

RHODE WARRIOR LIGHT



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MISSION FIRST, SAFETY ALWAYS!

Briefs

UTA Lunch Menu

Saturday:

Corned Beef and Cabbage w/boiled potato and carrots
Sheppard's Pie
Beef Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Chocolate Pudding
Rice Pudding

Sunday:

Jumbo Stuffed Shells w/ Marinara Sauce
Mixed Veg
Garlic Bread
Baked Pork Chop
Rice Pilaf
Apple Sauce
Dinner Roll
Chocolate Pudding
Rice Pudding

Ice Cream & Salad Bar
Available Both Days

\$4.65 for AGRs/Officers

\$\$Pay\$\$

March 2014 UTA is scheduled to pay on 12 March 2014

Weather Forecast

Quonset ANGB, RI

Saturday - 33° partly sunny

Sunday - 35° chance of snow shower

RHODE WARRIOR
143d Airlift Wing

Where We Are... Where We're Going



Col Floru

On behalf our 143d Airlift Wing leadership Team, thank you for all you've done to keep our Rhode Warrior Spirit stronger than ever. There is no limit to what this Team can accomplish.

As we review our most recent Team accomplishments, the results are stunning. Our international training program has over 400 graduates from 8 different countries. We delivered all 6 of Iraq's new C-130Js to Baghdad as part of a Foreign Military Sales (FMS) package worth over \$600 million. In the next few days our Team will complete a major Operations and Maintenance CENTCOM deployment that lasted over 4 months. Within the last year and for the next 6 months, personnel from our Fire Department, Aerial Port, Civil Engineering and Force Support Squadron also deployed in support of CENTCOM. The list of accomplishments goes on and on. Our 2014 Open House and Airshow is scheduled for 17-18 May and will feature the Blue Angels. Rhode Island's summertime excitement is starting to grow.

In our true Rhode Warrior Spirit, we meet every challenge with the highest grades and remarkable results. We tackle every challenge with a level of energy and tenacity from a different age and our pride is deep. We never settle for second place.

Our next major challenge is the new Air Force Inspection System (AFIS). As we move to increase awareness of this new process, the first step will require all of us to "get smart" on the new system. New system information flows through daily. Please get involved and actively seek guidance on the new requirements and what your responsibilities are. In the meantime, prepare as would for a UCI, an LCAP, and an ESO-HCAMP. The days of "fly-away" ORIs are gone and AFIS is the future. From 2-9 October 2014, the 143d AW is scheduled for our first Unit Effectiveness Inspection (UEI) which will be our first test under the AFIS system. Yes, that's 7 months from now. Let's go into "attack" mode and make it happen. We always do.

None of our success can happen without you. We need you to be the best. The best trained, educated, and ready Airmen. Physical fitness, Professional Military Education (PME), college degree programs, technical training, and self-improvement programs of every kind will keep us performing at the highest levels. When you improve, the Rhode Warriors improve and it's this constant pursuit of excellence that will keep our Team and our Rhode Warrior Spirit stronger than ever.

Thank you for all you do. Remember, there is no limit to what this Team can accomplish.

Col. Arthur Floru
143d Airlift Wing Commander

Upcoming Events

SAPR Obstacle Course - 6 Apr 14
Military Ball - 26 Apr 14
Open House Air Show - 17&18 May 14

UEI - 2-9 Oct 2014
Magown-Roberts Golf Tournament - 20 Oct 14

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

AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT... TSgt Rafael Luna Jr.

143d Force Support Squadron

By: Tech. Sgt. Arthur DesLauriers and Master Sgt. John McDonald
143d Airlift Wing, Public Affairs

Rank/Name: TSgt. Rafael Luna Jr.

Unit: Force Support Squadron

Duty Title: Cook

Family Military Heritage:

My older brother retired with 20 yrs. active duty from the Air force

What is your mission here?

We support the troops by supplying quality meals.

What are some of the best parts of your mission?

Mentoring the young Airmen to fulfill our mission.

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

Working with people from diverse backgrounds is a challenge, but you get it all to come together in the end. It's well worth the effort.

How many times have you deployed?

Twice. United Arab Emirates in 2006 & Kurdistan in 2008.



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

In the deployed environment you have to be extra vigilant [while focusing on the mission].

What did you find unique about your deployment?

The Kurdistan deployment was unique because the people we met and worked with from other nations gave a global aspect on the total mission.

Why did you join the 143d Airlift Wing?

I was originally in the Marine Corps on active duty. I joined the Rhode Island Army Guard prior to enlisting in the 143d. The 143d AW was local and gave me the sense of family that I was looking for in the military.

****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****

Safety Always

Safety is present in every aspect of our mission, civilian occupation, and family life. In other words, Safety Always. The Director of the Air National Guard, Lt Gen Clarke has implemented the "Don't Let Your Guard Down" campaign which encompasses the idea of "Mission Focus for Mishap Prevention." A Wingman Day, scheduled for later this year, will allow us to place extra emphasis on the importance of Risk Management, the Wingman Concept, as well as the proper use of PPE to ensure mission safety. Continue to keep safety on your mind in everything that you do.

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TROOP CARD Social Media Tips

Due to recent indiscretions by a National Guardsman outside of Rhode Island these are some tips for you when using social media. Please remember that you represent the U.S. Air Force and the RI National Guard when you post on social media - particularly if you are in uniform.

1. Once it's out there, it's there forever
2. No classified information; think OPSEC
3. Replace error with fact, not argument
4. Admit mistakes
5. Use your best judgement
6. Avoid the offensive
7. Don't violate copyright/misuse trademarks
8. Don't violate privacy
9. No official endorsements
10. No impersonations
11. Stay in your lane
12. Be cautious with information you share

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