

# AFTERBURNER

## The 144th Fighter Wing Newsletter



February 2021



### [144FW Year in Review](#)

The year 2020 has been an unprecedented year for the 144th Fighter Wing. In the face of a global pandemic, the Airmen of the 144FW were able to successfully meet the demands of providing mission-ready Airmen and equipment, homeland and disaster response missions, deployments around the globe, and sustained support of the state's battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2469823/144fw-year-in-review/>

### [A New Wing Commander at the 144th Fighter Wing](#)

U.S. Air Force Major General Gregory Jones, California Air National Guard commander, officiated a change of command ceremony October 9, 2020 at the 144th Fighter Wing where Col. Troy Havener assumed command as the 144th FW commander.

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2467204/a-new-commander-at-the-144th-fighter-wing/>

### [Seek Opportunity to Serve](#)

Each of us has recited the U.S. Air Force's Core Values. Integrity, Service, Excellence. Those Core Values roll off the tongue so easily and are referenced so often that sometimes we lose sight of the constant, practical application of each Core Value. Consider that the commitment each of us has made to these values binds us together as part of a unified team.

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Commentaries/Display/Article/2465353/seek-opportunity-to-serve/>

### [Realistic Resolutions for the New Year 2021](#)

The beginning of a new year is often a time we reflect on the past year and promise to make positive lifestyle changes moving forward. Paying attention to little changes over time can have a significant impact on overall health and wellness.

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Commentaries/Display/Article/2465301/realistic-resolutions-for-the-new-year-2021/>





**144th Fighter Wing Administers COVID-19 Vaccine to Airmen**

The 144th Medical Group started providing the first round of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to Airmen of the 144th Fighter Wing on January 8, 2021. To ensure the wing was ready and capable to administer the new vaccine, Senior Master Sgt. Nathan Krebs, 144th MDG health systems technician, said there were certain training and infrastructure criteria the wing had to meet...

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2490936/144th-fighter-wing-administers-covid-19-vaccine-to-airmen/>

**144th Brings the Thunder to the Valley**

Valley Thunder is set to be a two-week military fighter jet training exercise being conducted in training airspaces in the region, and is hosted by the 144th FW's 194th Fighter Squadron.

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2490982/144th-brings-the-thunder-to-the-valley/>

**Force Development : Assess, Mentor, Develop**

When you hear the phrase "Force Development", what comes to mind for you? Do you think about Professional Military Education, CDC's, or OJT (On the Job Training)? Over the past few weeks I have been talking to Airmen from all over the 144th Fighter Wing, the answers are consistent from E-1 to O-6, yet everyone has different opinions...

<https://www.144fw.ang.af.mil/News/Commentaries/Display/Article/2490852/force-development-assess-mentor-develop/>

**COVID PSA video link**

<https://dvidshub.net/r/f3i8gt>



TSgt Ralph Herron  
MSgt Diana Escobedo  
MSgt Daniel Darby  
Lt Col John Sliney

MXS  
FSS  
MOF  
FW

Date of Retirement 01 Feb 21  
Date of Retirement 02 Feb 21  
Date of Retirement 10 Feb 21  
Date of Retirement 28 Feb 21

**Promotions**

**November 2020:**

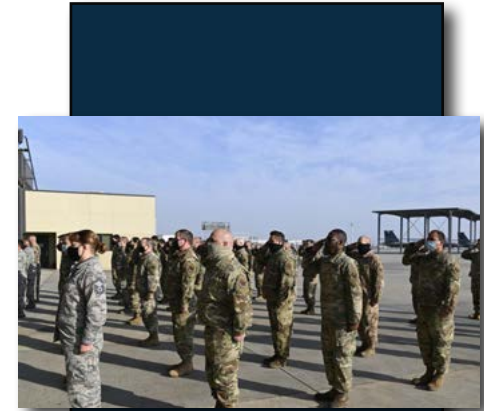
Unit	Name	Rank	Date of Rank
MXG	Melody, Sean	MSgt	DOR 04 Nov
OG	Williams, Kyle	MSgt	DOR 04 Nov
CF	McCree, Morgan	A1C	DOR 06 NOV
LRS	Akin, Tyler	A1C	DOR 06 NOV
FSS	Malcom, Valarie	SrA	DOR 06 NOV
MDG	Digilorama, Asia	SrA	DOR 06 NOV
HQ	Dunn, Stephen	SrA	DOR 06 NOV
CF	Guzman, Rafael	SSgt	DOR 06 NOV
CF	Martinez, Isaiah	SSgt	DOR 06 NOV
HQ	Berry, Kristine	TSgt	DOR 06 NOV
MXG	Wash, Orion	TSgt	DOR 06 NOV
MXG	Copus, Sean	TSgt	DOR 06 NOV
MXG	Mabry-Raraigh, Jamie	TSgt	DOR 06 NOV
MXG	Snyder, Cory	MSgt	DOR 03 Nov
SFS	Galvan, Summer	MSgt	DOR 03 Nov
HQ	Washington, Moneshia	MSgt	DOR 03 Nov
CF	Moreno, Omar	MSgt	DOR 03 Nov
HQ	Rodriguez, Robert	SMSgt	DOR 03 Nov
HQ	Crane, Thomas	SMSgt	DOR 03 Nov
MDG	Klovski, Dean	MSgt	DOR 10 Nov
HQ	Gonzalez, Cynthia	SMSgt	DOR 10 Nov
HQ	Gamber, John	SMSgt	DOR 10 Nov
DET	Smith, Carl III	CMSgt	DOR 10 Nov

**December 2020:**

OSF	Flores, Fred	A1C	DOR 04 Dec
LRS	Schlenzig, Cody	A1C	DOR 04 Dec
MDG	Gomez Hernandez, Jennifer	SrA	DOR 04 Dec
MXG	Bartel, Joshua	SrA	DOR 04 Dec
FSS	Garza, Alecia	SrA	DOR 04 Dec
CES	Tinsley, Jacob	SrA	DOR 04 Dec
CES	Felix, Michael	SSgt	DOR 04 Dec
MXG	Escandon, Paul	SSgt	DOR 04 Dec
CF	Lopez, Leslie	SSgt	DOR 04 Dec
FSS	Asprec, Aubrie	TSgt	DOR 04 Dec
LRS	Osteria, Raymond	TSgt	DOR 04 Dec
CES	Mercer, Charles	MSgt	DOR 23 Dec
LRS	Magana, Alberto	MSgt	DOR 23 Dec

**January 2021:**

MDG	Alcocer Gonzalez, Brittany	Amn	DOR 08 Jan
MXG	Watson, Amanda	Amn	DOR 08 Jan
MXG	Your, Jayneae	A1C	DOR 08 Jan
MXG	Gillis, Elizer	SrA	DOR 08 Jan
SFS	Betancourt, Yesenia	SSgt	DOR 08 Jan
SFS	Yancey, Kendra	SSgt	DOR 08 Jan
MSG	Coleman, Marie	SSgt	DOR 08 Jan
FSS	Vasquez, Ramon III	TSgt	DOR 08 Jan
MXG	Verdugo, Elliot	TSgt	DOR 08 Jan
MDG	Cruz, Marco	TSgt	DOR 08 Jan
FSS	Fraire, Elizabeth	MSgt	DOR 25 Jan
FSS	Sapasap, Haldi	MSgt	DOR 25 Jan



"All IN"

