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COMMANDERS CORNER

Knights,

I'm excited for our May UTA - it is exciting to watch the base come alive as we prove we truly are READY NOW! You've probably heard rumblings of big changes coming to the Air Force. And it's true we are evolving to meet the challenges of a new century of warfare. In the coming months and years you will see implementation of A-Staffs and our AEFs will become XABs, ATFs and finally DCWs, and ICWs. Lots of acronyms and what feels like a lot of change. Here is what is not changing - the squadron will remain the basic fight unit of the Air Force - and we are working hard to train our Airmen together in predictable ways that not only guarantee we continue to deliver the most lethal fighting force on the planet, but that we do it in a way conducive to our status as Reserve Citizen Airmen.

So, as we evolve, my ask is that each of us not get bogged down in the details or frustrated in the churn. It is our leaders job to filter through the noise and clearly communicate commanders' intent. Here is mine for each of you...

DEFEND - MOBILIZE - FIGHT.

No matter the AFSC, each of us has a role to DEFEND our base and access to our critical infrastructure at home station and if/when deployed.

No matter the AFSC, each of us has a duty to be READY NOW to MOBILIZE quickly and confidently for combat operations.

No matter the AFSC, each of us is a warrior - part of the most awesome military ever assembled - we must take the FIGHT to the enemy and deliver unyielding combat power for America.

DEFEND - MOBILIZE - FIGHT - three simple words encompassing our incredibly complex taskings. Thanks for working together to get it done. I'm proud to serve with each one of you. Chief Bilal and I are interested in hearing your story - when you see us, please tell us how you're linking everything you do to DEFEND, MOBILIZE, and FIGHT.

See ya' at the UTA,

Col Bailey

SPOTLIGHT:

336TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

The 452nd recently welcomed home members of the 336th ARS, 752nd AMXS, 452nd MXS, 452nd OSS, and even a special 912th ARS guest star from the wing's first KC-135 tasking under the AFFORGEN model. Having sent aircraft and crews downrange for over two decades in the mighty Stratotanker, we are accustomed to the extensive preparation that accompanies deployment readiness. However, this round presented unique preparation challenges with new and extensive Ready Airman Training and flying training requirements. Nevertheless, we persevered, delivering a total package of aircraft, aircrew, maintenance, and staff in late January.

While downrange, our 452nd members supported the JFACC's requirements for Operations Inherent Resolve, Poseidon Archer, Prosperity Guardian, and Exercise Accurate Test. By providing air refueling capabilities throughout the AOR, our members directly enabled anti-pirating efforts and military strikes, facilitated partner nation integration training efforts, and worked with coalition partners in efforts to increase regional stability.

Our 336th aircrews included many highly experienced crewmembers however, this was also an opportunity for many of our newer Aircraft Commanders, Copilots, and Boom Operators to experience a dynamically complex, demanding operational environment. This was particularly highlighted on the global level during the latter half of the deployment that coincided with the escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Our crews encountered countless emergencies on almost every aircraft system – from boom malfunctions and flight control issues to fuel leaks and loss of all navigational systems. Despite those emergencies, regional airspace challenges, and increasing area threats, our crews executed 288 sorties, flying 1972 hours, providing 7.3 million pounds of air refueling support to over 600 receivers. This remarkable mission execution was made possible by our maintainers and support staff on the ground. Combined, this deployment again proved the 452ND and AMW's ability to generate combat airpower worldwide.

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336TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

Finally, the entire deployment – from lead-up training activities to getting our members out the door and the warm reception they received upon return – is a stellar example of Team March. Nearly every base agency was involved in training and processing deployers, and we want to extend our deepest gratitude, especially to the following who went above and beyond to assist: Security Forces providing additional small arms training, the clinic for pre- and post-deployment screenings, IPR for efficient in- and out-processing, LRS vehicle operations contractors for reception transportation support, the 452nd First Sergeant's Council for the assist with our ARS reception, and Tony Decay with his entire USO team for their support to our families, especially the sign-making supplies for the children and dependents. We were also supported by our off-base partners over the weekend – our Ontario and Los Angeles International Airport customs agents. Thank you all for making our mission possible. And to my fellow RRATs, welcome home!!

- Lieutenant Colonel Mary Goldsmith, 336 ARS Commander





ASIAN AMERICAN - NATIVE HAWAIIAN - PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH (AANHPI)



In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Month, we invite you to take a moment to reflect on the invaluable contributions the AANHPI community has made on American history. For generations, the AANHPI community has enriched our nation's cultural tapestry and driven progress in various fields. From laborers who helped build the transcontinental railroad to activists who passionately fought for civil rights,

AAPJ individuals have played pivotal roles in shaping the American story. The activism of leaders like Yuri Kochiyama, who advocated for Japanese American reparations, and Grace Lee Boggs, who fought for racial and gender equality, have left indelible marks on American society. Honoring the culture within the AAPJ community is crucial for understanding the complexity of American identities and history. As the nation continues to grow, the voices and contributions of AANHPI individuals remain vital in shaping the future of our success.

This year, we share the story of the only living Asian American Medal of Honor Recipient, Dennis M. Fujii. U.S. Army Specialist Five Dennis M. Fujii displayed extraordinary bravery and selflessness as a helicopter ambulance crew chief during rescue missions in Laos and Vietnam from Feb. 18 to 22, 1971. Despite being injured in a crash and facing relentless enemy fire, Fujii remained on the ground, treating wounded soldiers, and coordinating defenses.

For more than 17 continuous hours, Fujii courageously braved hostile fire, venturing out from his secure position to closely monitor enemy troop movements and coordinate air strikes. Overall, Fujii's actions earned him the award of the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, two Air Medals, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. On July 5, 2022, Fujii was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Below is a 6-minute video of the award ceremony and links with details on this remarkable story.

[DVIDS - Video - Medal of Honor Recipient: Spc. 5 Dennis M. Fujii \(dvidshub.net\)](https://dvidshub.net)

[Dennis M. Fujii | Vietnam War | U.S. Army | Medal of Honor Recipient \(cmohs.org\)](https://cmohs.org)

[Specialist Five Dennis M. Fujii | Medal of Honor Recipient | U.S. Army](https://www.army.mil)

163D ATTACK WING: DIVERSITY IS AN ASSET: AIRMAN HELPS US, PHILIPPINES RELATIONS 'LEAP' FORWARD DURING COPE THUNDER

• BY MASTER SGT. DARNELL CANNADY AND STAFF SGT. JOSEPH PAGAN

BASA AIR BASE, Philippines --

The U.S.-Philippine Alliance, complemented by our various relationships and partnerships in the region, reinforces a regional structure that has been instrumental in maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific for decades.

Our diverse personnel are a force multiplier for this mission, enabling us to communicate more quickly with our Allies and bridge cultural gaps.

One example is U.S. Air Force Captain Timothy John D. Nolan, a native of the Philippines who loves his country of birth and the United States.

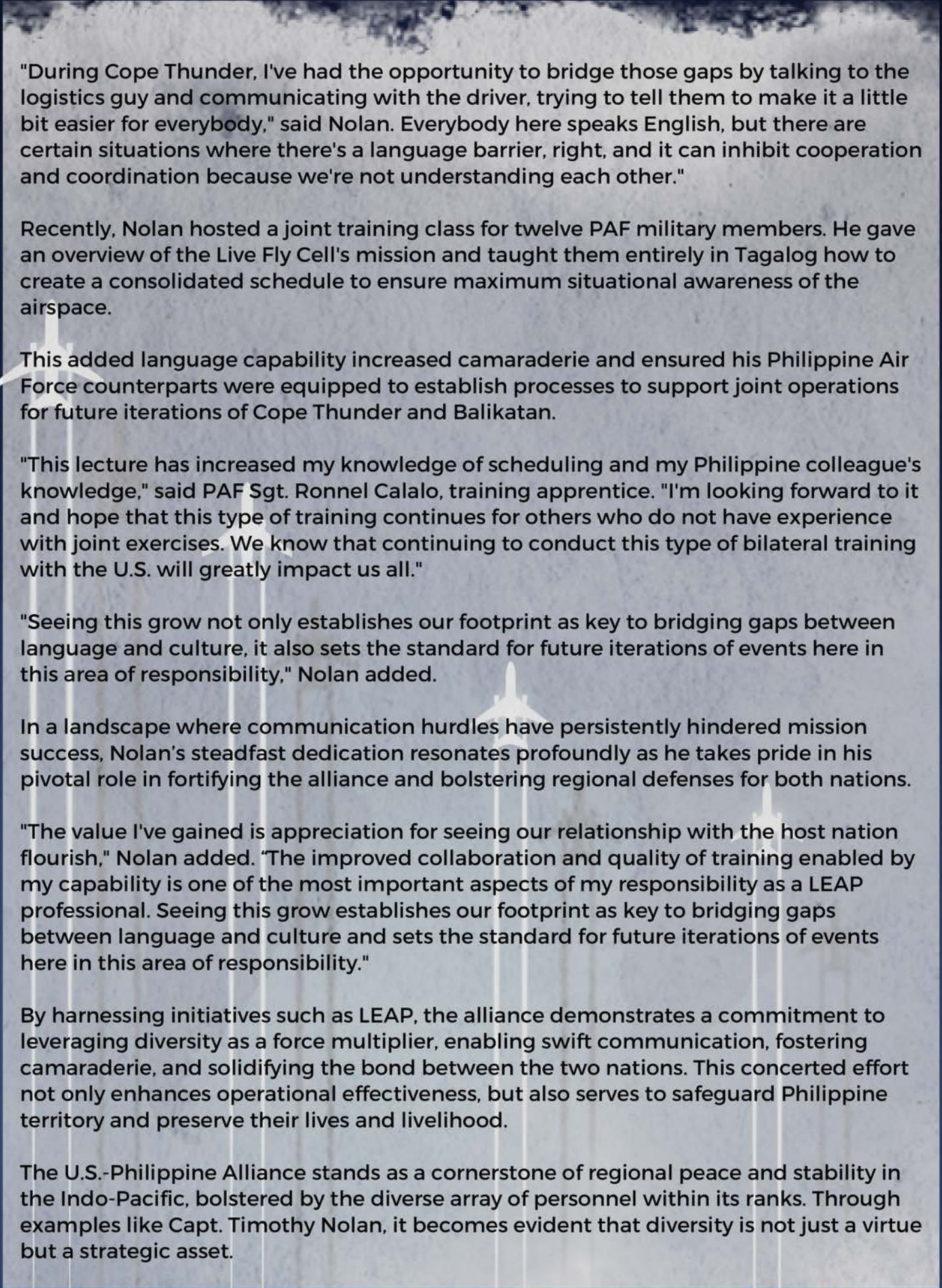
"I was born and raised here, so on a personal level, there's that warm and fuzzy feeling knowing that I'm giving back to both lands I consider home," said Nolan, a Citizen Airmen in the California Air National Guard.

Nolan pursued a way to help both of his counties by becoming a Tagalog interpreter after commissioning and learning about the Language Enabled Airman Program (LEAP). The objective of LEAP is to develop language-enabled, cross-cultural scholars who can operate seamlessly with partner nation military forces and civilians around the world. With these skills, service members can better support the application of air and space power through meeting the National Defense Strategy pillars of strengthening partnerships, interoperability, and adversary understanding.

It took two applications before he was selected as a Tagalog interpreter. Still, afterward, he volunteered as an interpreter for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) during exercise KAMANDAG 6 in the Philippines.

"The LEAP capability is a true force multiplier and is critical in pursuing strategic objectives in this area of responsibility," said Nolan. "We have daily interactions with our Philippine Air Force (PAF) counterparts, so my comfort with speaking the language and still being in tune with my culture makes all the coordination with the host nation seamless."

Captain Nolan isn't just an interpreter and liaison; he is an MQ-9 Pilot who has volunteered his time to work outside his traditional scope of duties to have a greater impact on the mission. He currently leads the Live-Fly Cell as the deputy officer in charge during Cope Thunder and Balikatan 24 exercises.



"During Cope Thunder, I've had the opportunity to bridge those gaps by talking to the logistics guy and communicating with the driver, trying to tell them to make it a little bit easier for everybody," said Nolan. Everybody here speaks English, but there are certain situations where there's a language barrier, right, and it can inhibit cooperation and coordination because we're not understanding each other."

Recently, Nolan hosted a joint training class for twelve PAF military members. He gave an overview of the Live Fly Cell's mission and taught them entirely in Tagalog how to create a consolidated schedule to ensure maximum situational awareness of the airspace.

This added language capability increased camaraderie and ensured his Philippine Air Force counterparts were equipped to establish processes to support joint operations for future iterations of Cope Thunder and Balikatan.

"This lecture has increased my knowledge of scheduling and my Philippine colleague's knowledge," said PAF Sgt. Ronnel Calalo, training apprentice. "I'm looking forward to it and hope that this type of training continues for others who do not have experience with joint exercises. We know that continuing to conduct this type of bilateral training with the U.S. will greatly impact us all."

"Seeing this grow not only establishes our footprint as key to bridging gaps between language and culture, it also sets the standard for future iterations of events here in this area of responsibility," Nolan added.

In a landscape where communication hurdles have persistently hindered mission success, Nolan's steadfast dedication resonates profoundly as he takes pride in his pivotal role in fortifying the alliance and bolstering regional defenses for both nations.

"The value I've gained is appreciation for seeing our relationship with the host nation flourish," Nolan added. "The improved collaboration and quality of training enabled by my capability is one of the most important aspects of my responsibility as a LEAP professional. Seeing this grow establishes our footprint as key to bridging gaps between language and culture and sets the standard for future iterations of events here in this area of responsibility."

By harnessing initiatives such as LEAP, the alliance demonstrates a commitment to leveraging diversity as a force multiplier, enabling swift communication, fostering camaraderie, and solidifying the bond between the two nations. This concerted effort not only enhances operational effectiveness, but also serves to safeguard Philippine territory and preserve their lives and livelihood.

The U.S.-Philippine Alliance stands as a cornerstone of regional peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, bolstered by the diverse array of personnel within its ranks. Through examples like Capt. Timothy Nolan, it becomes evident that diversity is not just a virtue but a strategic asset.

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION PROGRAM IS PRESCRIBED BY DAFI 90-301, INSPECTOR GENERAL COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION. AIR FORCE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS HAVE A DUTY TO PROMPTLY REPORT FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE (FWA) OR GROSS MISMANAGEMENT; VIOLATIONS OF LAW, POLICY, PROCEDURES, OR REGULATIONS; AN INJUSTICE; ABUSE OF AUTHORITY; MISCONDUCT; INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT; AND DEFICIENCIES, OR LIKE CONDITIONS, TO THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISOR OR COMMANDER, TO AN IG OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INSPECTOR, OR THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED GRIEVANCE CHANNEL. TO FILE AN IG COMPLAINT, CONTACT THE 452D AMW/IGQ COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION PROGRAM CHIEF AT:

452 AMW/IGQ - INSPECTOR GENERAL COMPLAINTS

PHONE: 951-655-5828

E-MAIL: 452AMW.IG@US.AF.MIL

LOCATION: 895 BAUCOM AVENUE, BLDG 323, MARCH ARB CA 92518

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ONLINE COMPLAINT FORM: [HTTPS://WWW.AFINSPECTORGENERAL.AF.MIL/](https://www.afinspectorgeneral.af.mil/)



YELLOW RIBBON

REGISTRATION FOR THE YELLOW RIBBON EVENT IN SAN DIEGO, CA, 19-21 JULY 2024 IS OPEN! PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE GETTING READY TO DEPLOY OR RETURNING FROM A DEPLOYMENT.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:



RECEIVED A CALL TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR 90+ DAYS IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY (CONUS/OCONUS)

MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A PRE-EVENT 120 DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT.


RETURNED FROM A DEPLOYMENT FOR 90+ DAYS IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY (CONUS/OCONUS)

MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A POST-EVENT 30-DAYS AFTER THE END OF THEIR DEPLOYMENT (INCLUDING LEAVE) AND REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR 1-YEAR.

BEEN ON ACTIVE-DUTY ORDERS FOR 90+ DAYS IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY (CONUS/OCONUS) IN A 24-MONTH PERIOD.

AND YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM YOUR FAMILY AND/OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR 50% OF THE DEPLOYMENT.

PRE & POST 1ST/2ND DEPLOYMENT



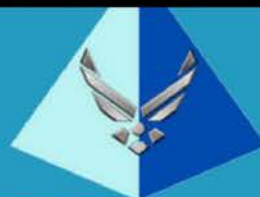
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BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE TRIAD SUMMIT



Inviting & Engaging All:

- Commanders
- Senior Enlisted Leaders
- First Sergeants

DATE:

- 19 & 20 AUG 2024

TIMES FOR BOTH DAYS:

- 0730 - 1700

LOCATION:

- Navy Reserve Center Riverside Drill Hall
- 2960 Graeber Street, Bldg 1230
March ARB, CA 92518-2031

* Please go to the following link to register:
<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=835895&k=0A6247017252>

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Lt Col Cindy N. Storoy, 452 MSG/CD
cindy.storoy.2@us.af.mil
951-655-7291

Hosted by:



The Triad Team consists of the Commander, Senior Enlisted Leader, and First Sergeant with the focus of ensuring the Squadron meets all of its requirements with the ultimate goal of mission readiness.

Find out more by participating in this two-day event.

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERGREEN MEMORIAL PARK MEMORIAL DAY FLAG LAYING

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, WE WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR ANNUAL FLAG DETAIL FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ON SATURDAY MORNING, 25 MAY 2024, STARTING AT 0800L AT EVERGREEN MEMORIAL PARK IN DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE. WE WILL PLACE AMERICAN FLAGS ON THE GRAVES OF 1,060 VETERANS, INCLUDING ONE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT, INTERRED IN OUR CEMETERY.

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO OUR FELLOW VETERANS AND HONOR THE TRUE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY!

I WILL PROVIDE ALL THE FLAGS. YOU CAN WEAR YOUR UNIFORMS IF YOU WANT, BUT MOST ATTENDEES WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES. YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING CHILDREN, ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND!

MR. JOHN MORRIS, 452 AMW/SSO, IS THE POC FOR THE FLAG DETAIL & CAN BE REACHED AT WORK AT 655-3622 OR VIA EMAIL AT: JOHN.MORRIS.6@US.AF.MIL

THE ADDRESS FOR THE CEMETERY IS:

EVERGREEN MEMORIAL PARK

4414 14TH STREET

RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREVENTION WORKFORCE

- Our prevention workforce has moved to building 115.
- SARC, Director of Psychological Health, and our Chaplain can be accessed there.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Official portraits are offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday of drill from 0900-1000. All walk-ins.
- Does your unit have something awesome coming up that's newsworthy? Call PA! We'll make you famous 😎. We'd love to cover your event/mission. 951-655-4137



BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recharge For Resiliency Events

Deep Sea Fishing Charter

For those members that have been deployed or are getting deployed.

Date: 25 May 2024

Location: Dana Wharf

Deployed Affected Cost: \$55.00

Includes 1 Day License

Rod and Tackle Rental

Transportation Included

Departure Time: 0415hrs

Whitewater Rafting and Overnight Camping

Date: June 28th through June 30th

Location: Kern River

Single Airmen Cost: \$65.00

Transportation Included

Depart ODR June 28th at 0900 return June 30th

Only three spaces are available

Sign up at Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 434 Monday through Friday from 0830 - 1630. For more information call 951-655-2816.



BACKSTREET UTA MENU



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