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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Knights, welcome to the November UTA!

With Veterans Day around the corner, I encourage all Airmen to reflect on what this day means to you. Too often, we picture old men visiting the graves of fallen comrades - who never had the chance to grow old. We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on epic days in places like Anzio, Normandy, and Iwo Jima. These visions evoke feelings of patriotism and heroism. The passage of time has made this somehow sweet and comforting, knowing that the dead did not die in vain. But those who serve understand these visions tell only part of the story.

Since the end of World War II, nearly 41 million American women and men have worn the uniform of this country and earned the proud title of Veteran. So, this Veterans Day, we must dedicate ourselves not only to remembering those who came before us but also to honoring the veterans among us. Veterans who've done epic things in places like Mazir-i-Sharif, Fallujah, Baghdad, Kabul, and so many more. These serving veterans, especially Citizen Airmen like you, are the backbone of our communities. You balance military service "part-time" while holding down important jobs, raising families, and contributing to your communities in countless ways.

What does Veterans Day mean to me? It represents a life shaped by a dedication to service. I come from a "military family" that instilled in me values that define who I am. As I reflect on my own two-and-a-half decades of service and consider its impact on my wife and children, I recognize the influence of every veteran in my life — alongside the unwavering support of their families, friends, and loved ones. We are certainly stronger together.



On Veterans Day, I express my gratitude not only to the men and women who have served but also to their loved ones who stand with them. Our collective service binds us together and secures our freedom. Veterans Day, to me, is about serving something greater than ourselves. What does it mean to you?

As you reflect, I urge you today to thank a Veteran. But don't stop there. Every Veteran you meet has served this great nation—so ask yourself how you can serve them in return. Vote, pay your taxes, join the PTA, contribute to your community's future, and honor our past. Every citizen plays a vital role in shaping the future of this great nation.

Thank you for your service,
-Col BAM Bailey

452D MXG PAYS HOMAGE TO MARCH'S STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND HISTORY

BY - MAJOR PERRY COVINGTON

March Air Reserve Base, California – In a dedicated effort to honor the rich heritage of March Air Reserve Base, the 452d Maintenance Group recently completed a meticulously designed project to paint a KC-135 Stratotanker with a striking banner resembling those from the Strategic Air Command (SAC) era. This project pays homage to the base's long-standing history, spotlighting one of the most prominent chapters in its over 100-year legacy. With roots stretching back to the SAC's heyday, the distinctive design serves as a tribute to the base's storied past and the mission-focused culture that remains at its core.

Master Sergeant Chad Weatherwax, Aircraft Structural Maintenance Supervisor, shared his enthusiasm about this homage to the base's history. "It's amazing to pay homage to our heritage. It's important to remember our history. This base has been here for over 100 years, and the SAC days are some of the most prominent. Hopefully, the younger airmen that are coming through will see this plane and recognize and learn some of our rich history," said Weatherwax. His sentiment encapsulates the significance of the project as a reminder to newer generations of airmen about the base's heritage and the SAC's strategic importance. Bringing the SAC sash to life on the KC-135 was no easy feat, according to Master Sergeant Brad Rosario, another Aircraft Structural Maintenance Supervisor. "This has been a project two years in the making," Rosario stated. "Getting the SAC sash on the aircraft has been a challenge, but luckily, we have highly skilled technicians here to pull it off. It is exactly what we intended, and we couldn't be prouder of the work. This project means a lot to me. I've been in since before 9/11, and so many things have changed over the course of my career, but this project reminds me of why I first enlisted and what I loved about the Air Force." Rosario's words highlight both the technical skill and emotional connection that went into creating a design so evocative of the base's SAC history.

For Senior Airman Gabriel Blea, Aircraft Technician, the project presented a unique opportunity to combine technical skill with creativity. Blea shared, "My main role was to design it on our computer and figure out the dimensions so our team could lay it out. It's a distinct design that we've never worked on before; it allowed me to be creative and expressive in a way. It was an honor to work on this project, and for anyone taking on a project of this size, remember to appreciate the role that everyone has to play because this only would have been possible because of the team we had working on it."

Senior Master Sergeant Randall Kinker, 752d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS) Aircraft Section Chief, reflected on the deeper connection the project fosters within the March Air Reserve Base community. "Over my time here at March, I have met so many interesting people that have a long history at this base. The grand bonds and unique



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ties that the people of March have here is what allows us to take care of our mission with excellence. This project harkens back to the ties that were created long ago, and to me, this project allows us to honor that history, and it's wonderful to see our team come together to make it happen," Kinker remarked.

The 452d Maintenance Group's work on the KC-135 is a tribute to both March Air Reserve Base's history and the people who continue to serve here, preserving the legacy of SAC and infusing it with contemporary pride and purpose.

As the newly adorned KC-135 takes flight, it serves as a powerful reminder of the deep roots and enduring mission that make March Air Reserve Base a cornerstone of American airpower and dedication.



912TH ARS AIRCREWS ENABLE B-2 STRIKE ON HOUTHI TARGETS IN YEMEN

BY MAJOR PERRY COVINGTON

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, CALIFORNIA—On Oct. 17, aircrews from the 912th Air Refueling Squadron at March Air Reserve Base completed a critical mid-air refueling operation, enabling B-2 Spirit stealth bombers to strike Houthi targets in Yemen. The operation targeted underground storage facilities used by Houthi forces to house advanced weaponry that has threatened international shipping channels in the Red Sea region.

The mission, executed on short notice, showcased the unique capabilities of the 912th ARS aircrews, who worked through intense demands to ensure the success of the operation. Refueling in-flight, the aircrews enabled the B-2 bombers to deliver precision strikes on five heavily fortified underground sites containing missiles, weapons components, and other munitions used by the Houthis in attacks across the region.

This mid-air refueling operation highlights the critical role of air refueling in expanding the range and effectiveness of global strike capabilities. The 912th team coordinated with other U.S. assets to ensure seamless mission success. Captain Castronovo, who

served as the aircraft commander for the refueling mission, emphasized the teamwork and skill required to execute such a complex operation.

“The crew is thankful for the opportunity to execute our mission in support of the Secretary of Defense,” said Captain Castronovo.

“Launching and managing multiple aircraft malfunctions

required every member to trust in our training and, most importantly, in each other. I am grateful for the leadership of the 912 ARS and the support of the KC-135 community.”

“I couldn’t be prouder of the way the 912th team generated and executed this challenging short-notice mission,” said Lieutenant Colonel Roque “Balboa” Zarate, Commander of the 912th ARS. “It has demonstrated our nation’s unrivaled capabilities and has validated the importance of readiness...NKAWTG!”

The B-2 bombers involved in this mission, equipped with 2,000-pound BLU-109 JDAM guided bombs, struck their targets with unprecedented precision. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin hailed the success of the strikes as a powerful demonstration of America’s reach, capability, and commitment to global security.



CELEBRATING NATIONAL AUTHORS DAY: HONORING MILITARY WRITERS FROM MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE

BY WENDY DAY

On National Authors Day, November 1, we honor the many Air Force members who have achieved remarkable things both within and beyond their military service. From legendary generals to creative storytellers, these authors showcase the lasting impact of their experiences in uniform.

General Henry "Hap" Arnold was a pioneering force in military aviation history. His works, "Global Mission" and "American Airpower Comes of Age," capture his career and insights on U.S. military aviation, especially during World War II. Through these books, Arnold offers readers a unique look into his strategic vision and enduring contributions to American air power, setting the foundation for the Air Force's future.

Jimmy Stewart, a beloved actor and retired brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve, bridged fame with a deep commitment to service. His collection, "Jimmy Stewart and His Poems", provides a reflective glimpse into his personal life, touching on themes of family, pets, and everyday experiences. Stewart's writings reveal a personal side shaped by both Hollywood and military life.

Col. Stephen R. Lorenz draws from his extensive military experience to offer leadership insights in "Lorenz on Leadership: Lessons on Effectively Leading People, Teams, and Organizations". His guidance emphasizes the core values and principles that inspire teams and drive missions forward, extending Air Force leadership lessons into the civilian world.

Retired, CMSgt Matthew P. Proietti, of the 4th Combat Camera Squadron, SC and former member of the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, Public Affairs office from March ARB, authored "At All Costs: The True Story of Vietnam War Hero Dick Etchberger".

Through this work, Proietti captures the story of Medal of Honor recipient Dick Etchberger, preserving military history and honoring a hero's



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BY WENDY DAY

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legacy. His work highlights the importance of public affairs in documenting and sharing the stories of sacrifice and service that define the Air Force.

SMSgt Nicholas J. Wedlow from the 492d Attack Squadron, March ARB, shares his journey in "Overnight Father", celebrating fatherhood, resilience, and dedication. His book honors the challenges and rewards of being a father, adding to the Air Force's legacy of strength and service. As Wedlow says, "The world needs men who meet the challenges of fatherhood head-on and aren't discouraged by setbacks!"

Retired, MSgt David Isbell from the 701st Combat Operations Squadron, March ARB, used writing as a creative outlet, sharing deeply personal stories through his novels "SICKs," "Gemm&I," and "BoyS." Born with dyslexia, Isbell's journey from middle school song parodies to self-published novels demonstrates his lifelong commitment to storytelling and creativity, addressing complex social issues that he feels are often overlooked.

Tech. Sgt. Dayton Mitchell, a former member of the Team March, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, authored "The Beautiful Side of Me," a non-fiction piece detailing his journey as a military photographer. Reflecting on his work, he shares: "This book follows the successful path of a military photographer who ships off to war and feels nostalgic for all the important life lessons he has learned."

Chuck Norris reflects on his Air Force service in his autobiography, "Against All Odds: My Story". Although he served primarily at Osan Air Base in South Korea, Norris's time in the Air Force instilled the discipline and resilience that would later shape his success in martial arts and film, proving the lasting influence of military service on his career and character.

We know these authors are only a few of the many who have served, not just in the U.S. Air Force but across all military branches. Countless others have stories to tell, experiences to share, and wisdom to impart. We encourage all who feel the call to follow their heart—or their quill—and continue to add their voices to the rich legacy of not just military storytelling but all stories. Please contact us if you know of other authors who served in March.

We look forward to honoring and sharing more stories from those who have called March home.

THE GIFT OF TIME - CFC CAMPAIGN

Team March,

Did you know that in addition to making a monetary gift through the CFC, as Federal employees, we can also pledge volunteer hours? As a bonus, the monetary value of these pledged hours will be added to our fundraising total. Last year, more than 83,000 volunteer hours added \$2 million to the overall CFC results! Two things to keep in mind:

1. You can only pledge volunteer hours to charities that accept them (identified with a "hand" icon in the charity list).
2. If you want the charity to contact you about your volunteer pledge, you must release your contact information when you pledge. If you wish to remain anonymous, you will need to reach out to your charity regarding fulfilling your volunteer pledge.

This week's story is from the volunteer's point of view:

Maya volunteers for a CFC-participating organization that offers transitional housing to homeless female veterans. Their program helps break the cycle of homelessness, creating self-sufficiency and accountability. She says she volunteers because she wants to give back to her community and also to some of our nation's heroes. She knows that not everyone has a heroic story after leaving the military. Even someone who seems on top of the world can experience a health issue or a financial issue that changes their life. She says the organization where she serves is more than a shelter – it's a place for help, healing, and renewal, and she is honored to be a small part of it.

Do you want to ensure stable housing for everyone? Consider giving to and volunteering with a temporary housing organization through the CFC. GIVE SHELTER. GIVE HAPPY.

Donation Link: <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>

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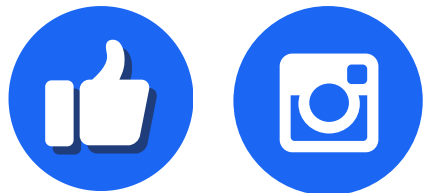
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APRIL 12-13



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JOIN OUR TEAM

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- Cashier + Bartender
- Catering Manager
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FSS MONTHLY CALENDAR



November 2024

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Programs

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					• Special: Pasta • Sally's Alley (Open 1600, Food 1730)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	• Special: Burger Combo • Spin Class 1100 (Gym) • Veteran's Day Discount Week (BSG)	• Special: Taco Tuesday • Mixxed Fit 0600 (Gym) • Veteran's Day Discount Week (BSG)	• Special: Stir Fry • Social Hour at Sally's (Open 1600, Food 1730) • Spin Class 1100 (Gym) • Veteran's Day Discount Week (BSG)	• Special: Sizzlin Fajitas • Mixxed Fit 0600 (Gym) • Yoga Class 1200 (Gym) • Tea Social (Hap Arnold Club, 1400-1500) • Thu Night Football (ACEs, 1700) • Veteran's Day Discount Week (BSG)	• Special: Pasta • Veteran's Day Discount Week (BSG)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veterans Day	• Special: Taco Tuesday • Mixxed Fit 0600 (Gym)	• Special: Stir Fry • Social Hour at Sally's (Open 1600, Food 1730) • Spin Class 1100 (Gym) • Jive Turkey 5K (Base Tower, 1100)	• Special: Sizzlin Fajitas • Mixxed Fit 0600 (Gym) • Yoga Class 1200 (Gym) • Tea Social (Hap Arnold Club, 1400-1500) • Thu Night Football (ACEs, 1700)	• Special: Pasta	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	• Special: Burger Combo • Spin Class 1100 (Gym) • Thanksgiving Special (BSG)	• Special: Taco Tuesday • Mixxed Fit 0600 (Gym) • Thanksgiving Special (BSG)	• Special: Stir Fry • Social Hour at Sally's (Open 1600, Food 1730) • Spin Class 1100 (Gym) • Thanksgiving Special (BSG)	• Special: Sizzlin Fajitas • Mixxed Fit 0600 (Gym) • Yoga Class 1200 (Gym) • Tea Social (Hap Arnold Club, 1400-1500) • Thu Night Football (ACEs, 1700) • Thanksgiving Special (BSG)	• Special: Pasta • Thanksgiving Special (BSG)	
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Details & Future Upcoming Events

FITNESS CENTER EVENTS

- Jive Turkey 5K **November 13th!**
Time: 1100. Meet across from the Base Tower.

BACKSTREET GRILL/HAP ARNOLD CLUB EVENTS

- **Monthly Backstreet Grill SPECIALS**
 - Meatball Sub (**DAILY**)
 - Pizza (BBQ Chicken, Pepperoni, Jalapeño Chorizo) (**DAILY**)
 - Javier's Famous Chicken Salad (Salad or Sandwich) (**DAILY**)
 - Social Hour at Sally's! **STREETS TACOS NOW AVAILABLE!** Every Wednesday; **Open at 1600. Food at 1730, Ala Cart \$3.00 each, 2 tacos with Chips and Salsa \$7.50**
 - Sally's Alley Open **UTA Friday November 1 at 1600**
 - Grab & Go Food Options **NOW AVAILABLE**
 - Black Bean Burger & Veggie Burger **NOW AVAILABLE!**
 - Tea Social at the Club **Every Thurs, Starting Oct 3 at 1400**
- Variety of Hot Tea, Hot Chocolate and/or Assorted Pastries served for **FREE**

- Thursday Night Football at ACEs at 1700
- Veterans Day Discount at the Backstreet Grill Breakfast and Lunch **Starting 4-8 November**
- Nov 4 - 20% off Breakfast or Lunch**
- Nov 5 - \$1.00 off Breakfast or Lunch**
- Nov 6 - 20% off Breakfast or Lunch**
- Nov 7 - Free Drink Breakfast or Lunch**
- Nov 8 - \$2.00 off Breakfast or Lunch**
- Thanksgiving Special **November 18 to 27**
- Open faced turkey sandwich with gravy, Mashed Potatoes, But-tered Green Beans, Peach Cobbler, Fountain Drink, **For \$12.00**
- New NAF Positions **AVAILABLE**
- Fitness Center, Cashier, Catering Manager, Cooks, Bartender, ODR
- Scan QR code for more details!



MARCH FSS EVENTS



JIVE TURKEY 5K

FREE T-SHIRTS
(LIMITED QUANTITY)

GIFT CARDS
FOR TOP FINISHERS

SIGN UP
VIA QR OR CALL
FITNESS CENTER



ACROSS THE BASE TOWER • NOV 13 at 1100

FITNESS CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ACES BAR

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AT ACES

EVERY THURSDAY AT 5PM

For anyone with base access and their guests

Hot Apps:

Chicken Wings
Mozzarella Sticks

Chicken Tenders
Chili Cheese Fries



STREET TACOS

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EVERY WEDS 1600

UTA FRIDAYS 1600



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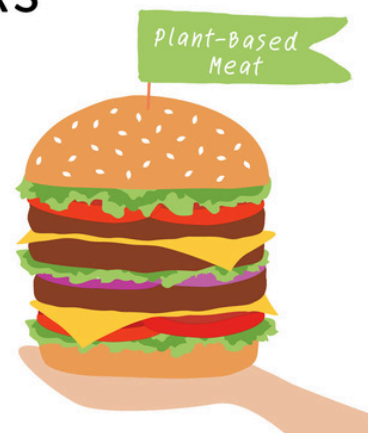
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BACKSTREET GRILL - UTA MENU & NEW MONTHLY SPECIALS

UTA MENU

UTA HOURS (SAT & SUN)

Breakfast 0530-0900

Lunch 1100-1330

Dinner (Sat ONLY) 1600-2000

BREAKFAST AT BACKSTREET COUNTER TOP SERVING LINE

Price \$12.15

Drinks **Choice of (1)**

Coffee, tea, 1% milk, or orange juice

Bacon/Turkey Bacon or Sausage Patties
Scrambled Eggs

Home Fried Potatoes

Pancakes or French Toast
Will alternate Sat & Sun

Wheat toast, Asst. Cereals and Oatmeal
Choice of (1) Assorted Muffin
Choice of (1) Orange or Apple

LUNCH AT BACKSTREET COOKED TO ORDER MENU

Pound of Wings \$17.95

Choice of Sauce: Barbecue or Buffalo (Hot)

With **Choice of** Side Salad, Freedom Fries,
or Onion Rings

8 Oz. Hamburger or Cheese Burger ... \$15.95

Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Onions

With a **Choice of** Side Salad, Freedom Fries,
or Onion Rings

Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich \$18.00

Grilled Onions, Peppers and Mozzarella Cheese

With a **Choice of** Side Salad, Freedom Fries,
or Onion Rings

Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$15.00

Kaiser Roll with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Cheese

With a **Choice of** Side Salad, Freedom Fries,
or Onion Rings

Grilled Chicken Salad

with Dinner Roll \$15.95

Orders come with:

Dessert Choice of (1)

Chocolate Cake, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Brownie

Drinks **Choice of (1)**

1% Milk, Coffee, Snapple, Fountain Drinks.

Choice of (1)

Orange or Apple

DINNER AT BACKSTREET COOKED TO ORDER MENU

Salisbury Steak \$18.00

Served with your **Choice of** French Fries or Mashed
Potatoes and Gravy, Seasonal Mixed Vegetables, and
Garlic Bread

Grilled or Crispy Chicken Salad \$15.95

Served with Garlic Bread

Sweet and Sour Chicken Breast \$16.95

Served with Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Mixed Vegetables,

Hawaiian Dinner Roll

12" Medium Assorted Pizza \$14.00

Pepperoni, Sausage, Supreme, or Cheese

Personnel signing AF-79 Orders come with:

Dessert Choice of (1)

Chocolate Cake, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Brownie

Drinks **Choice (1)**

1% Milk, Coffee, Snapple, Fountain Drinks

Choice of (1)

Orange or Apple

BOTTLED BEVERAGES

Juices

Orange Juice \$2.50

V-8 Splash or Kiwi \$3.00

Snapple

Kiwi • Mango • Diet Peach \$3.00

2% MILK \$2.00

BOTTLED WATER \$2.00

MONSTERS \$3.00

FOUNTAIN DRINKS

Small - \$2.00 • Medium - \$2.50 • Large - \$2.75

• Iced Tea

• Fanta Orange Soda

• Fruit Punch

• Lemonade

• Powerade

• Iced Tea

• Fanta Orange Soda

• Fruit Punch

VETERAN'S DAY DISCOUNT WEEK
AT BACKSTREET GRILL



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EVERYDAY DURING
BREAKFAST &
LUNCH

NOV 4-8



THANKSGIVING
SPECIAL

NOV 18-27

OPEN FACED TURKEY
SANDWICH WITH GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES
BUTTERED GREEN BEANS
PEACH COBBLER
FOUNTAIN DRINK



GRAB
& GO



Breakfast

- Croissants
(Egg, Cheese, Bacon, or Sausage)
- Doughnut Bites
- Parfaits

Lunch

- Croissants
(Ham or Turkey)
- Sandwiches
(Ham or Turkey with Cheese)
- Wraps

*Items subject to change

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