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Spouses receive awards at picnic

by Airman 1st Class Jessica Green, 129th Rescue Wing Public Affairs

(Photos by Master Sgt. Dan Kacir and Tech. Sgt. Ray Aquino)

MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD, Calif. -- Servicemembers handcuffed and tossed in a mock jail and children craft fall art projects, all while the 561st Band of the West Coast serenades family and friends to classic pop tunes. These are all typical scenes at the 129th Rescue Wing's annual Family Day Picnic hosted here.

A not-so-typical scene at the Oct. 3 picnic was a special awards ceremony recognizing wing spouses.

Carolann Wunderlin, 129th Rescue Wing Family Readiness Program coordinator, took advantage of the National Guard Bureau's Year of the Military Family and added the awards ceremony to this year's picnic schedule, she said. She plans to continue the honor as an annual event.

"The unit's multiple deployments this year have been very intense for families," said Mrs. Wunderlin. "I felt

that this would be a perfect time to introduce the Spouse of the Year award to showcase what they have been through."

Guard members were asked to submit a one-page testament describing how their spouse demonstrates their independence and resiliency. Leslie Wade, wife of Maj. Gen. William H. Wade, the California Adjutant General, presented

the spouse awards alongside Mrs. Wunderlin. The spouses recognized included:

- Mrs. Stacy Griffiths, wife of Maj. William Griffiths, 129th Rescue Wing
- Mrs. Kathryn St Clair, wife of Master Sgt. William



Leslie Wade (right), wife of Maj. Gen. William H. Wade, the California Adjutant General, and Carolann Wunderlin (left), the 129th Rescue Wing Family Readiness Program coordinator, present a gift to Elaine Vindiola, 129th Mission Support Group Spouse of the Year award winner.

St Clair, 129th Maintenance Group

- Mrs. Marilou Matias Cabugao, wife of Staff Sgt. Roderick Cabugao, 129th Medical Group

- Mrs. Elaine Vindiola, wife of Tech. Sgt. Mark Vindiola, 129th Mission Support Group

- Mrs. Brynn Wagle, wife of Maj. Michael Wagle, 129th Operations Group

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The mission of the 129th Rescue Wing is to provide highly trained and well-equipped rescue resources, able to respond to and sustain the state mission of furnishing trained personnel for state emergencies, such as natural disasters, and to assist civil authorities in the enforcement of the law.

When called to active duty with the Air Force, we provide manpower, material and equipment resources to conduct and complete combat and search rescue operations world-wide. We provide manpower, material and equipment to conduct and complete peacetime search operations.

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State announces Guard tuition benefit

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September 28, 2009

Dear Servicemembers:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the California State Legislature has approved Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to provide members of the California National Guard and State Military Reserve with a state-sponsored education benefit. The enactment of the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNGEAAP) will ensure that the California National Guard remains ready and prepared to respond to any state disaster or emergency by continuing to improve the quality of our force.

Upon certification by the Military Department, the California Student Aid Commission will issue academic monetary awards to qualifying Servicemembers. The amount of each award will depend on the qualifying institution.

While specific regulations are still in the process of being finalized, minimum criteria to apply for the CNGEAAP has already been established. In order to be eligible for an award, a person must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a resident of California;
- Be an active member of, and have served two years in, the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval militia;
- Be accepted or registered at, or enrolled in a qualifying institution;
- Agree to use the award to obtain a certificate, degree, or diploma that he or she does not hold at the time he or she applies for the award;
- Enroll in at least three academic units per semester or the equivalent thereof; and
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the United States Department of Education. A FAFSA may be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Additional criteria may be established to direct resources to best support requirements

I look forward to the first group of CNGEAAP Servicemembers starting school during the spring 2010 term. Just as quickly as possible, the California National Guard website (www.calguard.ca.gov/education) will have updated information to include the application. I encourage all eligible Servicemembers to submit an application for this new education benefit. I am proud of the continued hard work and dedication you have shown for your state and country and that sacrifice has been acknowledged with this education benefit.

Sincerely,

William H. Wade II
Major General
The Adjutant General

2009-2010 Drill Schedule

2009

November 7-8
December 5-6

2010

January 9-10
February 6-7
March 6-7
April 10-11
May 1-2
June 5-6

July 10-11

August 7-8

September 11-12

October 2-7

November 6-7

Dec. UTA (scheduled
Oct. 4-5)

Wing Inspection and Exercise Schedule

- UCI: Feb. 4-9, 2010

- ORE: Apr. 29 - May 2, 2010 (limited
participation)

- ORE: Oct. 2-7, 2010

- ORE: Jan. 4-9, 2011

- ORI (Phase I/II): Mar. 12-21, 2011



129th represented in the AFA Air National Guard council

**by Airman 1st Class Jessica Green
129th Rescue Wing Public Affairs**

A 129th Rescue Wing maintainer has been selected to serve as a council member for the Air Force Association's Air National Guard Council.

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Jackson, the maintenance group education and training manager for the 129th Maintenance Operations Flight, is trying to reach out and get together with any one who has an interest in voicing their opinion to the council before the next meeting Nov. 17 to 20 in Beverly Hills, Calif..

"The association basically stands up for the Air Force," said Sergeant Jackson. "They have been around longer than the Air Force and try to take care of us as a whole, including the ANG Council, the Reserve Advisory Council, the Veterans/Retiree Council and a few others."

The AFA is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding and support according to the AFA Web site. The ANG Council is comprised of officers, enlisted members and civilians who serve, or have served in the ANG. The council consists of about 12 members, half of them are retired three and four star generals, said Sergeant Jackson, who is the lowest ranked in the bunch.

The Guard council meets three times a year. The first meeting took place in September and consisted of a synopsis of their mission and a chance to get to know everyone, especially for new members, Sergeant

Jackson said. Selected along with her this term was Senior Master Sgt. John Lyon with the 111th Fighter Wing, Willow Grove, Pa.

Sergeant Jackson will be attending the next meeting in November where the council will go over the previous year's topics, introduce new hot topics and decide what they want to continue to pursue, Sergeant Jackson said.

"Those hot topics get put out through our counterparts in AFA on what is called "white papers" and they take it to the congressmen and senators on Capitol Hill," she said. "They stand up for what we want to fight for. They're not lawyers or salesmen for the Air Force, they're just advocates."

Sergeant Jackson said she is hoping to address concerns that are not only for the ANG nationwide, but more specifically for the California Guard and most importantly for the 129th RQW.

Among the common topics discussed within the council are uniform suggestions, tuition assistance, leadership consideration and the Guard's retirement age.

Sergeant Jackson is looking forward to interviewing Airmen with a concern to ensure that it is an issue that affects the Guard rather than an aggravation that can be resolved within the 129th RQW, she said. Sergeant Jackson is a full time Guardsman, therefore available to contact during the week and also on drill weekends. She can be reached at 650-603-9006 or Jessica.Jackson@camoff.ang.af.mil.

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With such a great turn out this year, Mrs. Wunderlin hopes to further involve the children of 129th guardsmen next year.

"I want to have interactive learning activities, tangible for the kids to understand what their families are doing in the military," she said. "I would like representatives from each



Command Chief Master Sgt. Kristina Keck and Master Sgt. Ken Warwick, the NCOIC telephone technician from the 129th Communications Flight, wait with fellow prisoners to make bail in a makeshift jail



Molly Mae Theodoroff, daughter of Master Sgt. Timothy Theodoroff, a satellite technician with the 129th Communications Flight, takes a time out from the bounce houses to admire her arts and crafts pumpkin.



Members of the 561st Band of the West Coast from the 129th Rescue Wing perform for family and friends at the annual Family Day Picnic.

section to promote their mission with equipment and displays to describe their job."

Arrested servicemembers made bail due to fundraising and were released from the jail controlled by the 129th Security Forces Squadron. Children proudly displayed their craft projects. Thanks to these morale activities, hospitality booths, the Mobile

Veteran Affairs Center and the attendance of friends and family, the event was a stunning success Mrs. Wunderlin added.

C-130 crew wins 2009 Rescue Rodeo in New York

by Capt. Alyson Teeter
129th RQW Public Affairs

An MC-130P Combat Shadow crew from the 129th Rescue Wing won first place in a combat search and rescue flying competition Sept. 13 at Gabreski Airport, N.Y.

The Rescue Rodeo was a small-scale version of other Air Force competitions, such as the William Tell air-to-air competition. The rescue event was started by the Gabreski-based 106th Rescue Wing's 102nd Rescue Squadron in 2004 as a squadron contest.

"This year the 106th opened it up to all the CSAR units," said Maj. Jose Agredano, 129th Operation Group chief of tactics. The 129th crew, King 53, flew against four ANG and one active duty crew.

The scheduled events included searching for a lost boat, dropping a rescue kit, flying a low level to a personnel airdrop and landing on an assault zone. Points were assessed for fastest times, most accurate times, airdrop accuracy

and spot landing (landing closest to a pre-briefed spot on the runway). Due to severe weather over the eastern coast, several of the events were cancelled.

"In the end, the events were scaled down, but it was still a lot of fun and very exciting," Major

Agredano said.

After the competition ended, the rescue crews gathered in the 106th auditorium to find out who won the competition. "We sat nervously after all the crews had landed, listening to the scores being read out loud,"

Major Agredano said. "We ended up tied for first place with last year's winning crew from the 102nd RQS."

In the event of a tie, the winner was determined by the spot landing event. "King 53 landed closest to the spot so we won," he said.

The King 53 crew included Maj. Jose Agredano, aircraft commander, Maj. Jeremy Guenet, co-pilot, Capt. Jimmy Weidman, navigator, 1st Lt. Kenly Lok, navigator, Senior Master Sgt. David King, flight engineer, Senior Master Sgt. Reed Johnston, radio operator, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Phillip, loadmaster, Tech. Sgt. Eric Valdez, loadmaster, and Staff Sgt. Douglas Quayle, and Staff Sgt. Tom Beall, crew chief.



The winning crew, King 53, poses with the trophy. Back row, from left to right: Maj. Jeremy Guenet, co-pilot, Senior Master Sgt. Reed Johnston, radio operator, Staff Sgt. Douglas Quayle, flight engineer, Maj. Jose Agredano, aircraft commander, Capt. Jimmy Weidman, navigator, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Phillip, loadmaster, and Staff Sgt. Tom Beall, crew chief. Front row, from left to right: Senior Master Sgt. David King, flight engineer and Tech. Sgt. Eric Valdez, loadmaster. Not pictured: 1st Lt. Kenly Lok, navigator.

Maintainer top grad at Airman Leadership School

by Master Sgt. Mavi Smith
The I.G. Brown Air National Guard
Training and Education Center

McGHEE TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Tenn -- A member of the 129th Rescue Wing was presented the John L. Levitow award for his accomplishments at Airman Leadership School during the class graduation ceremony at The I.G. Brown Air National Guard Training and Education Center here, Sept. 10.

Senior Airman James K. Parmentier, a guidance and control systems avionics technician with the 129th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was the top graduate of the 47 airmen who attended Airman Leadership School Class 09-5.

The John L. Levitow Award is the highest honor awarded a graduate of any Air Force enlisted professional military education course. It is presented to the one student who not only demonstrates academic excellence, but

also the outstanding attributes of leadership, enthusiasm, military bearing, and dedication to the spirit and mission of the total Air Force.

"I'm honored and humbled that I was selected for this award," said Airman Parmentier, who was the B-Flight leader of the class. "I did not expect it and it's nice to know that I did that good of a job and got noticed for it. It really is a great honor."

"Senior Airman Parmentier is very deserving of this award," said Tech. Sgt. Jeela S. Matthews, the Airman Leadership School instructor for B-flight. "The entire flight voted for him. It speaks volumes that the whole flight believed in and accepted him throughout the entire class."

Sergeant Matthews added that she gave him the max instructor points possible and she had never done that for a student before.

The 47 airmen of Class 09-5 included 34 members of the Air National Guard and 13 Air Force Reservists. They came from 24 different states and the U.S. territory of Guam.



Portrait of a Professional -- Staff Sgt. Jessica Beall, 129th MOF

What is your favorite memory in the AF?

Meeting my husband, Staff Sgt. Tom Beall. We met at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He did a rap song about the C-130; it was the funniest thing I had ever heard. He had me from that moment on. We dated for two years long distance before we got married.

What motivated you to enlist in the AF?

I always knew I wanted to be in the military. My mother was a Marine and my dad was in the Navy, I didn't want to join the Army so I did the buddy system and enlisted in the Air Force with my best friend. It kind of came naturally for me; I knew what I was going to be doing. I was active duty for three and a half years and have been in the guard a little over two years.

What's the most important lesson you've learned in the AF?

The importance of family and their support. Both my husband and I being military and deployed at the same time, our parents stepped in and watched our daughter for us. I think family support is absolutely necessary.

If you could deploy anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I've always wanted to go to Guam, I though it would be a neat place to go. If I could travel anywhere I would go to New Zealand, but there's not a lot of Air Force stuff going on in New Zealand.

What is your job in the civilian world?

I'm full time with plans scheduling and documentation.

Where did you grow up?

I split my time between Austin, Texas and Clinton, Iowa.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I had a scholarship to University of Iowa for cheerleading.

What are your hobbies?

I'm a reader. Whenever I can get my husband into the garage to build his models and put my daughter down for a nap, I take that time to read.



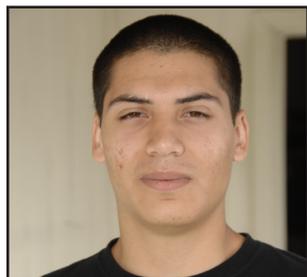
(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Aquino)

Portrait of a Professional is a monthly profile of an outstanding Staff Sgt. and below. Nominations are routed through the squadron and group commanders.

Ask a trainee...

Look, you're only new once. This column is in place to get to know those newest Guardsmen to join the 129th family. The responses are genuine, and have only been edited for space and to correct errors.

What's your favorite part of the drill weekend?



A1C Alvaro Ponce (aerospace propulsion):
"Classroom time and getting a heads-up on what's to come."



A1C Lynn G. Visitacion (ARM)
"Meeting everyone in the Wing. I am proud and honored to be a part of such an exquisite and elite force."



A1C Ashley J. Sturgis (personnel)
"Meeting new people."



A1C William Helton (HH-60 crew chief)
"I like the PT test. It keeps my mind focused on my health, and aware of what I put in my body."



News & Notes

Welcome new 129th members!

Lt. Col. Roin Nance
 Tech. Sgt. Jilianne Allen
 Tech. Sgt. Michael DiSanto
 Staff Sgt. Brian Bachman
 Staff Sgt. Ian Lord
 Staff Sgt. Juan Luna
 Staff Sgt. Marco Rivera
 Senior Airman David Bautista
 Senior Airman Grecia Benitez
 Senior Airman Scott Hallgren
 Senior Airman Jeramiah Loser
 Senior Airman Ralph Villamor
 Airman 1st Class Baiju Achenkunju
 Airman 1st Class Karlene Allen
 Airman 1st Class Mcanthonny Awayan
 Airman 1st Class Joseph Brown
 Airman 1st Class Ernesto Del Rio
 Airman 1st Class Ronald Fogleman
 Airman 1st Class Skyler Hulme
 Airman 1st Class Takamasa Kagiyama
 Airman 1st Class Angelina Levashvili
 Airman 1st Class Ca Quoc Nguyen
 Airman 1st Class Kurt Ponce
 Airman 1st Class Marshal Rawlinson
 Airman 1st Class Jose Munoz Robles
 Airman 1st Class Christopher Wencel

Congratulations, Community CCAF graduates!

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lavigne
 Tech. Sgt. Jessica Jackson
 Staff Sgt. Philip Cordle
 Staff Sgt. Michelle Grundy
 Staff Sgt. Stephen Lebb
 Staff Sgt. Robert Sandbothe

The following members have retired, separated, or transferred to another unit. We wish them well and thank them for their service.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Lawson
 Tech. Sgt. Richard Pruneda
 Staff Sgt. Alejandro Alvarado
 Tech. Sgt. Catherine Degagne
 Tech. Sgt. Donald Bishop
 Senior Airman Ruben Wegner
 Master Sgt. Larry Gomes
 Staff Sgt. Michael Nee
 Master Sgt. Thomas Bilinski
 Master Sgt. Ricardo Epps
 Master Sgt. Vanessa Kight
 Tech. Sgt. Annette McClain
 Master Sgt. Tedford Niday
 Master Sgt. Steven Viera

The following members were recently promoted to their current rank. Congratulations!
 Master Sgt. Duncan Collier
 Staff Sgt. Shane Peralta

Religious Services Schedule

Services are cancelled for the November and December UTAs. Services will resume their regular schedule in January in Building 650.
Schedule of services
Catholic: 10:15-10:45
Non-denominational: 11-11:30

Event Calendar

Nov. 8: Mass Training,
 Santa Clara Convention Center,
 500 Great America Pkwy

Dec. 6: Wing awards
 ceremony in service dress

Jan. 16: OAY Banquet

Call for 129th AHA scholarship applications

The 129th Alumni & Heritage Association (AHA) provides Educational Scholarships to unit members each year. Applicants need to be currently enrolled in an educational program. A current transcript, a statement of work in progress from the educational facility or other evidence of program participation is required for all applicants. Wing Members applying for a scholarship are required to submit a letter of recommendation from their squadron commander with the application. This letter should describe the endorsement reason and brief description of the individual's future potential.

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is the close of business on

Sunday of the December UTA. Applications can be obtained online at <http://www.129aha.org/ScholarAppl.htm>.

Completed applications can be submitted to the 129th Alumni & Heritage Association Scholarship Chair, Lt Col Cynthia Kepple, by e-mail at cindy_kepple@yahoo.com or by mailing the application to her home at 2221 Walnut Grove Ave., San Jose, CA 95128-1241. Applications can also be submitted to CMSgt Kristina Keck in the Headquarters Building. For more information about the scholarships, call Lt Col Kepple at (408) 221-0060.

Air Force officials release fleece wear policy

The 98th Air Force Virtual Uniform Board released a policy message here Oct. 9 for wearing the new Air Force sage green fleece as an outer garment for the airman battle uniform.

According to the message, the sage green fleece may only be worn over the ABU top, and is not authorized to be worn solely over a T-shirt, thermal underwear and similar undergarments, when worn as an outer garment.

The authorized wear of the sage green fleece requires the following:

- a Velcro ABU print last name tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's right chest,
- a Velcro ABU print U.S. Air Force tape with dark blue block lettering, adjacent to the name tape and centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearers left chest,
- a Velcro subdued cloth rank with a solid sage green background, flushed and centered above the last name tape on the wearer's right chest,
- the fleece must remain zipped no lower than halfway between the name tape and the collar,
- the collar must be folded over and resting on the shoulder, chest and back when zipper isn't completely zipped,

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-- the bottom length of the fleece must be as close to length of ABU top as possible, -- the sleeves must be worn down at all times, and

The new fleece will be first available for deployed Airmen.

Cal Guardsmen receive priority placement at CSU schools

Are you applying to a California State University for Academic Year 2010?

If you're an Airman who wants to be a Cal-State student, you can apply to have priority placement in academic year 2010. If selected, you will be guaranteed admission to a CSU campus.

The California National Guard quota is limited, but covers the majority of the 23 CSU campuses. Interested parties will need to apply by Nov. 13, 2009.

For more information, go to www.129rqw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123126960.

The 129th is on the Web!

YouTube: www.youtube.com/129thRescueWing

Twitter: www.twitter.com/129RQW

Delicious: www.delicious.com/129RQWPA

Extension of ABU Cold Weather Outergarment Policy

BDU cold weather outer garments are authorized with the ABU. The "mix and match" policy was originally authorized until May 2009 but has been extended to May 1, 2010.

Approval of 50/50 pullover sweater wear

The Air Force recently approved the wear of the 50% acrylic/50% wool pullover, v-neck sweater (50/50 pullover sweater). The 50/50 pullover sweater is lighter weight with a flat knit and more relaxed fit than the 100% wool version. The 50/50 pullover sweater is currently available in Army and Air Force Exchange Military

Clothing Sales Stores.

The initial distribution of the 50/50 pullover sweater included a Velcro aircrew style name patch. The name patch has been removed. Airmen who purchased the 50/50 pullover sweater with the name patch can take it to any AAFES MCSS Alterations to have it removed at no charge.

Nametags will not be worn on the 50/50 pullover sweater. Effective immediately, nametags will no longer be on the 100% wool pullover sweater. All other wear guidance for the pullover sweater remains consistent with AFI 36-2903.

The phase-out date for the 100% wool pullover sweater is Oct. 1, 2010.

Perks: Eat for free at Applebee's Nov. 11

All veterans and active military personnel are invited to eat free at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants this Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009.

All U.S. veterans and military with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee's nationwide on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009. Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform.

For additional details, visit: www.applebees.com/vetsday.

"Perks" is a section created for wing members to share benefits that came to them because they were in the Guard. To submit your "Perk," send an email to public.affairs@camoff.ang.af.mil.

Legislation could extend GI Bill to more Guardsmen

by Senior Airman Jameel S. Moses, National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. - More than 30,000 additional National Guardsmen may become eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill with the help of bipartisan legislation introduced Sept. 10.

Rep. Dave Loebsack of Iowa pioneered the National Guard Education Equality Act, to change the GI Bill eligibility rules to include National Guardmembers called to active duty in support of homeland security.

"Essentially, the New GI Bill of Rights that we passed last year unintentionally left out about 30,000 members of the National Guard," said Loebsack on Radio Iowa. "They are not receiving all of

the benefits they have earned."

The current Post 9/11 GI Bill, which began on Aug. 3, only extends benefits to servicemembers serving under Title 10 duty status, but the proposed law would cover those serving under Title 32 in homeland security roles.

"Our National Guard members who participate in disaster response, protection of U.S. airspace, border security and many other critical missions deserve the Post 9/11 GI benefits and the opportunities that come with those benefits," Loebsack told Radio Iowa. "As a former college professor, I know and understand the many doors an education can open. A small technical error will

not and should not get in the way of opening those doors."

"It's also for those folks in the Guard and Reserve who have been discharged with a service-connected disability, and they have not been covered up to this point either," said Loebsack.

In the current GI Bill, servicemembers discharged under Title 10 with a service-connected disability are provided a full, four-year college education, but Guardmembers discharged under Title 32 are not eligible.

The bill, which has 22 cosponsors, has been referred to the House Veterans Affairs Committee, which isn't expected to pass new GI Bill-related legislation until next year.



(Courtesy of the Air National Guard)

129th presented Spaatz trophy at NGAUS conference

The 129th Rescue Wing was presented the Spaatz Trophy at the 2009 National Guard Association of the United States conference in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 13. The trophy is presented to the overall outstanding flying unit in the ANG. Pictured with the award (from right to left): Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, director of the ANG, Maj. Michael Wagle, 129th RQW pilot, Maj. Gen. (retired) Cindy Kirkland, NGAUS vice chair (Air), and Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Muncy, ANG command chief.

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