

# RHODE WARRIOR LIGHT



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## MISSION FIRST, SAFETY ALWAYS!

### Briefs

#### UTA Lunch Menu

##### Saturday:

Hamburgers  
\*Veggie Burgers  
Beef Hot Dogs  
Chips Variety:  
Sour Cream & Onion  
Doritos  
BBQ  
Plain  
Corn On The Cob  
Green Beans

##### Sunday:

Pulled BBQ Chicken  
Pulled Pork  
Rice  
Mac & Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Butternut Squash  
Mixed Veggies  
Corn Bread

Salad/Fruit Salad Bar,  
Cookies, & Ice Cream  
Available Both Days

\$4.65 for  
AGRs/Officers

#### \$\$Pay\$\$

June 2014 UTA is  
scheduled to pay on  
18 June 2014

#### Weather Forecast

Quonset ANGB, RI

Saturday - 80° mostly  
sunny

Sunday - 81° mostly  
sunny

**RHODE WARRIOR**  
143d Airlift Wing

## The Wing Stands Down to Focus on its Most Powerful Asset: Its Members!



Col Donnelly

In previous "Light" articles you've read about AFIS, MICT, CAIB and IDS which are all very important processes that will carry us through the new AF Inspection System. In this installment I would like to highlight our August drill where we will focus on what is really

important: OUR MEMBERS.

In August we will take a moment to catch our breath with a Safety down-day. In addition to

safety, we will focus on the Wingman concept and talk openly about our sexual assault prevention response (SAPR) concept and initiatives. Taking time to slow down allows us to place emphasis on our unit cohesiveness and reconnect with our work team and our family. The UEI will test our major graded areas but if our Wing's major component, its people, isn't functioning properly we will not have any chance to succeed in the way the Wing has become accustomed. So, on the August drill, stop, take care of your Wingman, reconnect with family and always think of Safety!

Colonel Michael Donnelly  
143d Maintenance Group Commander

## Wingman Toolkit - Safety Information for Every Airman

Air Force Reserve Command's Wingman Toolkit is partnering with the Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, to highlight the 2014 Critical Days of Summer campaign.

The annual campaign runs from May 23 to Sept. 2 and focuses on risk management for all summer activities - on and off duty. This year's theme, "Risk: Double checks, not second thoughts" reminds Airmen to be responsible wingmen and to take care of themselves, their families and their Teammates.

According to Bill Parsons, Air Force chief of ground safety, every Airman has a role in achieving zero fatalities this summer.

"We can achieve that goal by using all the risk management techniques available, including activity planning and being responsible wingmen," Parsons said.

Alcohol, which is a large part of many sum-

mer pastimes, impairs decision-making and is a factor in too many of these tragedies. Other significant factors include speed, distractions and fatigue, Parsons said.

"Each Airman is critical to our mission," Parsons said. "As you plan your summer activities, use the same risk management skills you apply on the job to ensure a safe return and assure mission success."

More information about the Critical Days of Summer is available through the Wingman Toolkit, our local safety office and the Air Force Portal. Although the Wingman Toolkit is produced by Air Force Reserve Command, this tool is useful for ALL Airmen and their families regardless of command. Take the time to check out the website [afrc.wingmantoolkit.org](http://afrc.wingmantoolkit.org) or you can also get the Wingman Toolkit on the go with the Mobile app for iPhone and Android mobile devices.

## Upcoming Events

UEI - 2-10 Oct 14

TAG Call - All Officers and First Sergeants - 12 Aug 14

Annual Softball Tournament - 9 Aug 14

NGARI Rhody Run 5K - 24 Aug 14

Magown-Roberts Golf - 20 Oct 14

\*For more information about these events contact your First Sergeant or your Orderly Room

# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT... SSgt Yanick Koenig

## 143d Security Forces Squadron

By: Tech. Sgt. Arthur DesLauriers and Tech. Sgt. Jason Long  
143d Airlift Wing, Public Affairs

**Rank/ First & Last Name:**

Staff Sgt Yanick Koenig

**Squadron:**

143d Security Forces Squadron (SFS)

**Position:**

Standards and Evaluations and Anti-Terrorism

**Family's Military Heritage:**

My uncle served 20 years active duty in the Air Force. We would visit him on base. It was always a great experience. He was a mentor and guided me to the Air Force.

**What is your mission here?**

To protect base assets, personnel, and property.

**What are some of the best parts of your mission?**

I personally like mentoring the young Airmen. Interacting with the community both on base and off station is always a welcome challenge. Organizing group functions are time consuming but rewarding. Right now we (SFS) are sponsoring the upcoming NGARI 5K run, 24 Aug 14.

**What are some of the challenges you face while conducting your mission and how do you overcome them?**

Motivating the new Airmen is critical. I started the Security Forces Airman's council. The council has been up and running for about 2 years. It's been a motivator for the young Airmen. I coach my daughter's traveling softball team and my son's



basketball and baseball teams. Staying involved in the community helps me stay focused on family.

**Have you deployed?**

I have deployed once, it was to Bagram AB Afghanistan.

**How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base?**

On deployment you go from a civilian law enforcement mind-set to a combat role. We worked outside the wire on foot and mobile patrols. There is a huge cultural change.

**What made this deployment unique?**

My daughter was born a month into deployment. There are no words to describe seeing my daughter for the first time.

**Why did you join the Air Force?**

I used to visit my uncle on base. These visits always left me wanting a taste of what the Air Force was about. The educational benefits and the job security also was a draw. The Air Force is like a huge family. I like to stay involved in the base and civilian community.

\*\*\*Each month the 143d AW Public Affairs Office will identify and interview an Airman from within the 143d AW for the Airman Spotlight. To nominate one of your Airmen (Enlisted or Officer) please contact the PA office at 143aw.pa@ang.af.mil\*\*\*

### Don't Miss the Low Hanging Fruit!

- Check your Fire Extinguisher Inspections
- Clean up your work centers
- Do your Safety Spot Inspections
- Check your Form 55's
- Do NOT have unauthorized equipment or chemicals in your work area
- Use proper waste receptacles
- Use Operational Risk Management - On and Off Duty
- Practice Customs and Courtesies
- Be a Good Wingman

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### THANK YOU to the TEAM for your hard work resulting in another SUCCESSFUL Open House Air Show!!

Top photo taken at 1330 on Sunday 18 May.  
Bottom photo taken approximately 24 hours later...



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