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Rafael Elizaldae, Colonel Randall Ball, Congressman Mark Tokano, Colonel Kirby Colas, and Jamil Dada in front of a training Predator at the Feild Training Detachment, March ARB Calif.

Letter from the Editor

Capt. Perry Covington
163d Public Affairs Office

Greetings everyone, and welcome to 2013! Last year was an exciting year, full of hallmarks and innovation. We saw our Wing achieve success after success and this new year we will strive to continue that legacy.

For our long time readers of the On Guard, you might have noticed some changes to the magazine. Rest assured, these changes are mostly cosmetic. The Public Affairs Office will continue to bring you wing news, events, announcements, and all the information you have come

to expect from the On Guard.

This year we hope to reconnect with the families of our Wing members as the original printed version of the On Guard once did. To this end the PA office has instituted the Unit Public Affairs Representative program (UPAR) for each squadron. Your squadron UPAR will be responsible for obtaining printed copies of the On Guard for your sections as well as emailing copies of the On Guard to your families at home. Additionally, the UPARs will strive to capture everything the PA office does not have the opportunity to cover. All of your stories, member spotlights, pictures, and

videos will filter through the UPAR to our office to help ensure nothing goes unrecognized.

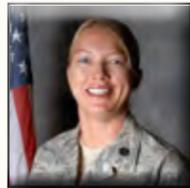
If you have ideas, suggestions, or want to comment on anything we publish please email us at:

163RW.PA@ang.af.mil

We are going to be including some new sections in the magazine throughout the year, so let us know if its working for you.

Thank you all for the support you give the PA office everyday, and we hope to continue providing you with an informative and entertaining magazine.

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163d Public Affairs Officer

Capt. Covington is the OIC of Public Affairs and Editor-In-Chief of the On Guard.



Tech. Sgt. Joe Prouse
163d PA Videographer

Currently deployed, Tech Sgt. Prouse is our resident video expert. May he bring our Wing glory and honor.



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163d PA Superintendent

Public Affairs guru, Master Sgt. Thompson runs the PA office with calculated efficiency.



Staff Sgt. Greg Solman
163d PA Photojournalist

State Military Reserve (SMR) augmentee Sergeant Solomon epitomizes everything awesome about the SMR.

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Congressman Mark Takano Visits the 163d RW

Captain Perry Covington
163d Public Affairs Office

Newly elected Congressman Mark Takano visited the 163d Reconnaissance wing on December 18th, 2012. Congressman Takano, during a familiarization tour of his new district had the opportunity to see the how the Grizzlies do business on a day to day basis.

“The efforts put forth by the Na-

tional Guard are priceless in terms of effectiveness and affordability,” said Takano.

The 163d tour familiarized the Congressman on the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance mission the wing is responsible for. Takano was also taken to see both the Formal Training Unit and the Field Training Detachment to witness the training mission the 163d undertakes.

Takano, a former high school teacher and Riverside Community College board of trustees member, appreciated the difficulties and challenges that face instructors.

Overall, the tour was successful in educating Congressman Takano on the inner workings of the wing. Takano seemed eager to learn as much as he could about his district, before taking office officially.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Neil Ballecer

(Left) Major Todd Linton briefs Congressman Mark Takano on the FTU mission. (Right) Tech. Sergeant Austin Archer and Colonel Kirby Colas briefed Takano on the FTD mission.

Recruiting and Retention Sweep 2012 Awards



Photo submitted by Master Sgt. Chad Pearce

163d RW Recruiting and Retention team at the Sacramento annual R&R workshop, where they were recognized in all eligible categories for their excellence in 2012.

Captain Perry Covington
163d Public Affairs Office

The 163d Reconnaissance Wing Recruiting and Retention (R&R) team, went to Sacramento last month for the annual R&R workshop. Each year at the workshop individuals and groups are awarded for excellence in their prospective fields.

This year our team swept the awards in all the categories they were eligible for. The team includes Tech. Sgt. Vance Jackson Jr., Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Sinclair, Master Sgt. Chad Pearce, and Master Sgt. Vance Jackson Sr.

“The awards and recognition

our office received this year were a result of a commitment to our core value of Excellence in all we do. This was a team effort and I am proud to work alongside them, accomplishing the mission for the 163d RW, the CA ANG, and the ANG,” said Master Sgt. Chad Pearce, Recruiting Office Supervisor.

The individual awards included:
*Rookie Recruiter of the year - Tech. Vance Jackson Jr.
*Recruiting Office Supervisor of the year - Master Sgt. Chad Pearce
*Retention Office Manager of the year - Master Sgt. Vance Jackson Sr.

Additionally, Tech. Sgt. Jackson and Master Sgt. Pearce went on to win Rookie Recruiter of the year and Recruiting Office Supervisor of the year for Region 1. They will both be competing at the national level against the five other regions’ nominees. The winners will be determined in March 2013, at the National Workshop.

The team also brought home the Commanders Cup which is awarded to the wing with the highest manning strength. The last time our Wing won was in 2003. To top off the ceremony, the recruiting team was awarded the Recruiting office of the year for the third year in a row.

Our New Years Resolution

Chaplain Captain Ethan Hedberg

163d Chaplain Corps

As I am writing this article, the Mayan calendar says the world should end today. While I am confident that December 21, 2013 is just another day, no one can argue that crazy things are happening in our nation that makes us wonder if the world is, indeed, coming to an end.

The past couple weeks have been filled with sadness and grief as tragedies have filled the news on a regular basis. I was sad to hear that someone I met, Frank Pastore (MLB Pitcher & KKLA talk show host) died on Mon-

day due to a motorcycle accident. I was unnerved that friends of mine were on lock down at Macy's at Fashion Island last week due to a shooter in the parking lot and college students from my church were on lockdown at Cal State Fullerton due to three suspects who entered campus after killing a jewelry store employee in Moreno Valley. Most significantly, I was grieved for the victims of the Sandy Hook

Elementary School tragedy.

For me, December is to be a time of joy and celebrating, not mourning and grieving the loss of young and innocent lives. But that reflects the world we live in. Evil is a reality that surrounds us everyday. In the Bible, we see that evil rulers tried to kill innocent lives: Pharaoh tried to kill baby Moses (Exodus 1:15-22) and King Herod tried to kill baby Jesus (Matthew

This should not be a hard decision for us to make. As members of the National Guard, we are called to serve those who need help or have no voice. We are called to restrain evil and bring peace to this world. There are many evil people in the world, but we need plenty of men and women who will stand up and fight evil with good to bring peace to our weary society. This is the time when we must unite and be

resolved to be Guardsmen who will bring change to our communities.

This year, ask yourself what this country needs. Then ask yourself what you will do to fulfill that need. Take the time to ask the questions that will bring about the change you think will do

2:7-16). Evil people have always been trying to hurt the innocent and they always will.

As we stand at the beginning of a new year, let's make a resolution as to what kind of people we want to be! We can be evil and be part of the problem (Boo!), we can be quiet and be neutral bystanders (you were made for more than this!), or we can be the guardians and protectors of the innocent!

the most good and act upon it. I encourage you to be active guardians and protectors of the innocent. With the new year, a fresh start is available for all of us. May 2013 be a year of peace and goodness as our country rests in the security that we give! May God give us the strength to accomplish this mission!



TEAM GRIZZLY - 2013 LA MARATHON INFO!



Join the Grizzlies and run the Los Angeles Marathon. For the eleventh consecutive year, wing members have the opportunity to be part of the human chain that kicks off the race and run a marathon on March 17, 2013. The race will not fall on drill. With the race just 2.5 months away, members still have time to train. Spouses are welcome on the team. All participants must attempt to run the entire 26.2 miles of the race for free registration. To sign-up and/or get a complete training program for the race, contact Lt. Col. Brenda Hendricksen at (951) 655-3931 or email brenda.hendricksen@ang.af.mil

Weather Flight Officer Opportunity

The Operations Group is looking for a new Traditional Weather Flight Officer. Deadline for applications is January 6, 2013. A selection board will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013 for qualified applicants. Contents of application packages must include a letter of intent, resume, official college transcripts, letters of recommendations (max 3), AFOQT scores, vMPF RIP and current/passing Physical Fitness Test results. The packages are to be submitted to MSgt Norine Gittins, (951) 655-3079. If you have questions regarding qualifications, direct them to MSgt Laurice Souron or MSgt Norma Castaneda at (951) 655-3072. The point of contact for Operations Group is Lt Col Michael Lenahan at (951) 655-7999.



163 RW Enlisted Development Seminar

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WHERE: BLDG 2275, RTS CLASSROOMS

DATE: 3 – 5 MAR 2013

TIME: Sunday 1400 – 1600
Monday 0700 – 1600
Tuesday 0700 – 1600

Open to the first 50 E1 – E4 and first 50 E5 – E7.
Contact Your Unit Training Manager to register.

Air National Guard Legacy



“Captain” Randall Ball and Captain Cornelius Jenkins after an incentive ride back when the 163d Reconnaissance Wing flew F-4s. Circa 1988.

The Best and The Brightest

TECHNICAL SCHOOL HONORS

FSS

SrA Gabriel Roman was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Award while attending the Education and Training Apprentice Course at Keesler AFB, MS on November 20th, 2012.

CES

TSgt Anthony Villafranca was awarded the Top Graduate Award while attending the Operations Management Apprentice Course at Sheppard AFB, TX on November 1st, 2012.

"Grizzly" Promotions



Nicholas Kinnick
AMXS

Katlyn Thomas
MDG

Dusty Anfuso
CES



Crystal Nunez
210 WF



Homer Lee
MDG

James Cross
196th RS

Miuo Bourn
CES

Lodging Procedures

To obtain lodging during a UTA, members will contact their unit POC for reservations. For any very last minute reservations (during the Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday of UTA), members will report to the March Inn as a walk-in to seek lodging. If members need to cancel a reservation they should contact their unit POC up until the end of the duty day Friday prior to UTA. After end of duty day Friday, members will be responsible for calling the March Inn/designated Hotel to cancel their own reservation AND inform their unit POC thereafter. For any lodging emergencies, please contact the 163d Wing Lodging POC 24/7 @ (951) 208-5222.

March Inn: (951) 655-5241
Ayres Hotel: (951) 571-4141
Riverside Marriott: (951) 784-8000
Courtyard Marriott: (951) 276-1200

"NO SHOWS ARE A NO NO!"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

King was born on January 15, 1929 and gained national prominence during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The boycott began when Rosa Parks, a 42 year old seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on December 1, 1955. A Montgomery city ordinance at that time required black individuals to give up their seats to white individuals. The boycott lasted 381 days and served as the impetus in the creation of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. SCLC was founded by Dr. King and others in order to work for civil rights legislation.

From this point forward, King's name became virtually synonymous with the civil rights movement of the late 1950's and early 1960's. He was at the center of almost every major demonstration and was arrested many times. In April 1963, he composed Letter from the Birmingham Jail. Later that year, King delivered his most famous speech when he told participants in the March on Washington "I have a dream."

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163d Chaplain Corps

The Chaplain Corps team is here to help you (any religion) through any challenge, and can be reached at (951) 655-5404, Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the duty cell phone at (951) 236-0496.

Chapel Service Schedule

Protestant Service

Sunday UTA, 6:45 a.m.
CE Classroom & OPS Briefing Room

Catholic Mass

Sunday UTA, 11 - 11:50 a.m. Father McNally in the Base Chapel.

Catholic Reconciliation

Sunday UTA, 12 - 12:30 p.m. following Mass in the Base Chapel.



Wing Tour For Grizzlies!

Starting January Drill 2013, the wing will be offering tours to our members. If you are interested in getting a more in depth look at what our training and flying mission entails then these tours are for you.

A few of the highlights of the tour include:

- Predator 101 Briefing
- Tour of the FTU to include the POC and simulators

We are limiting the tours to 20 people each drill so if you are interested and have clearance from your supervisor to attend please email the PA office to get your name on the list. Tours will take place on Saturdays at 0900 and will last approximately 2 hours. For now, tours will be limited to wing members only.

For reservations, please email:
perry.covington@ang.af.mil



The **ON GUARD** is proudly published for the members of the 163d Reconnaissance Wing and their families.

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Commander's Straight talk



The Straight Talk hot line can be reached at (951) 655-4758, or feedback can be emailed to:

163rw.pa.straighttalk@ang.af.mil

UPCOMING UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES



Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
5-6	9-10	2-3	6-7



Contact your supervisor if you are unable to attend



Making a New Years Resolution

