Air National Guard and Ukraine achieved another first during a State Partnership Program training event in September at the 144th Fighter Wing, Fresno, California.

Six Ukrainian Air Force pilots and one translator visited the 144th FW September 3-9 as part of a State Partnership Program training, which familiarizes the Ukrainian pilots with U.S. Air Force flying procedures and techniques. As part of the visit, all six Ukrainian pilots were able to experience American airpower through familiarization flights in the F-15C Eagle.

“The last time Ukrainian pilots flew in California was in the F-16 in 2005. The professionalism and the gains the Ukrainian pilots have achieved over the last 15 years is notable,” said Col. Robert Swertfager, 144th Operations Group commander and former State Partnership Program director. “I see Ukrainian Air Force leadership leading the way and increasing their interoperability with NATO,” added Swertfager.

This visit was the second part of a training program that began during Clear Sky 2018 in Ukraine.

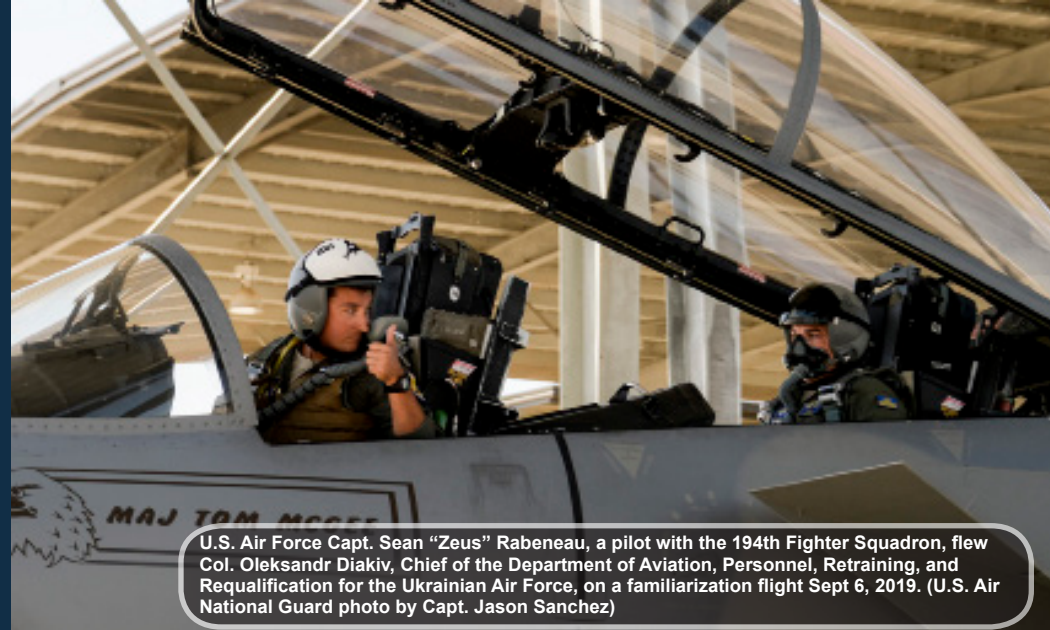
“This visit afforded our Ukrainian partners the opportunity to see how a U.S. fighter

squadron operates and functions on a day to day basis,” said Lt. Col. Jonathan Burd, 194th Fighter Squadron pilot and project officer for the visit.

The visit allowed the Ukrainians to compare U.S. flying operations, especially the support and administrative functions, to their own programs and take these lessons back to Ukraine to implement into their squadrons.

“The main goal was to familiarize ourselves with the flight procedures and techniques of the Air National Guard, and we are very thankful that our U.S. partners showed us both the theoretical and the practical part of their flying program,” said Col. Oleksandr Diakiv, Chief of the Department of Aviation, Personnel, Retraining, and Re-qualification for the Ukrainian Air Force. “Theory without practice is nothing, so we are very grateful to have been able to put so much theory into practice this visit. We learn so much each time we are with our CA ANG partners and it helps us grow... you make it look easy.”

The Ukrainians were surprised at the training syllabus of U.S. pilots. “You give so much more responsibility to your pilots and give them a greater level of decision making authority,” added Diakiv. “We want to bring this concept back to Ukraine.”



U.S. Air Force Capt. Sean “Zeus” Rabeneau, a pilot with the 194th Fighter Squadron, flew Col. Oleksandr Diakiv, Chief of the Department of Aviation, Personnel, Retraining, and Requalification for the Ukrainian Air Force, on a familiarization flight Sept 6, 2019. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Capt. Jason Sanchez)

Col. Diakiv had the privilege of flying with U.S. Air Force Capt. Sean “Zeus” Rabeneau, a pilot with the 194th Fighter Squadron, and said observing Rabeneau’s confidence was the best part of the familiarization flight.

“I was amazed how confident he was while flying the Eagle, it was like Zeus and the jet were one,” said Diakiv. Ukrainian Air Force pilot, Capt. Oleksii Mes, a senior pilot with the Ukrainian 144th Tactical Aviation Brigade, experienced aerial refueling during his familiarization flight, a first for any current member of the Ukrainian Air Force.

The California Air National Guard and Ukraine have enjoyed a 25-year long relationship as part of the State Partnership Program, but not until now has a Ukrainian pilot been able to witness how U.S. fighter aircraft refuel in the air.

Capt. Mes, was flown by U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Russ “Spicoli” Piggott, with the 194th Fighter Squadron, where he was able to observe the F-15C Eagle refuel twice during his flight. Mes underwent pilot training in the U.S., which made his experience unique because he could compare the flight to what he learned in pilot training, and how flying missions are accomplished in Ukraine.

USAF Progressive Discipline Process

By Capt. Jason Sanchez, 144th Public Affairs Officer

Following a presentation about the Inspector General Complaint process during a headquarters commander's call, Aug. 2, 2019, U.S. Air Force Col. Jeremiah Cruz, 144th Fighter Wing commander, and Lt. Col. John Sliney, 144th Fighter Wing inspector general, answered questions about how discipline and punishment should work in the National Guard. These ideas followed the presentation when the question was raised, "What stops any negative personnel action from being taken to the IG?"

Col Cruz began answering the concern by emphasizing that we do not punish individuals just to punish them. "We use progressive punishment with the purpose of correction," said Cruz. "That's how the works."

Col. Cruz explained importance of defining during feedback sessions counseling subordinates there is a need. When a supervisor fails to a subordinates lack adherence to standards, situation often escalates,

supervisors to become more agitated, and subordinates to be shocked when action is ultimately taken. Col. Cruz admitted, while not pleasant, supervisors and commanders are expected to administer corrective actions. He also highlighted the importance of documenting those actions.

"It protects the member, and it protects the organization," said Cruz. "I want our Airmen to feel comfortable and our leaders to feel comfortable."

Before initiating discipline, it's always important for a supervisor to define

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Lt. Col. Jackson Announced as Area Defense Counsel for California ANG

Lt. Col. Richard Jackson, California Air National Guard judge advocate, was announced as the California ANG Area Defense

Counsel in July of 2019. As area defense counsel, Lt. Col. Jackson represents individual Airmen, officers and enlisted, when an adverse personnel action is taken against them militarily.

These actions may include courts-martial, Article 15 punishments, administrative discharge or demotion, denial of reenlistment, enlisted performance reviews, unfavorable information file entries, control rosters, letters of counsel, letters of reprimand, or any investigation related to a violation of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

"As a service member, you have the right to be represented," said Jackson. "Military defense counsel are certified judge advocates who provide independent legal representation and confidential legal advice for service members suspected of an offense or facing adverse administrative actions."

The JAG's office and the area defense counsel usually have opposite roles within the military justice system. The JAG usually serves as a prosecutor, representing the Air Force's interests, while the area defense counsel serves as a defense lawyer for the individual service member.

"JAGs represent the Air Force, and by extension, they give the commanders advice," said Jackson. "I represent each person individually that comes to me, and I advocate on their behalf. I'm assigned as their attorney by the Air Force."

To reach Lt. Col. Jackson for legal representation or advice concerning adverse military action, text him at 661-864-6998. Text messages are Lt. Col. Jackson's preferred method of initial communication to prevent any delays. A text message may be followed up by a phone call or a voicemail.

Lt. Col. Jackson is tasked to represent all California ANG Airmen. His primary office is at the 144th Fighter Wing in Fresno, California, but he often visits other Wings during unit training assemblies. Lt. Col. Jackson can also make arrangements to meet with Airmen during weekends between UTAs.

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standards and expectations to subordinates. The goal is to set each individual up for success.

Expectations should be given during initial feedback sessions and at a midpoint between Enlisted Performance Reviews or Officer Performance Reviews for active duty Airmen, according to Air force Instruction 36-2406. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve traditional Airmen are not required to have formal feedback sessions, but the philosophy and the intent of the reviews still apply.

When a negative personnel action is needed, the action should reflect the degree of the incident. Generally, disciplinary action should also be progressive, beginning with a verbal warning, and then continuing with a letter of counseling (or a letter of admonition), a letter of reprimand, an Article 15, or in the most severe cases, a Court-Martial. For higher level disciplinary actions, the establishment of an Unfavorable Information File is usually required according to AFI 36-2907.

Lt. Col. John Sliney, 144th Fighter Wing inspector general, said, "The goal of the progressive discipline process is to make the individual a productive member of the Air Force."

In his experience as a commanding officer, Lt. Col. Sliney was able to correct almost all instances when an Airman was not meeting standards. He said that most important part of corrective discipline is to use the formal documentation and to have the Airman sign the document.

"Once people have to sign something, it's taken more seriously," said Sliney "And the individual usually never has that problem again."

We Use the 144th FW Smartphone App, You Should Too

By Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Marte, Occupational Safety Manager

In my 14 years of experience in the Air Force, one of the most common complaints amongst Airmen is communication, or the lack thereof. This always boggled my mind because in the age of smartphones, we have a plethora of ways to communicate. We can use phone calls, text messages, e-mail, and social media. More importantly, all of this can be done using one device!

Therefore, in my humble opinion, there is no excuse for the lack of communication. As if those options were not sufficient, the 144th Public Affairs Office created an app that has a robust list of features. One of them is the ability to create groups similar to those on social media applications. The 144th Medical Group

has successfully utilized this particular feature. Just like Facebook, the 144th MDG "group" is a place where members interact with each other, share

pictures, schedules, plans for drill, and various information; may it be personal or professional. Members can even comment on whatever is posted on the timeline. Since utilizing the app, the unit's communication issues have been minimal to none.

Additional features of the 144th Fighter Wing app are the references. One can find important phone numbers, the weather in Fresno, fitness calculator, AFIs and various information that pertains to the CA Air National Guard and the Air Force.

Are you or a family member interested in being a pilot? The app has information that can help with that as well. So what are you waiting for? Download the app and be informed! Available on App Store and Google play search 144th Fighter Wing.





U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Russ “Spicolli” Piggott, 194th Fighter Squadron pilot, flew Ukrainian Air Force Capt. Olesksii Mes, a senior pilot with the Ukrainian 144th Tactical Aviation Brigade, on a familiarization flight Sept. 7, 2019. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Christian Jadot)

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“Pilot training in the U.S. teaches you how to push the envelope, but U.S. pilots max perform the aircraft each and every time, which is amazing to witness,” said Mes. “The takeoff was awesome; I couldn’t believe the power in an unrestricted takeoff.”

The familiarization flight allowed Capt. Mes to see the full capability of American air-power. “Mes said he couldn’t believe how low we could fly and how vast our airspace was,” said Lt. Col. Piggott. “I was able to show him the value of a wide variety of terrain and aerial refueling in achieving air superiority.”

When asked what his favorite part of the flight was, Capt. Mes responded immediately, “High aspect Basic Fighter Maneuvers—it was amazing!”

“It’s great to see our young officers learning and working together, knowing these partnerships will last the duration of their careers,” added Swertfager. “It was a significant event to host the Ukrainian fighter pilots. They have been hosting us for the past 15 years, so we were honored to host and learn from our partners that are fighting aggression on their eastern border.”

Stop Human Trafficking

Submitted on Behalf of Chief Mater Sgt. Adrian Davis, Combating Human Trafficking Manager

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall prey to the hands of traffickers. Their faces are lifeless, marred and wounded from being forced against their will into commercial sex or labor acts. They are our neighbors, friends, family members or even the children from the local community who are exploited for personal gain. Children under the age of 18-years of age are exploited and taken miles away from their homes and coerced into child labor or prostitution through acts of violence, lies or threats.

There are many definitions of human trafficking, but here is one definition from the National Human Trafficking hot-line: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Trafficking in Persons is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion for the purpose of exploitation.

If a service member or DoD employee is caught being involved in human trafficking he/she can be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice Article 134; U.S. Code, Title, 18, Chapter 77; U.S. Code, Title 22, Chapter 78; and California Penal Code Section 236.1– Human Trafficking. Due to the seriousness of this crime,



the Department of Defense and United States Air Force have a zero-tolerance policy for trafficking in person.

Something to note: The U.S. Department of State estimates that 14,500 to 17,500 victims are trafficked into the United States each year. California – a populous border state with a significant immigrant population and the world’s ninth largest economy – is one of the nation’s top four destination states for trafficking human beings.

If you suspect human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons or modern-day slavery, here are the areas to report it:

- Department of Defense Inspector General Hotline: (800) 424-9098
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center: (888) 373- 7888
- Central Valley Against Human Trafficking Office: (559) 263-1379
- Local law enforcement agency: 911
- Chief Master Sgt. Adrian Davis, Wing TIP POC: (559) 454-5240



Be There

★ YOUR ACTION COULD SAVE A LIFE ★

Resilience Tactical Pause = Be There In Action!

By Dr. Stephanie Grant, Director of Psychological Health

Over the past four and a half years, I have witnessed incredible action from our Airmen. The members of the 144th Fighter Wing have accomplished so much, navigating an intense operations tempo, overcoming barriers, and executing the mission with unparalleled dedication.

At the same time, considering our culture outside the military, we are most likely one of the busiest adult cohorts in history. Multi-tasking and juggling increasing obligations have become the norm. Finding time to prioritize our own self-care and wellness requires careful planning.

Keeping a balanced life of work and play is not for the faint of heart! It requires determination and intention.

In the Air Force, #BeThere has become a common slogan. It encourages each of us to take the time to notice one another and to check in whenever we see one of our fellow comrades struggling.

How do we take the time to notice the small signs signifying that a friend is not doing well in the midst of our ever-increasing “to do” list?

The Air Force has created that opportunity with the Resilience Tactical Pause. Each member will have the chance to participate in a small group of fellow colleagues from their own squadron, intentionally orchestrating a “pause” in their day-to-day tasks. The small group sessions will encourage connections among Airmen to increase camaraderie.

Some of the benefits of the Resilience Tactical Pause include:

- Feedback from all members, as we know each member’s input is important
- Getting to know more members on a personal level
- Improving workplace experiences
- Transparent communication
- Identifying ways to help: What can your work and friends do for you?
- Where to go for support, including resources on and off base
- Decreasing barriers and stigma for help seeking
- Learning about protective factors and self-care (resources, exercise, and positive thinking)

The Resilience Tactical Pause provides a venue to #BeThere for each other. Taking a pause in our busy schedule that will hopefully jumpstart a trend for continued connections and closer relationships amongst our fellow members. When we create a connected environment while embracing vulnerability and open conversation as the norm, we can identify homegrown solutions for the well-being of our members.

This includes learning from one another how to navigate and balance our busy schedule, while at the same time attending to our own health and wellness needs. Gen. Goldfein has mandated a tactical pause asking that we take time to connect and check in with each other. Let’s accept this task with the same fervor we do our regular mission. As your DPH, I have no doubt the benefits will reap improved efficiency across the Wing as we take care of our body, soul, and spirit.

144th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



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- If you have been sexually assaulted, help is a call or click away
- * Call **911** or the SAFE Helpline **(877) 995-5247**
- * Call the 144th Fighter Wing SARC **(559) 285-3667**
- * Locate the nearest Rape Crisis Center @ www.calcasa.org



144th Fighter Wing Victim Advocate
TSgt. Jed Rhine jed.a.rhine@mail.mil

What happened was not your fault.

If you have been sexually assaulted, you may have the option to file a restricted or unrestricted report:

Restricted:

Confidential report, allows access to counseling, medical care, victim advocate support without triggering an investigation or notifying command.

Allegations of sexual assault may be reported to a SARC, a victim advocate, chaplains, medical professionals or Special Victims Counsel without triggering an investigation.

Unrestricted:

Report is investigated by law enforcement and Command is notified. Victims have access to counseling, medical care and victim advocate support. May request an expedited transfer or a protection order.

An unrestricted report happens automatically when victims report an assault to their chain of command, security forces, EO or the Office of Special Investigations.



Two Reporting Options

by Master Sgt. Stephanie Rendon, Equal Opportunity Specialist

Everyone needs to know the difference between restricted and unrestricted reporting to ensure they know what choices are available to them.

In both reporting options, victims have access to medical service providers and mental health professionals; even victims whose assault took place in the past can receive help.

Restricted:

A restricted report is confidential. It enables the victim to report allegations of sexual assault to a SARC, a victim advocate, chaplains, medical professionals or Special Victims Counsel without triggering an investigation.

Restricted reporting simply means that the individual will be helped and they will receive services but their information will not be shared and the case will not be investigated. Victims who have begun a restricted report may choose to convert it to unrestricted at any time. However, once they make that choice the report cannot go back to being restricted.

Unrestricted:

Unrestricted reports are not confidential and happen automatically when victims

report an assault to their chain of command, security forces, EO or the Office of Special Investigations.

If a victim uses the unrestricted reporting method, the wing commander, OSI and the individual's unit commander are informed. Other leadership is informed only on a need-to-know basis.

Adult Activities
Volleyball
Cornhole

Kids Activities
Bounce Houses
Face Painting

The 144th Fighter Wing
FAMILY DAY
6 OCTOBER 2019
Come & join us! We are going to have lots of games and food for everyone.

FREE
Tri-Tip sandwich, chips, and drinks
will be served from 1130 to 1530

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144th FIGHTER WING

POUND CLUB CHALLENGE



When: October 6th 2019 @ 1200

Where: Base Gym

Welcome to the 144th FW 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat!!!

Date/Time: Sunday, October 27, 2018
Set up will start @ 3:00 pm
Trunk or Treating 3:30 to 6:00

Place: On Base- parking lot by the main gate
Candy Donations need to be dropped at Orderly Rooms
There will be prizes for the Best decorated trunks and Best Costume!!!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT!!! Bring your vehicles, decorate the trunks, and pass out candy. This year you are also welcome to decorate a table instead of a Trunk.

There will be Games and Lots of Fun!
The Chief's Group will serving Hot Dogs for \$5 donations!

POCs: Karen Pearson
559-470-7921 and Camille
Scott Maintenance Volunteers
Also Chief Gillaspay 454-5396

Military members and their families only.

2019 Outstanding Airman of the Year Banquet

1800 No Host Bar
1900 Dinner
2130 Dancing

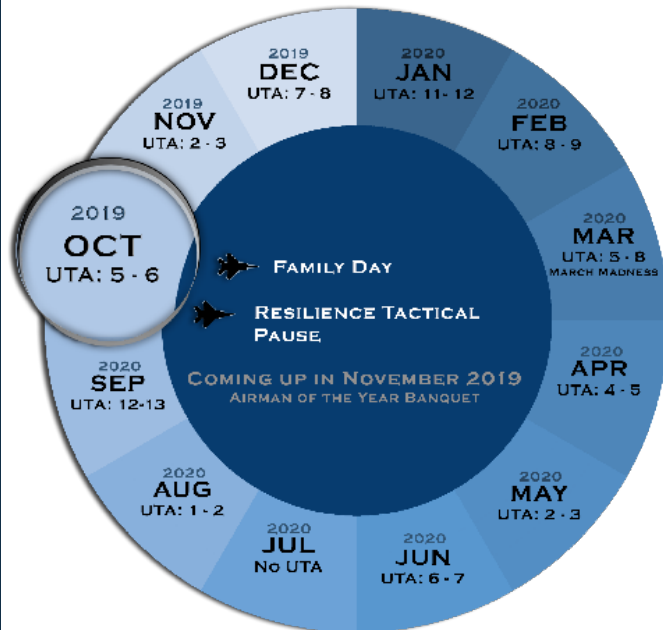
E-1 to E-4 \$20*
E-5 & E-6 \$25*
E-7 & up \$40

Prices will increase \$5 after September 13, 2019

November 2nd at the Fresno Convention Center

Payment:
Credit card or bank account through Venmo. Search Fighter Wing @waybanquet
Check: Payable to Top 3 Council
Cash: Pay to orderly room or MSgt Kaci Williams

-RSVP: <https://invitations.afil.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=462800&k=066740017857>



UTA Menu

Dining Facility open 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Regular Meals are \$5.60 for AGR, officers, and members on orders.

Saturday:

Soup of the Day: Chicken Noodle Soup
Main Line: Beef Broccoli, Teriyaki Chicken
Sides: Fried Rice, White Rice, Vegetable Egg Rolls, Stir Fry Blend, Fried Cabbage, Full-Service Salad Bar, Grapes, Watermelon
Desserts: Chocolate Chip Cookies, Boston Cream Pie
Short Line: Hamburgers, Turkey Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Corn Dogs, French Fries, Onion Rings

Sunday: Family Day

Main: Tri-tip sandwiches, Hot dogs
Sides: Chips & Cookies
Drink options: Variety of Soda & Bottle Water

Menu items are subject to change

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019

Rising Six Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. in the Operations Main Briefing Room
- All members E-1 to E-6 are welcome

Resiliency Tactical Pause Facilitator Training
- 1 to 2 p.m. in the Communications Flight Classroom
- Contact Dr. Stephanie Grant for questions
- Facilitator lead sessions will be held during November and December UTAs

Top Three Meeting
- 1 p.m. in the Maintenance Conference Room
- All E-7 and E-8 welcome to attend

Catholic Mass
- 2 p.m. in the Headquarters Classroom

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019

Resilience Tactical Pause Commander's All Call
- 9 a.m. to 9:45 am at the Base Pavilion

Protestant Worship Service
- 11 a.m. in the Headquarters Classroom

Family Day
- 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Family members of 144th FW Airmen invited
- Bounce houses and activities for the kids
- For volleyball, contact Capt. Chance Paisley

Pound Club Challenge
- 12 noon at the base gym
- Weight lifting challenge, lift a combined total for bench press, squat, and deadlift
- Contact Tech. Sgt. Emeri Palacio to sign up

Latter Day Saints Worship Service
- 2:30 p.m. in the Headquarters Classroom

Upcoming Events

CGO Council Meeting
- The Friday before each UTA
- 12 noon in the wing conference room

Toys 4 Tots Gift Drive
- The 144th CES Fire Department is placing collection boxes throughout the base
- New unwrapped toys for needy children
- Contact Ricky Lacy with questions at 454-5145

Trunk-or-Treat
- Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 from 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- At the on-base parking lot by the main gate
- Military members and their families
- Set up will start at 3 p.m.
- Contact Chief Master Sgt. Gallispy for info

144th Fighter Wing Assumption of Command
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
- In the maintenance hangar
- Maj. Gen. David Baldwin, the adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Gregory Jones, assistant adjutant general-air, with be in attendance

Airman of the Year Banquet
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 in Fresno, California
- Contact your orderly room for more information

Veteran's Day Parade and Fly Over
- Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 in downtown Fresno

2019 Service Member of the Year Banquet
- Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 in San Diego, CA
- RSVP by Dec. 19, 2019, Tickets are \$75 each
- californianationalguard.regfox.com/2019-smoy

Other Announcements

Calling 911 for On-Base Emergencies
- If 911 is called from a landline, the on-base authority and first responders will be contacted
- If 911 is called from a cell phone, the caller will need to tell the 911 operator its an "Air Guard" emergency so on-base authorities can respond

UTA Schedule Changes for 2020
- January UTA will be a two-day drill
- February UTA has been moved to Feb. 8 and 9
- March will be a four-day UTA from March 5 to 8
- July UTA is off
Scheduled Munitions Inventory
- IAW AFMAN 21- 201 A3.2.1.7, 10% inventories of munitions will be conducted on Oct. 4 through Oct. 11, 2019 and Nov. 1 through Nov. 8, 2019

ANG Prevention Services

ANG Prevention, Education and Outreach
- <https://www.ang.af.mil/prevention/>
ANG Sexual Assault Response and Prevention
- <https://www.ang.af.mil/SAPR/>
ANG Suicide Prevention
- <https://www.ang.af.mil/suicideprevention/>

Legal

Legal assistance available UTA weekends and the Friday prior to UTA
- Walk-ins available Sun. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Article 137 held in the Chapel at Sat. 3 p.m.
- Deploying before next UTA? - Come in anytime

- Call 454-5153 ahead of time to ensure someone is available
- For additional assistance visit: <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/las/las.html>

Customer Service

DEERS/ ID Cards
- Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Walk in Hours
- Mon. to Thurs. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Appointments Only
- UTA Saturday: 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- UTA Sunday: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Note: ID card actions over UTA weekends are limited to wing members only. The Friday before every UTA, we offer walk-ins from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for wing members and their dependents
Reenlistments, Extensions, Separations
- Mon., Tue., Thu, Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wed 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- To schedule ID card appointments visit RAPIDS at: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=605>
- Please direct any questions to Customer Service at 454-5274

- Please let your family and friends know that the 144th Airman and Family Readiness Office is here for them upon your absence! If there is anything they need or have questions about, please refer them to our office.

- Ms. Dorene Vierra, 144th Fighter Wing Airman and Family Readiness Program manager: Work: (559) 454-5383 Cell: (559) 530-7807. Please call me any time!
- Command Post's 24/7 number: (559) 454-5155. They are an important contact to relay information to commanders, chaplains or anyone else at the Wing.

Medical Group

UTA Weekends Hours
- Saturday: 6 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. for physical training exemptions
- Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for due or overdue PHA items
Customer Service Hours:
- Mon., Tue., Thu, Fri: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Provider Schedule and Audiograms:
- Tue. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Thur. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- By appointment only
- MGD Appointment Line: (559) 454-5247
- Closed every Wed.

Public Affairs Shared Image Drive

- Images taken by Public Affairs are now available on base through a shared drive. Any one interested in these images can map your base computer to \\144fw-fs-v7/publicmedia.

Event Listings in the Afterburner

- If you would like your UTA event to be listed in the next Afterburner, please send the information to Capt. Jason Sanchez at:
- jason.a.sanchez30.mil@mail.mil
- Please use "UTA Event" in the subject line of the email, and please include the date, location, and time of the event

Airman and Family Readiness

AFTERBURNER



Vision

Provide disaster and combat ready forces to our civilian and combatant commanders

Mission Statement

Federal Mission - The 144th Fighter Wing is to provide Air Superiority in support of worldwide joint operations as well as Air Defense of the United States. Additionally, the Wing provides agile combat support, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to combatant commanders around the globe. The Wing also provides a variety of homeland defense capabilities to U.S. NORTHCOM.

State Mission - The 144th Fighter Wing provides a variety of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) capabilities to the Governor of California. Primary contributions include Ready manpower, reconnaissance assets, response to chemical, biological and radiological attacks, security, medical, civil engineering and command and control.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Brett "Duke" Faber completed his final flight in the F-15C Eagle with the 144th Fighter Wing Sept. 11, 2019. His brother, Capt. Matthew Faber, who is also a fighter pilot with the unit, flew with him during his final training mission. Maj. Faber is beginning a position as an Introductory to Fighter Fundamentals instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Capt. Jason Sanchez)

Wing Priorities

1. Be Ready to Deploy at a Moment's Notice.

All 144th Fighter Wing Airmen will be combat ready whenever the Combatant Commander calls or a deployment tasking is assigned.

2. Be Ready to Perform our State Mission.

All Airmen must be ready when the Governor calls and needs the support of the 144th Fighter Wing.

3. Continue Alert Operations.

We have a 24/7/365 alert mission -- we must flawlessly continue to execute that mission.

Commander's Priorities

1. People
2. Mission
3. Mentorship
4. Internal Controls