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# COMMANDER'S PRIORITIES

GLOBAL MISSION READINESS

FLAWLESSLY PERFORM OUR STATE MISSION

RECRUIT, DEVELOP, AND RETAIN OUR AIRMEN

## VISION

EXPERTLY TRAINED AIR NATIONAL GUARD PROFESSIONALS  
PROVIDING GLOBAL MISSION CAPABILITIES AND  
READINESS TO LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS,  
NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

## MISSION

ONE TEAM PROVIDING DEDICATED, DISCIPLINED AND  
DIVERSE GUARDSMEN READY TO DEFEND OUR STATE,  
NATION AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FROM ANY THREATS  
THAT COMPROMISE THE SAFETY, SECURITY AND  
WELL-BEING OF OUR CITIZENS AND ALLIES

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## OUR MISSION

To be one team providing dedicated, disciplined and diverse Guardsmen ready to defend our state, nation and local communities from any threats that compromise the safety, security and well-being of our citizens and allies.



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## 163throwback



The 163d Attack Wing conducted the first flight out of the new facility for their Flying Training Unit Oct. 1, 2009, at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. Col. Donald Farmer (background) performed pilot duties for the flight.

# COMMANDERS CORNER

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By Lt. Col. Todd Linton

163d Maintenance Group Commander



Congratulations...you are one of the few, the proud (and possibly bored) if you are reading this. My goal is to write something that will make you think, and possibly remember.

At my age, I don't remember much, but I do remember something that a former commander used to quote; "That which does not transmit light, creates its own darkness."

Those of us in the Guard have a noble calling of service, a calling of service that is unlike any other; one that holds us to a higher standard of conduct and morality.

As members of the Guard, I hope we realize that we represent the best that is found in our society. We transmit a light, so to speak, that is different than any other profession.

Recently, a retiree from the Maintenance Group stopped by and shared with me that all the fundamental values and morals he had ever learned were instilled in him while he served in the Guard. This is a special call to serve that we answer. There is nothing like it in the civilian world. We all have our reasons for serving. I want to share a part of why I serve.

There was a Scholar; a doctor of philosophy, a foremost humanitarian who founded a world-renowned institute of reconciliation. He was once asked what the meaning of life was and he gave an insightful answer. He said when he was a young boy during World War II and his country was occupied by the Nazi regime, he found fragments of a broken mirror from a German army motorcycle that had crashed. He tried to put the mirror back together, but finding it impossible, he took the biggest shard and ground it against rocks to make it smooth and circular and put it in his pocket...

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He said, and I quote, "I began to play with the mirror as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine—in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find. "I kept the little mirror, and as I went about my growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game."

"As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game but a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light, or the source of light. But light—truth, understanding, knowledge—is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it." I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have, I can reflect light into the dark places of this world—into the black places in the hearts of men—and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life."

It is our calling as Airmen of this Wing to reflect the light of hope, liberty and justice for all whom we serve. For when the lights go out in a natural disaster or war, the Guard is the one called to restore hope, to relieve suffering, and vanquish darkness, either in the hearts of men or in the neighborhoods in need.

Earlier this year, we flew in support of the Thomas fire, the County Fire, and the Klamathon fire. We were literally a beacon of enlightenment, by providing unprecedented awareness and support to the fire fighters. Our efforts and sacrifice were critical in stemming further destruction and upheavals in the lives of thousands affected.

Let us never forget the charge, nor the oath upon which we have entered as guardians of our state, nation, and liberty. History may ask much of us, but remember this; when we tell the tales of our service, the stories of our endeavors, or the achievements of our airmen, we will recount, first and foremost, the times of greatest peril and sacrifice.

After a successful Capstone inspection, a conversion to a new aircraft, and all this while fighting fires, what comes next? The next step for us as a wing is to build upon this tremendous effort. Let us do so by stabilizing our operations, formalizing our processes and looking for ways to streamline and bulletproof both of these. In the Maintenance group we are taking the lessons learned, the shortfalls identified, and moving ahead with the focus on stabilizing, formalizing and streamlining our operations and processes.

In our profession, it's not about what you get, it's about what you give. Thank you for your willingness to give so much, and for the sacrifice of your families on behalf of all that is asked of us. It is an honor serving with all of you in this great wing. Let's make great even better.



# Health Services Administrator Position Announcement



The 163d Medical Group is accepting packages for a drill status guardsman Health Services Administrator (AFSC 41A3), medical services corps (MSC) officer position. The position is open to current Majors and below, and is a commissioning opportunity for enlisted personnel who possess an undergraduate degree or higher, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (desired), in Health Administration, Healthcare Administration (or equivalent), Healthcare Management, Health Management and Policy, Health Services Administration (or equivalent), Hospital Administration (or equivalent), Accounting, Business Administration, Business Management, Economics, Finance, Marketing, Statistics, Information Systems Management, and Health Management/Health Systems Engineering, Operations Research or other closely-related degree as specified below.

ANGI 36-2005 and the Air Force Officer Classification Directory (AFOCD) has details on full eligibility. The selected candidate will attend Total Force Officer training, if required, and the Basic Health Services Administration Course.

Candidates should submit their application package to CMSgt Caryn Chipman (caryn.a.chipman.mil@mail.mil) no later than 4 Nov 18, 1600 hours. She will coordinate on behalf of the wing's Chief of Medical Support. Packages must be in a single PDF file and include a letter of intent, RIP from Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF), current fit test printout from the AFFMS II web application, a resume, a GRE score of 288 or higher, a GMAT score of 450 or higher, and at least two letters of recommendation.

Interview boards are projected to be held during January 2019 drill. Candidates will be contacted by CMSgt Chipman with interview details.



# STRAIGHT TALK



THIS IS THE WING COMMANDER'S COMMUNICATION TOOL TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE WING. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS OR CONCERNS:

1. CALL THE HOTLINE ABOVE, OR
2. SEND A PRIVATE MESSAGE TO THE 163D ATKW FACEBOOK, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMANDER

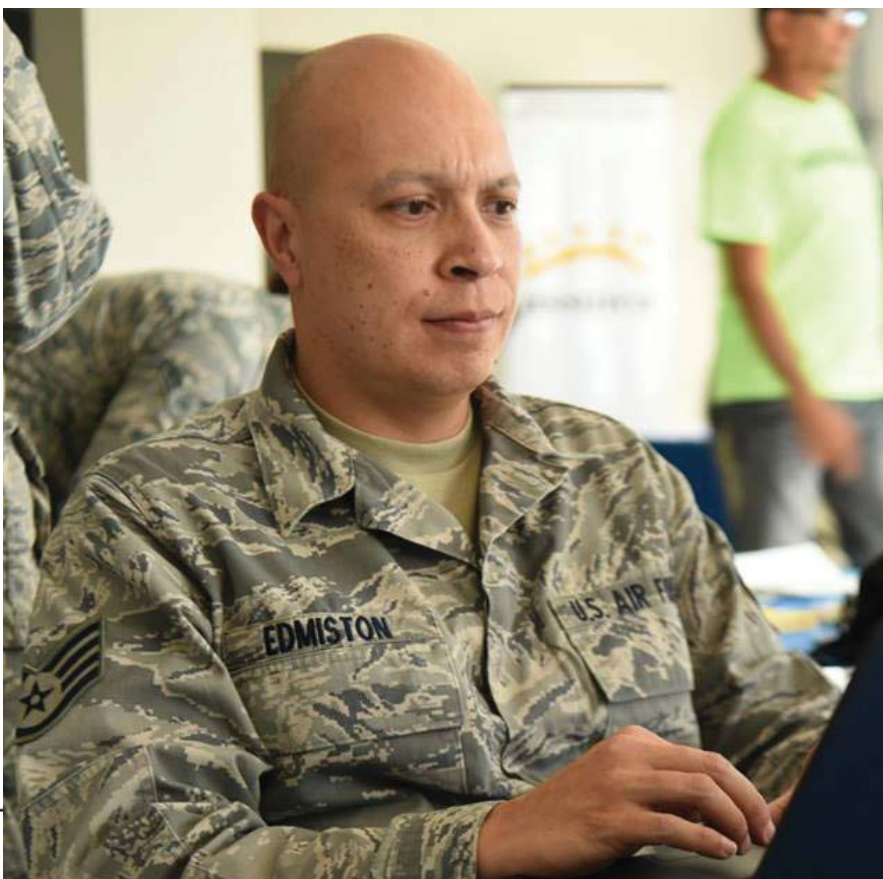
IF THE COMMANDER HAS INFORMATION TO PUT OUT, YOU CAN FIND IT ON EITHER THE WING FACEBOOK ([WWW.163ATKW.ANG.AF.MIL](http://WWW.163ATKW.ANG.AF.MIL)) OR THE HOTLINE.

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## Air National Guard Innovative Readiness Training

Airmen from the 163d Medical Group help patients in Puerto Rico, during support of Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Ola de Esperanza Sanadora, Sept. 3, 2018. The purpose of the IRT is to provide medical, dental and optometric care to assist local municipal authorities in addressing underserved community health and civic needs while performing joint military humanitarian operations.



CULTURAL  
AWARENESS



# National Hispanic Heritage Month



## FACTS

During National Hispanic Heritage Month the Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes Hispanic Americans' contributions to the United States and celebrates their culture and heritage.

Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18 respectively.

This year's theme is: "Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions."

The Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2016, was 57.5 million, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority. Hispanics constituted 17.8 percent of the nation's total population.

Hispanic Americans have not hesitated to defend and show their allegiance to this nation in many ways, but especially through military service dating back to the American Revolution. The DoD draws strength from the diversity that makes up America's melting pot.

Today, thousands of Hispanic-American Service members throughout the world are protecting our nation. Just as in generations past, we honor our Hispanic community—military and civilian—for their significant contributions to the protecting the United States and embodying the DoD values that unite us all as one team.



# Awards

Maj. Gen. Clay Garrison, the Assistant Adjutant General, California Air National Guard, (Upper row second to the left) joined the 163d Attack Wing's assembly to motivate and recognize airmen during the unit's drill at March Air Reserve Base in September, 2018. They honored several Airmen with awards during the ceremony. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Gregory Solman)





Maj. Gen. Clay Garrison was on hand to re-enlist airmen of the 163d Attack Wing in a ceremony at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., in September, 2018. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Gregory Solman)

Former NBA star Metta World Peace visited March Air Reserve Base for a "Team USA Combine" event for young fans conducted by the Los Angeles Lakers for the sons and daughters of military personnel at the base, in September, 2018. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Gregory Solman)



# *163d Attack Wing's*

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## Hiking and Camping Safety

Still time to hit the trails for a hike or camping trip with the family. Grab the proper gear, devise a plan, and ensure the adventure is within your experience level. Get out and explore, using the tips below to keep you and your loved ones safe.

### **Camping Tips**

- Get vaccinated
- Take ample amounts of food and water
- Include safe physical activities
- Protect against carbon monoxide poisoning
- Avoid wild animals, protect pets
- Fight the bug bite
- Prevent temperature related illness
- Protect yourself from the sun
- Avoid water-related illness and injury
- Properly extinguish your fires

### **Hiking Tips**

- Purchase the right footwear
- Plan/use a map/compass/GPS
- Bring food, water and a way to purify water
- Rain gear /extra clothing
- Safety items
- First aid kit
- Knife or multipurpose tool
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Backpack
- Charge your cell phone



# THE 163D ATTACK WING

*Presents  
the*

## OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR **Banquet**



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TO  
DIAMOND-DAY

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 03, 2018  
AIR NATIONAL GUARD HANGAR  
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SOCIAL GATHERING/HEAVY HOR D'OUVRES  
1700

OFFICIAL CEREMONY  
1800

DRESS  
MESS DRESS, SEMI-FORMAL, SERVICE DRESS TSGT & BELOW OPTION  
BUSINESS CASUAL FOR STUDENT FLIGHT

TICKET COST  
SRA & BELOW - FREE, SSGT-TSGT - \$10, MSGT-SMSGT - \$20, OFFICERS & CHIEFS - \$40  
GUESTS ARE SAME COST AS MILITARY MEMBER

DANCE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL CEREMONY

**United We Stand  
United We Win**



**YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW.**

