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HERE TO SERVE THE MARCH ARB COMMUNITY

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Knights, welcome to the December UTA!

Howdy from my basement. It is Tuesday before the UTA, and I am at home, 10 states away from California. As many of you know, I've been geo-batching this assignment. Doing so offered some stability to my kids as they finish high school and begin their college journey. But it has had an unexpected effect on my lifestyle as well. For the first time in my military career, I feel as though I am a traditional reservist. I now lead two very distinct lives - one in SoCal at March ARB and one "at home" with my family. Both are interlaced with a full commitment to service, not only to my family but also to the wing and our country. As a career full-timer, I have new empathy for the amazing commitment it takes to be a TR, and I just wanted to say thanks again to all of you.

What you do is not easy, and I appreciate you! You volunteer every time you show up for duty - every time! Your personal sacrifices and those of your family are not lost on me. Thank you!!!

This holiday season offers the perfect opportunity to reflect on the year past. And what an amazing year we had!

We deployed hundreds of Airmen from our wing to support Combatant Commanders on four continents.

We flew over 5000 flight hours all over the globe. We sat persistent alert in support of our nation's highest priority mission, and we processed over 91,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines through our DPC for worldwide taskings.

All this, while remaining Ready Now as the Air Force reoptimizes for Great Power Competition. It is a lot! I am amazed at your efforts, even more so now that I better understand what it's like to do all this semi-part time.

Have a great holiday and come back recharged and Ready Now!



Thank you for your service,
-Col "BAM" Bailey

MAJOR ACCIDENT AND READINESS EXERCISE

BY -2LT GLORIE WARD

This month Team March executed a Major Accident Response Exercise (MARE) in coordination with local authorities and emergency responders. The exercise aims to evaluate and improve the organization's response capabilities, ensuring the readiness to handle real-world emergencies. It helps organizations identify gaps in their emergency plans, strengthen the coordination between various departments and external stakeholders, and ensure safety protocols are followed.

In preparation for the Southern California Air Show at March Air Reserve Base, scheduled for 12-13 April 2025, a realistic accident scenario was created on 5 December 2024. At 12:15 PM, an aircraft accident was reported in the vicinity of March ARB, prompting immediate action from all personnel involved. Leadership successfully established a 1,000-foot National Defense Area around the incident site, allowing medical teams to provide care for the injured. Through effective communication among key personnel, Team March was able to gather evidence and deliver a transparent report to the public.

The exercise improved teamwork and coordination between internal teams and external emergency services, fostering better collaboration during actual incidents. This created confidence in everyone's roles and clarified the actions to be taken in the event of a real emergency, ultimately reducing panic and improving decision-making in critical situations.



MAJOR ACCIDENT AND READINESS EXERCISE

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The Major Accident Response Exercise is an essential tool for organizations to ensure preparedness for large-scale emergencies.

A series of major incident report steps guarantees that incidents are managed effectively and that all necessary information is collected for investigation, safety improvements, and accountability. These efforts aim to enhance safety and ensure accountability to prevent similar incidents in the future.

On behalf of Team March, we extend our gratitude to all who volunteered to make this exercise possible, as well as to our local authorities, emergency responders, and participants here at March ARB.



KEEPING THE MAGIC ALIVE AT MARCH ARB

BY 452ND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The holiday season is here, and Team March is once again bringing the magic of the holiday season to life. For the fourth consecutive year, March Air Reserve Base will host its much-loved free Santa photo event, continuing a cherished tradition that brings joy to families across the base.

This event has become a highlight for many, as families gather to meet Santa Claus and capture the spirit of the season. Even more special is that our very own Santa volunteer, Pat Day, is a dedicated father of U.S. Air Force Master Sgt, Wendy Day, a member of the Team March family.

Pat Day, shared his thoughts on the importance of events like this.

"Keeping the magic alive, whether you are five or fifty, is so important," said Day "It's about bringing joy and a sense of wonder to everyone who celebrates."

The joy of the season resonates deeply with Master Sgt. Wendy Day, a key organizer of the event and member of the 452nd Air Mobility Wing also reflected on her experiences.



"I have been so grateful that I have been able to be a part of Team March and keep the magic alive here for the families. It's great to see the same families come back every year. We are very lucky to have Santa come visit us."

The free Santa photo event is more than just a photo opportunity -it's a chance to build memories, celebrate the season, and strengthen the bonds within the Team March community. Families, young and old, delight in Santa's warm welcome and the festive atmosphere that surrounds the event.

KEEPING THE MAGIC ALIVE AT MARCH ARB

BY -452ND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Having our own Team March volunteer don the red suit adds an extra layer of magic to the event. Seeing a familiar face behind the beard reminds everyone of the spirit of giving and the joy of coming together as a community.

Whether you're meeting Santa for the first time or returning for the fourth year in a row, this event promises to bring a smile to your face and warmth to your heart.

Mark your calendars and bring your family! Join us this holiday season as we celebrate the spirit of giving and the magic of Santa at March Air Reserve Base.

Families can also track Santa's journey around the globe with NORAD's interactive Santa Tracker, an annual tradition steeped in Air Force history.

The tradition began in 1955, when a Sears Roebuck & Co. advertisement invited children to call Santa but accidentally printed the phone number for the Continental Air Defense Command. U.S. Air Force Col. Harry Shoup, who answered the calls, decided to make the most of the mix-up, providing updates to children about Santa's whereabouts.

When NORAD replaced CONAD in 1958, the tradition continued and grew into the globally celebrated program it is today. Families can join in the fun and track Santa in real time at NORAD Tracks Santa at [www.noradsanta.org] (<https://www.noradsanta.org>).



#TeamMarch #HolidayMagic #SantaPhotos #CommunitySpirit #NORADSantaTracker

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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SrA Kern: cedrick.kern@us.af.mil;
TSgt Oswald: brian.oswald.1@us.af.mil



AIRSHOW VOLUNTEERS

SoCal Air Show Volunteer Form April 11-13, 2025

Thank you for your willingness to support!

Please complete this form to express your interest and preferences in volunteering. Once submitted, our volunteer coordinator will contact you with further details.



MONTHLY SOCIAL HIKE

**ADVANCED MONTHLY
SOCAL HIKE**

**SIGN UP TODAY!
DIRECTIONS, DETAILS, QUESTIONS
SSGT. JOE PAGAN - (708) 776-1573 (CALL OR TEXT)**

- PACKING LIST PROVIDED
- GUIDED HIKES
- MEDIC, MAPS & SAT PHONE ON SITE
- HIKING ATTIRE REQUIRED
- ALL SERVICE MEMBERS WELCOMED
- CUSTOM PATCHES FOR EACH HIKE

**NOV. 16 - DEEP CREEK HOT SPRINGS (HARD)
DEC. 14 - CRYSTAL COVE PERIMETER (HARD)
JAN. 18 - BLACK STAR CANYON FALLS (HARD)**

The poster features a map of Southern California with several military branch logos overlaid: National Guard, United States Army, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Air Force, and United States Coast Guard. To the right, a silhouette of a hiker with a backpack is shown against a sunset background, with a large compass rose overlaid on the scene.

COMMISSIONING OPPORTUNITIES - AFROTC

Thinking about taking the next step towards becoming an Officer? The Air Force ROTC program is one pathway to help our airmen earn a commission in the Air Force and Space Force. AFROTC is a gateway to wings, medical roles, or leadership positions in the Regular Air Force and the Air Force Reserve. Airmen who are currently working on their undergraduate studies and interested in becoming an Officer should join us Sunday 8 December to learn about the AFROTC program. Reserve Airmen can be an active AFROTC Cadet and still serve in their normal AFR role (continue normal drill status).

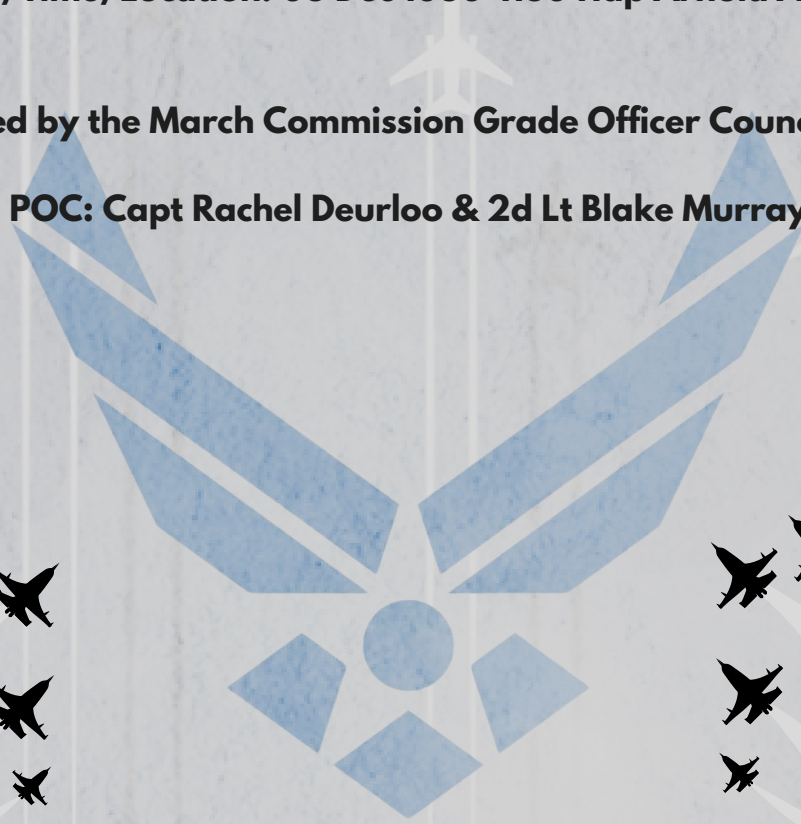
Any Airman, NCO, supervisor, or unit leadership member can and should attend to learn about this pathway for you or your airmen.

For questions, please contact the AFROTC Gold Bar Recruiters at
362RCS.GBR.AFROTC@US.AF.MIL

Date/Time/Location: 08 Dec 1030-1130 Hap Arnold Atrium

Sponsored by the March Commission Grade Officer Council (CGOC)

POC: Capt Rachel Deurloo & 2d Lt Blake Murray



TURKEY AND TOY GIVEAWAY



163D ATTACK WING MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS

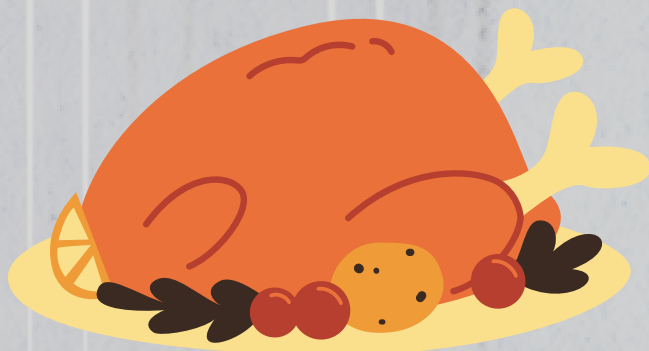
MARCH ARB CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

SANTA • TOYS • REFRESHMENTS

7-8 December 1000-1600
California State Guard; Building 2316
175 Airlift Way, March ARB



POC: MRS. EMERALD SEREY 951-419-1566 & CHAPLAIN DAVID HART 951-235-8234



SIERF's ANNUAL TURKEY & TOY GIVEAWAY

11:00-2:00pm
December 14th

DCFS 2325
Crenshaw Blvd
Torrance CA 90501

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SUPERVISOR - FOURTH DISTRICT
JANICE HAHN



FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA

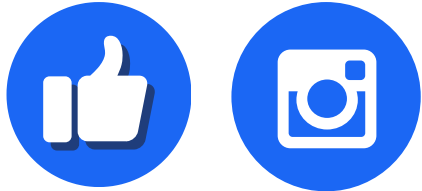


**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
1030-1300
HAP ARNOLD HOUSE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
1030-1300
C-17 @ BASE OPS**

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Southern California AIR SHOW
AT MARCH FIELD APRIL 12-13, 2025

FREE

APRIL 12-13

MORE INFO AT SOCALAIRSHOW.COM

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FSS MONTHLY CALENDAR



MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION (MWR) PROGRAMS

December 2024

MarchFSS.com

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Burger Combo Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Taco Tuesday Mixed Fit 0600 (Gym) Lunchtime Volleyball & B-Ball 1100 (Gym) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Stir Fry Social Hour at Sally's (Open 1600, Food 1730) Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Sizzlin Fajitas Mixed Fit 0600 (Gym) Yoga Class 1200 (Gym) Thu Night Football (ACEs, 1700) Lunchtime Volleyball & B-Ball 1100 (Gym) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Pasta Sally's Alley (Open 1600, Food 1730) 	
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Details & Future Upcoming Events

FITNESS CENTER EVENTS

- Ugly Sweater 5K **December 11th!**
Time: 1100. Meet across from the Base Tower.
- Extramural Golf continues **Fridays** at General Old Golf Course
- Group Fitness Classes: Spin Class **MW 1100**, Mixed Fit **TTH 0600**, Yoga **Thursdays 1200**
- Lunchtime Pick-up Basketball **TTH, 1100**
- Lunchtime Pick-up Volleyball **TTH, 1100**
- Intramural Basketball Meeting **Jan 14, 2025 1100 Gym**
- Happy New You 5K Run/Walk - **Jan 29, 2025 1100**

BACKSTREET GRILL/HAP ARNOLD CLUB EVENTS

- Social Hour at Sally's! Every Wednesday; **Open at 1600. Food at 1730**
- **STREET TACOS & NACHOS NOW AVAILABLE!** (Carne Asada, Chicken, & Al Pastor), Ala Cart **\$3.00 each**, 2 tacos with Chips & Salsa **\$7.50**, Nachos **\$7.00**
- Sally's Alley Open **UTA Friday December 6 at 1600, Food at 1730**

Grab & Go Food Options **NOW AVAILABLE**

- Come try one of our flavored coffees with a fresh baked pastry
Coffee (12oz) **\$2.50**
Assorted Muffins **\$3.50**
Scones **\$3.00**
Doughnut or Doughnut Holes **\$4.75**
- **Holiday Special December 16th -20th:** Ham, Mac and Cheese, Veggie Medley, Hawaiian Roll with a drink **\$12.00**
- **Black Bean Burger & Veggie Burger NOW AVAILABLE!**
- **Thursday Night Football at ACEs at 1700**

New NAF Positions **AVAILABLE**

- Fitness Center, Cashier, Catering Manager, Cooks, Bartender, ODR
- Scan QR code for more details!



MARCH FSS EVENTS



Ugly Sweater 5K



Dec 11th · 1100

Across the Base Tower

Costumes welcome!

FREE T-Shirts (Limited Quantity)

FITNESS CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

951-655-2284

ACES BAR

FOR MORE INFORMATION

951-655-4920

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 & NACHOS

NOW AVAILABLE

EVERY WEDS 1600

UTA FRIDAYS 1600



SALLY'S

FOR MORE INFORMATION

951-655-4920

HAP ARNOLD CLUB

FOR MORE INFORMATION

951-655-4920

Breakfast with Santa!



Enjoy your breakfast meal with Santa!
(Meal purchase required)

DEC 20th

0700-0900

Please call 951-902-7851
to RSVP



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

NEED A QUICK
PICK-ME-UP?

SPECIALTY COFFEE & PASTRIES
NOW AVAILABLE
AT BACKSTREET GRILL

Caffe Latte • Cappuccino • Café Vanilla • Mocha • French
Vanilla • Hot Chocolate • Espresso • Black Coffee • Flat
White • Assorted Muffins • Scones • Donuts • Donut Holes

Holiday Special

Dec 16 - 20

Ham, Mac and Cheese, Veggie
Medley, Hawaiian Roll & 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

EVERY WED AT 1600 | SALLY'S ALLEY | 655-4920

**SOCIAL HOUR
at
SALLY'S**

GOOD FOOD,
GOOD DRINKS
& A GREAT TIME!

SALLY'S ALLEY FSS

**STOP ON BY OR ORDER AHEAD
FOR SOME DELICIOUS GRUB!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SCAN QR FOR FULL MENU

