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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Knights!

What defines you?

If you had to sum up your existence in a single word, what word would you choose? Take a minute and think about it. Find your word – I'll wait. Got it? Good. Now, say it out loud to yourself. Speak it into the universe. Do you really believe it? No? Try again if you like - it's okay if you need to adjust. Keep trying until you find something that sticks. Really got it this time? Excellent!

My word is service. From the service organizations of my youth to the military, to my family, to my spirituality - service is my defining attribute. Being connected to something bigger than myself gives everything I do a higher purpose. It helps me define what is important. And in a fast-changing world, knowing my fundamental values gives me peace of mind, knowing that the details around me may be changing, but the fundamentals remain constant.

Last UTA, Chief Bilal and I spoke to many of you about the recent changes in our Air Force: uniform standard updates, new executive orders, and restructuring into DCWs, ABWs, and ICWs. It all seems like a lot, and admittedly, it can be, especially for our reserve force. But as we work to faithfully execute our orders, know that while the details are changing, the fundamental truths of our Air Force remain incredibly constant.

We are and will remain the world's greatest Air and Space Force. We can project unmatched power the world over from right here at March ARB – and continue to do so. Our deployed forces are the literal face of freedom to thousands in the CENTCOM AOR right now. Just last week, we hosted several hundred BAMBOO EAGLE exercise participants and their aircraft here on base. All while supporting NEXUS FORGE in the INDOPACOM AOR. As to the recent uniform updates, it really all boils down to this – shave, do your nails, take off a tab, and be held accountable for doing so. That's it. And the Air Force optimization? Squadrons are and will remain the basic fighting unit of the Air Force. If you're in a squadron, you will remain in a squadron. Where that squadron fits on an org chart and your boss's boss's boss's duty title may change, but really that's about it.

Chaos is a perceived state; don't let the noise push out your deeply held beliefs. I implore you to find your defining value and hold on to it dearly, especially when all around you seems to be changing. Strive to find your constant. Remind yourself why you do what you do. If you're struggling for a word, here are some easy suggestions. Integrity, Service, Excellence. I guarantee those aren't changing!

Defend, Mobilize, Fight!

-Col Bailey

MARCH ARB HOSTS MULTI-AGENCY HAZARD RESPONSE TRAINING

BY: MSGT WENDY DAY

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. - Service members and emergency responders from multiple agencies gathered at March Air Reserve Base for a large-scale hazardous material response exercise designed to enhance coordination and preparedness for real-world incidents.

The training included members of the 9th Civil Support Team (CST), the 452nd Civil Engineer Squadron's (CES) emergency management team, the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Participants simulated responses to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) threats, focusing on interagency communication and operational efficiency.

"This type of exercise is critical because it allows us to practice working together before an actual emergency happens," said Capt. Demetrios Pitsikos, survey section leader for the 9th CST. "The earlier we coordinate, the better we understand each other's roles and capabilities. When something real happens, we can be much more efficient."

The training event provided hands-on experience in responding to a simulated hazardous material incident. The exercise scenario required participants to assess threats, deploy decontamination procedures, and execute command and control functions.

"We primarily train civil support teams with the National Guard, and today we're working with the 9th CST, the 452nd CES emergency management team, and the FBI," said Justin Curtis, a chemist with the U.S. Army's Chemical Biological Center. "Our role is to set up the exercise so that teams go through the motions of a real-world response."

March ARB was selected as the training site due to its strategic location and existing partnerships with emergency management organizations. The 9th CST coordinated the scenario while training partners provided technical expertise and operational support.

"The CSTs are instrumental in responding to potential WMD incidents in California," said Anthony Ricks, emergency manager with the 452nd CES. "Their expertise, equipment, and mission set make them the primary responders if an incident occurs on base. This training helps us advocate for their role and understand how they can support us."





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The exercise also included direct coordination with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at March ARB, with participants simulating joint command and control operations. "Today, I was part of command and control, working side by side with the Army's 9th CST," said Staff Sgt. Naomy Rodriguez, emergency manager with the 452nd CES. "We established joint command operations in our trailer while monitoring teams deployed into the scenario. The first team included both Army and Air Force personnel, conducting reconnaissance and surveying the building for hazards."

Lt. Col. Ryan Noonan, commander of the 9th CST, highlighted the significance of working alongside various military and civilian agencies.

"We have long-standing relationships with the emergency management team at March ARB," Noonan said. "While we primarily support civil agencies, we also provide military-to-military support as part of the Navy Region Southwest disaster response network. We train with multiple local bases to ensure interoperability."

The exercise also reinforced the importance of integrating FBI protocols into military response efforts.

"Our primary partners include the FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate in Los Angeles and San Diego," Noonan said. "We work closely with them to ensure our tactics, techniques, and procedures align with their evidence collection standards. This partnership ensures that hazardous evidence is handled correctly and can be used in prosecution if needed."

Rodriguez emphasized the importance of these exercises for ensuring seamless cooperation between agencies.

"It's crucial to practice these scenarios to prepare for potential real-world incidents," Rodriguez said. "By training together, we gain familiarity with each other's procedures, tactics, and communication protocols, ensuring a more effective response when needed." Tech. Sgt. Camposeco echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the value of repeated training in strengthening response capabilities.

"These exercises are a great way to exercise our muscles, both literally and figuratively," Camposeco said. "The more we run through these scenarios, the more second nature our responses become. When a real situation occurs, we'll be able to act decisively and effectively."

As the exercise concluded, teams reviewed lessons learned to improve future operations. The training reaffirmed the importance of interoperability in ensuring mission success and national security.

"These exercises show how agencies must collaborate," Pitsikos said. "The more we work together, the better prepared we'll be when a real-world event happens."

CHIEF'S ON LEADERSHIP

MSGT WENDY DAY

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif.—For Chief Master Sgt. Timi Bilal, a career in the Air Force Reserve was more than just a decision—it was a legacy. Raised in a family of service members, CMSgt Bilal was inspired by her father, an Air Force veteran of over 20 years, and her brother, who also served for more than two decades.

Her journey began in 1991 when she enlisted in the Air Force Reserve, transitioning from a delayed enlistment program into a career that would span over 30 years. Originally assigned to Norton Air Force Base, she moved to March ARB in 1993 when the base transitioned from active duty to Reserve.

Now, as the Command Chief of the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, Chief Bilal reflects on her first year in the position, the mentors who shaped her, and the leadership lessons she wants to pass on to the next generation of Airmen.

CMSgt Bilal credits much of her professional development to mentors who guided her throughout her career.

"Chief Master Sgt. Trinidad Galvan was my first military mentor," CMSgt Bilal said. "She took me under her wing at Norton Air Force Base, and from there, I had many others who influenced me, like Brig Gen. Michelle Wagner, Col. Mike Butler, and former 452 AMW Command Chiefs, CMSgt Timothy White, CMSgt Cynthia Villa and CMSgt Octavio Ortiz. Even today, I still turn to them for quidance."



Understanding the importance of mentorship, CMSgt Bilal now finds herself in the role of mentor for many Airmen at March ARB. She emphasizes the importance of taking care of Airmen, ensuring they receive proper guidance, training, and support to succeed in their careers.

As she looks to the next generation of leaders, CMSgt Bilal stresses the importance of adhering to Air Force Core Values.

"It really boils down to that—Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do," she said. "We have a lot on our plates, and being a reservist isn't just a weekend a month or two weeks a year anymore. It takes commitment, continuous learning, and stepping out of your comfort zone."

Chief Bilal encourages up-and-coming leaders to embrace professional development and take advantage of every opportunity to grow.

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"Don't wait for someone to tell you what professional military education you need,"

CMSgt Bilal said. "Be proactive. Learn about joint operations, take leadership courses, and prioritize readiness training."

She highlighted the recent Foundations Course at March ARB as a critical step in developing future leaders.

"Some people may see it as just checking a box, but it's so much more than that," she said. "It's a chance to connect with your peers, build relationships, and gain exposure to different career fields. Those experiences shape you as a leader."

Bilal acknowledges that leadership comes with its challenges, particularly when setting and enforcing expectations.

"When I first stepped into this role, Col. Bailey and I had a one-on-one feedback session," she said. "That set the foundation for our working relationship. It's something leaders need to do more often—provide clear expectations and follow through."



Reflecting on her first year as Command Chief, CMSgt Bilal acknowledges the rapid pace, and the lessons learned along the way.

"There's no formal class on how to be a Command Chief," she said. "I've had to lean on my experiences, mentors, and peers. It's trial by fire, but we're all learning and growing together."

Despite the challenges, CMSgt Bilal remains committed to her role and to the Airmen she serves.

"I remind people all the time—remember why you raised your right hand," she said. "We all joined for different reasons, whether it was education, medical benefits, or something else. But at the core, we serve something bigger than ourselves. That's what keeps us going."

As she embarks on another year in her leadership role, Chief Bilal remains focused on developing Airmen, fostering a culture of accountability, and ensuring the 452 AMW is mission-ready.

For the Airmen at March ARB, her message is clear: "Take care of your people, embrace opportunities, and never forget the core values that define us."

TEAM MARCH FIRST SERGEANTS: THE DIAMONDS THAT LEAD

Join the Heart of the Team: Become a First Sergeant

At the core of every successful unit is a leader who truly cares—someone who leads not just with authority, but with compassion and empathy. A First Sergeant isn't just a rank; it's a calling to put people first, support the well-being of airmen, and build the future of the Air Force, one airman at a time.

As a First Sergeant, you'll be entrusted with the most vital responsibility: the welfare of your team. It's about understanding their needs, listening to their concerns, and creating an environment where they can thrive. This role requires a rare combination of strength and heart, discipline and care. The First Sergeant is not just a leader but a mentor, a guide, and often, a trusted confidant.

If you have the passion to serve and the compassion to lead, we need you. The job isn't easy—but the impact you'll have on your airmen's lives will last a lifetime. Step into a role where every decision you make centers on the people you lead. Become a First Sergeant and help us build a future focused on leadership, camaraderie, and care.

-- People First. Always.



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? REQUEST FOR INFORMATION



MARCH ARB HONORS EXCELLENCE AT ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

BY: SSGT KEKOA SANTIAGO

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. — March Air Reserve Base hosted its annual awards banquet on Feb. 1, 2025, celebrating the achievements of its Airmen and civilian personnel throughout 2024. The event, held at the Hap Arnold Club ballroom, recognized the dedication, hard work and teamwork that define the 452nd Air Mobility Wing. The ballroom was filled with service members, families and community members eager to honor the night's awardees. Colonel Bryan M. Bailey, 452nd Air Mobility Wing commander, highlighted the significance of the event.



"It's great to take these moments and pause to honor our hardworking airmen," Bailey said.

A highlight of the evening was a keynote address from retired Command Chief Master Sgt. Octavio Ortiz, who has since let his beard grow, shared his experiences and insights from his distinguished Air Force career. Ortiz emphasized the importance of mentorship, teamwork and building up the younger enlisted airmen to achieve mission success. His satirical and comedic speech resonated with the audience inspiring both junior and senior Airmen to continue striving for excellence in service to their country.



Among the honorees was Capt. Michael Brown, 452nd Security Forces Operations officer, was recognized as the 2024 Company Grade Officer of the Year for his leadership and commitment to his team. Brown credited his success to the collective efforts of those around him.

"The award is a culmination of all the work in 2024. It's not an individual award, and I received help every step of the way," said Brown. "It's more about my team than an individual award, and it's because of my team's accomplishments that I achieved this award."

Brown's words reinforced the core values of the Air Force and the spirit of collaboration at March ARB.

Tech Sergeant Jacob Atteberry, 452nd Civil Engineering Squadron NCO in Command, was awarded the 2024 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. "I want to thank the cumulative effort of my team, and our efforts brought about this award," said Atteberry. CE was well represented and honored at the banquet, as they received numerous nominations and won many of them. In addition to honoring individual achievements, the event highlighted group efforts, such as the presentation of the 2024 Outstanding Team of the Year to the 452 Aircrew Flight Equipment Operations Support Squadron, whose members rushed the stage and erupted the with cheers from all.

March ARB's annual awards banquet remains a cornerstone event, celebrating excellence and reinforcing the values of teamwork and service. As each award winner stated, success in the Air Force is not an individual pursuit but the result of shared dedication and collective effort.

RECRUITMENT



Video Release: Recruit the Recruiter



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As we continue to get after our annual recruiting goal of **7,600** and attract top talent into the force, we need the internal talent to help make it happen. Here, you will find the released "Recruit the Recruiter" video link on AFRC's YouTube channel and a corresponding QR code, both of which can be used for communicating recruiting opportunities to our internal Citizen Airmen audience of Senior Airman through Tech Sgts.

To maximize audience reach and engagement, this video may benefit from being shown at Commander's Calls and focused events, while following up with any required package information that can be passed along to interested candidates.

Additionally, we have provided a downloadable ad poster to be utilized in communicating opportunities to join our team.

Contact Email: 367RCG.RTR.RTR@us.af.mil





Recruit the Recruiter video QR code

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FSS MONTHLY CALENDAR



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Details & Future Upcoming Events

FITNESS CENTER EVENTS

- The Great March 5K Run/Walk March 19 at 1100, Meet across from the Base Tower.
- · Hike 2 Trees: March 14th at 0800. Meet at the Fitness Center at 0745. Transport using · Ice Cream Social returning on March 20th your own vehicle. 15 minute drive.
- · Intramural Volleyball Meeting March 18 at 1100, Gym.

- · March 17th Corn Beef and Cabbage served with garlic butter potatoes and cornbread and a drink for \$11.95
- · Live Music and Drinks after Airshow, Saturday Night April 12

BACKSTREET GRILL/HAP ARNOLD CLUB EVENTS

- · Social Hour at Sally's! Every Wednesday; Open at 1600
 - Come try our Sallys Spring Drink Specials
- · Grill of the Night to include Steaks on Weds and Thurs starting Mar 19th & 20th 1700- · Now taking Sign-ups for June BBQ competition 2000 Hap Arnold Club
- · Sally's Alley Open UTA Friday Feb 28 & UTA Saturday Mar 1 at 1600
- Black Bean Burger & Veggie Burger NOW AVAILABLE!
- · Fan Favorite LUNCH SPECIALS returning!
 - Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
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 - Create your own Pizza
 - Chicken Parm Sandwich
- · Have an idea for a monthly special? Please let us know! Inquire with the club manager!
- BREAKFAST SPECIAL

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OUTDOOR RECREATION/ITT EVENTS

- · Outdoor Recreation is offering Disc Golf at lunch time.
- · Outdoor Recreation is also offering low cost Disc Golf Rentals
- · Now taking Sign-ups for June Corn hole Tournament
- · Now Accepting P.O.C. appointment letters for UNITE send to:

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