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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.



**Wing Commander**  
Col. Sean Navin



**Vice Wing Commander**  
Col. Carrie Colas



**Command Chief**  
Chief Master Sgt.  
Gilbert Sanchez

## 163throwback



Members of the 163d Attack Wing participate in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) readiness - training exercise at March Air Reserve Base, California, on the morning of Aug. 3, 2013. The training is performed by all members of the wing. (Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Michael Quiboloy)

# 163d Attack Wing Celebrates Outstanding Airmen

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by Senior Airman Crystal Housman  
163d Attack Wing Public Affairs

Members of the California Air National Guard's 163d Attack Wing and their families gathered to celebrate the best among them, Nov. 3, 2018, during the wing's annual Outstanding Airman of the Year banquet and ceremony at March Air Reserve Base, California.

Nominees from each of the wing's four groups and headquarters element walked the red carpet toward a stage bathed in blue light as the crowd of about 350 erupted with whoops and hollers, cowbells, clappers and air horns. Sounds echoed across the metal hangar building as Airmen rose to cheer each of their group's nominees.

Col. Sean Navin, wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Sanchez greeted nominees on stage and presented an eagle statuette to each. Afterwards, Navin reflected on the wing and its accomplishments over the past year.

"There's no finer wing than this wing, period," Navin told the audience.

Later in the evening, the wing announced its winners in six categories.

- Outstanding Airman of the Year: Staff Sgt. Zachary Bishop of the 163d Operations Group (earned as a Senior Airman)
- Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Master Sgt. Ruben Dominguez of the 163d Maintenance Group (earned as a Tech. Sgt.)
- Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Master Sgt. Eric Hurley of the 163d Maintenance Group
- Outstanding First Sgt. of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Donald Hedge of the 163d Headquarters
- Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Keith Ericson of the 163d Headquarters
- Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year: Lt. Col. David Cramer of the 163d Mission Support Group

"This is the 163d at its best," Navin said. "From the nominees and winners to the production and incredible enthusiasm. It was a thoroughly rewarding experience for all in attendance."

Two California State Military Reserve airmen from the organization's 163d Support Group were also recognized. Airman 1st Class Robert Phipps and Tech. Sgt. Gregory Solman advance to represent the group during a statewide competition next year.

Navin and Sanchez presented plaques to Dora Holt and Laura Louie to recognize their efforts as the key spouse volunteers for the 163d Civil Engineer Squadron and 163d Medical Group, respectively.

California Cadet Corps Cadet Maj. Raul Perez and Cadet Capt. Heather Abrisz received plaques and applause while being named Cadets of the Year for California Military Institute (CMI). CMI is a military-themed public charter school in Perris, California, that uses the California Military Department's youth leadership development program as its foundation, and also enjoys a long-standing relationship with the 163d Attack Wing as the unit's adopted school.

All in all, the event was a great success, Navin said.

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Wing award winners advance as nominees for the California Air National Guard's statewide Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition, with the possibility of moving forward to the Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force nationwide competition.

# PILOT SELECTION BOARD

## Announcement



### PILOT SELECTION BOARD PACKAGES DUE JAN. 11

The 163d Attack Wing is scheduled to hold an Undergraduate Remotely-Piloted Aircraft Training pilot selection board on Saturday, 9 February 2019.

Personnel interested in RPA pilot training must turn in packages no later than 11 January, 2019.

#### Minimum application requirements include:

- Less than 33 years of age (unless already commissioned)
- Non-rated prior-commissioned officers must have less than 5 years of commissioned service
- Completed bachelor's degree by 1 April 2019
- Passed Air Force Officer Qualifying Test
- Completed solo towards a Private Pilot Certificate
- Must be able to pass a military flight physical
- Current military personnel must not possess a fitness waiver or duty-limiting code
- Must be eligible to obtain a top-secret security clearance. Employment as a pilot is conditional upon obtaining the security clearance

#### All packages should be submitted as a combined single PDF document including:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- College transcripts showing completion of bachelor's degree
- Passing AFOQT and Pilot Candidate Selection Method (PCSM) scores. More information about the PCSM can be found online at [access.afpc.af.mil](http://access.afpc.af.mil)
- Indicate flying experience, including scans of your logbook, when applying
- Passing fitness score documentation-- must provide last two fitness tests (current service applicants)
- DD Form 2992 and include copies of all waivers (current rated service applicants)
- AF Form 422 (current service applicants)
- Any VA letters awarding a disability rating

For more information, or to submit a package, please email the hiring board at:

[usaf.ca.163-aw.mbx.og-pilot-hiring@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.ca.163-aw.mbx.og-pilot-hiring@mail.mil)

# 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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A mass re-enlistment was performed by the 163d Attack Wing Nov. 4, 2018, at March Air Reserve Base, California. Eight people re-enlisted that day and the mass re-enlistments are held monthly at the wing's headquarters building.

The 163d Attack Wing administered flu shots to all of its personnel Nov. 4, 2018, at March Air Reserve Base, California. The entire wing receives its flu shots during the fall annually.





## OAY Ceremony

The 163d Attack Wing, California Air National Guard, honors its Outstanding Airmen of the Year during a formal ceremony and banquet, Nov. 3, 2018, at March Air Reserve Base, California. Nominees from each of the wing's four groups and headquarters competed for the wing's top honors in categories by grade. Winners advance to the California Air National Guard statewide competition. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Airman Crystal Housman)



# C o n g r a t s



To the 2018 Outstanding  
Airmen of the Year winners

# *163d Attack Wing's*

## Q4Zero

Quest for Zero Mishaps

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### Electrical Safety

How does surge cause damage?

In the United States, most homes use electrical power in the form of 120 volt, 60 hertz, single phase, alternating current.

However, the voltage is not delivered at a constant 120 volts. With alternating current, the voltage rises and falls in a predetermined rhythm. The voltage oscillates from 0 to a peak voltage of 169 volts. Most appliances and electronics used in the United States are designed to be powered by this form of generated electricity.

But during a power surge, the voltage exceeds the peak voltage of 169 volts.

A spike in voltage can be harmful to appliances and electrical devices in your home. Increasing voltage above an appliance's normal operating voltage can cause an arc of electrical current within the appliance, and the heat generated in the arc can cause damage to the electronic circuit boards and other electrical components.

Smaller, repeated power surges could be the reason why the TV or cordless phone mysteriously stops working. These smaller surges can slowly cause damage, so your computer or stereo may continue to function until the integrity of the electronic components finally erode. This shortens the life span of appliances and electronics.

according to 2011 State Farm Simple Insights

### Surge protectors, power strips and extension cords

Surge protectors are used to protect electronics they are not used as extra power outlets. It protects against electrical surge, avoids unexpected damage to computers, copy machines etc.



The definition of surge is the rise suddenly to an excessive or abnormal value.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has found that most causes of electrical fires is the misuse of surge protectors.

In the U.S. over 750 people are killed every year by electrical fires. (OSHA.gov statistic)

## Avoid electrical fires

- 1) Plug one surge protector or power strip into a single duplex electrical outlet.
- 2) NEVER plug a surge protector or power strip into another surge protector or power strip.
- 3) NEVER overload a surge protector or power strip.

Determining capacity.....

- Assume 125 watts per amp to calculate the conversion
- Total watts should not exceed 80% (0.80) of the rated capacity

Example: A surge protector is rated at 15 amps

$15 \text{ amps} \times 125 \text{ watts / amp} = 1875 \text{ watts}$

$1875 \text{ watts} \times 0.80 = 1500 \text{ watts capacity of the surge protector}$

- 4) Conduct spot inspections on outlets, appliances, plugs and cords.
- 5) Extension cords are only for temporary use.
- 6) Do not exceed the capacity of the electrical outlet, power strip or surge protector.
- 7) Replace damaged or frayed electrical cords.
- 8) DO NOT run electrical cords through doorways or under carpets.

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## Tips;

Electrical receptacles and cover plates shall be free of cracks and securely mounted. Receptacle covers with cracks which expose the interior of the receptacle shall be replaced.

Multiple plug adapters shall not be linked to provide additional or more convenient outlets as this could overload electrical circuits. At no time shall a multiple plug adapter or strip be plugged into another multiple plug adapter or strip.

The third and/or grounding prong is a safety feature and shall be checked frequently by personnel to ensure it is secure, especially on items unplugged frequently. The prong shall not be cut off, nor an adapter used to allow a three-prong plug to fit a two-prong receptacle.

Report, replace or dispose of worn, cracked or frayed electrical extension cords, loose or broken electrical wires and worn or broken electrical plugs.

Electrical extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for fixed wiring.

Do not run cords through holes in walls, ceilings, floors, doorways, windows, etc.

Do not run cords where concealed behind walls, dropped ceilings or floors.

Do not tape, staple or tack extension cords to building surfaces.



# DO THE MATH!

HAZING  $\neq$  TEAM  
BUILDING

HAZING  $\neq$  DIGNITY

HAZING  $\neq$  HONOR

HAZING  $\neq$  RESPECT

HAZING  $\neq$  OUR  
MISSION

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HAZING = ABUSE



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**YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW.**

