



# 129th Rescue Wing's March Rescue e-Gram

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## [Airmen Return from Horn of Africa Deployment](#)

Air National Guardsmen from the 129th Rescue Wing returned here from a 50-day deployment to Djibouti in mid-January. Approximately 65 aircrew members, maintainers and supply personnel returned via military airlift and two [MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft](#) based at Moffett Federal Airfield. The Airmen were deployed to provide combat search and rescue support for [Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa](#). According to the task force website "combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa conducts operations in the East Africa region to build partner nation capacity in order to promote regional security and stability, prevent conflict, and protect US and coalition interests."

## [Airmen Hone Their Combat Skills at "War College"](#)

More than 240 Guardsmen with the 129th Rescue Wing successfully completed war skills training in preparation for an upcoming operational readiness inspection slated for December. Traditional Guardsmen progressed through six stations of war skills training, also known as War College, to hone their mission essential combat defense skills that are considered necessary to respond appropriately during scenarios that will be inspected during the December ORI. The ORI is an inspection where Air Combat Command inspectors evaluate the combat readiness of the 129th RQW and validate the wing's ability to execute assigned missions and tasks.

## [Rescuers Transform into Actors at Candlestick Park](#)

The 129th Rescue Wing provided an aircrew and HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter for a film sequence shot at Candlestick Park, Feb. 16, 2011. The movie is called "Contagion" and stars Jude Law, Kate Winslet and Matt Damon. Check out more information about the movie at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1598778/>

## [Leadership and Force Development](#)

California Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael S. Koslow provides his insight on leadership in today's ANG. Many believe that it has to do with senior management's ability to effectively influence and guide our Airmen into accomplishing the mission. That is only part of it, there is so much more to being an effective leader! AFI 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure states that we must "continue to develop [our] leadership and management skills." Senior effective enlisted management teams have a responsibility to each of our members within the CA ANG in looking for ways to improve and enhance existing Airman, NCO and SNCO development and leadership processes. Some of these initiatives include the Enlisted Performance Feedback, Enlisted Performance Report, and Career Motivation Programs which all fall under the strategic umbrella of Force Management and Development. Your self-initiative is the road map to success!

## [Portrait of a Professional: March 2011](#)

Portrait of a Professional is a monthly profile of an outstanding Staff Sergeant or below. Airman 1st Class Amber Poynor, with the 129th Operations Support Flight, is featured in this month's Portrait of a Professional. Airman Poynor has been assisting with Flight Line Management before she attends formal technical training to fill her permanent position as a Weather Forecaster Apprentice.

## [California Community Property: What Every Airman Should Know](#)

California community property law hardly ever registers on an average Airman's life radar, but when faced with a death in the family or the strain of a divorce the complicated intricacies of community property law can loom over the head of an affected airman. Generally, community property is a system whereby all property acquired during the marriage is divided evenly between each spouse upon divorce, legal separation or death. In California, when the property of a husband and wife needs to be divided it is separated into two categories: community property and separate property. For more information about community property, contact the

129th Rescue Wing Judge Advocate's office for guidance on how to find a family law specialist in your area. The 129th JAG office is available during its legal assistance hours of 8:00-11:00 am on Sundays of drill.

### **129 RQW Safety Files: Stress Management**

The 129th Rescue wing is not immune to the proven statistic that stress related mishaps make up a very large number of accidents each year. As a matter of fact, I would put the wing in a high risk category to stress related mishaps simply by the work that we do every day. With the pressures of getting the aircraft off the ground, completing mission essential projects on time often with half the resources necessary, and all the last minute additional duties tasked just in time for the drill weekend, how do we cope with the everyday work stresses here? Helppguide provides great tips in their article "Stress Management: How to Reduce, Prevent and Cope with Stress."

### **Family Readiness Corner: Upcoming Classes and Teen Camps**

Air Force Services Child and Youth Programs offer a number of activities to educate, guide, and entertain. Programs are available throughout the year at installations throughout the world. Don't fall behind on nominating your child for teen aviation, teen leadership or space camp. The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard also offer great opportunities through their high-adventure teen summits. With leadership building classes Georgia, Colorado and Washington DC, be sure to get your applications in as soon as possible.

### **March UTA News & Notes**

Airmen and families can use this compilation of news bits to prepare for the upcoming UTA weekend. Check up on the 129th Rescue Wing new members, promoted Airmen, UTA updates and tidbits of information from other Air Force organizations, worldwide news and our community.



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