



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

946 Lives Saved  
*these things we do...that others may live*

## [Changes slated for May drill, ORE schedule](#)

The May unit training assembly schedule has been altered due to the postponement of April's unit training assembly. Originally, Operational Readiness Exercise Vigilant Sword Phase I and II were scheduled for May's week-long training. However, with the cancellation of April's UTA, including three days for ORE preparation and training, a compressed schedule was necessary to achieve unit training objectives.

## [Governor Brown appoints new Adjutant General to lead the California National Guard](#)

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced April 13 that he has named Col. David S. Baldwin as the new Adjutant General of the California National Guard. Baldwin will be the 46th Adjutant General of the CNG and lead the Guard's 22,000 Soldiers and Airmen throughout the state.

## [May UTA News and Notes](#)

Airmen and families can use this compilation of news bits to prepare for the upcoming UTA weekend. Here you can find information on promotions, graduations and tidbits on what's going on around the Air Force that might affect your career. This month focuses on Airmen's Virtual Record of Emergency Data, credits for short tours, VA/DOD Smart Phone Apps and useful government Facebook pages.

## [Helicopter pilot interviewed for Afghanistan documentary](#)

Maj. Mathew Wenthe, an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter pilot with the 129th Rescue Squadron, was interviewed by David Scantling, a film director and producer for Waltzing Matilda Films, regarding an August 26, 2009 rescue mission in Afghanistan involving Marines from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

## [Applications being accepted for CNG Educational Assistance Award Program](#)

The California National Guard Educational Assistance Award Program has proven beneficial for Soldiers and Airmen, providing financial support for those pursuing higher education. New applications for the 2011-2012 academic year are now being accepted.

## [Air Force officials announce helicopter acquisition strategy](#)

Air Force officials announced their strategy April 25 to recapitalize the Air Force's helicopter fleet, which is critical to nuclear weapon security response, continuity of government, and combat search and rescue.

## [Family Readiness Corner](#)

Summer is almost here! Be sure to check out all the summer camps available for military children. Operation: Military Kids 2011, Camp Ronald McDonald and Operation Purple Camp are a few of the organizations gear up for this summer's activities. Also, ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" producers are seeking people involved in the military whose home deserves an extreme makeover. Be sure to check out the 129th Airman and Family Readiness Programs website for more information about registration and participation at <http://www.129rqw.ang.af.mil/resources/familyreadiness.asp>.

Find these and other stories on the 129th Rescue Wing Web site - <http://www.129rqw.ang.af.mil>. The 129th RQW is also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/129RQW](http://www.facebook.com/129RQW), Twitter at [www.twitter.com/129RQW](http://www.twitter.com/129RQW) and has a YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/129thRescueWing](http://www.youtube.com/129thRescueWing).