

# RHODE WARRIOR LIGHT



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## Briefs

### UTA Lunch Menu

#### Saturday:

Veal Parmesan  
Stir Fry Chicken  
Eggplant  
Garlic Bread  
Mashed Potato  
Corn  
Peas  
Vegetable Soup  
Carrot Cake

#### Sunday:

Baked Fish, Lemon  
Glazed Ham  
Veg. Stir Fry  
Dinner Rolls  
Baked Potato  
Rice Pilaf  
Glazed Carrots  
Green Beans  
Tomato Soup  
Oatmeal Cookies

Ice Cream &  
Salad Bar  
Available Both Days

\$4.65 for  
AGRs/Officers

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

April 2014 UTA is  
scheduled to pay on  
18 April 2014

### Weather Forecast

Quonset ANGB, RI

Saturday - 56° clearing  
to mostly sunny

Sunday - 56° mostly  
sunny

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143d Airlift Wing

## Two Wing Improvement Programs on the Horizon



Col Walter

The 143d Airlift Wing is in the process of standing-up two new teams whose mission is to improve the quality of life for all our members.

The Community Action Information Board (CAIB) is made up of the Wing's leadership team and serves as a tool for the commander to assess the overall health of the organization, and to foster resiliency in its members.

The Integrated Delivery System (IDS) is a board of outreach program managers and community representatives who serve as the

action arm of the CAIB. They will collect information from unit members by way of things like focus groups, town meetings, and the AF Community Assessment Surveys.

The end result of it all? A detailed, accurate look at the health of the 143d AW community and focused programs designed to help our members and their families deal with the demands of military life.

So, the next time a climate survey rolls around, take the time to help out, provide honest feedback, and give the CAIB/IDS your input on how the Wing can do better.

Col. Daniel Walter  
143d Airlift Wing Vice Commander

## What the Heck is a UEI?

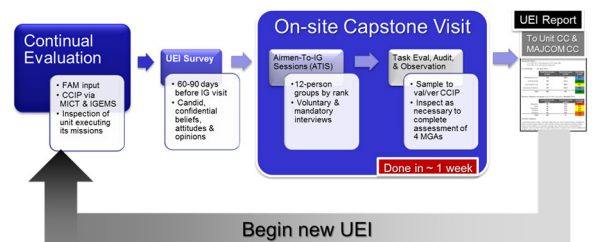
Master Sgt Janeen Miller 143 AW/PA

Most, hopefully all, of the Airmen of the 143d Airlift Wing Team have heard by now that we are facing a Unit Effectiveness Inspection (UEI) 2-10 October 2014. But, what is that? According to AFI 90-201 the UEI integrates elements of compliance and readiness with new inspection elements to create a new IG inspection of unit effectiveness. The basic idea behind this new inspection concept is to focus on our mission readiness and execution rather than inspection readiness.

There are four Major Graded Areas (MGAs) looked at during the UEI process; managing resources, improving the unit, leading people, and executing the mission. These four areas are measures of a well-run organization and should be our concern at all times – not just during an inspection. In addition, a survey will be distributed to Airmen prior to the inspection to comment on their perceptions of organizational leadership. During the UEI Capstone Visit in October the inspectors will discuss the survey data with selected groups. Also, UEI team members will review functional area self-assessment results via the Managers Internal Control Toolset (MICT) before arriving on site to gain an idea of the unit's strengths and weaknesses. They'll look to see if we have a plan in place to fix the things we need to fix. They will make sure that what we say in our surveys matches what they observe us doing during their visit to our base.

So, how do we prepare for this inspection? The first step is, be an expert at your job. We are all an important part of the Rhode Warrior Team. If you're not sure how you contribute to the success of the 143d AW, ask someone. Be familiar with your sections' self-assessment checklists and Air Force Instructions. Also, be familiar with what's going on outside of your work area. Know the Wing Commander's initiatives and the missions and successes of the rest of the 143d AW. Know who your leadership is. Know where to turn to when you or a fellow Airman needs help – Inspector General, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Wing Director of Psychological Health, or the First Sergeant. If you are unfamiliar with any of these people or organizations ask the questions, this is your unit, get to know it.

In the long run, this new assessment system has been built to ensure compliance is a way of life for Airmen 24/7/365 so that inspections become a nonevent. The secret to receiving an "Outstanding" grade during this inspection is simple – Be Outstanding. Show the inspectors the Rhode Warrior pride; keep working hard and we will succeed.



# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT... SRA David Gallego

## 143d Civil Engineering Squadron

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

**Rank/ First & Last Name:**

Senior Airman David Gallego

**Squadron:**

143d Civil Engineering Squadron (CES)

**Duty Title:**

HVAC/R (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration) journeyman - AFSC 3E1X1

**Family's Military Heritage:**

I'm the first in my family to serve in U.S. military.

**What is your mission here?**

My mission is to train for state and worldwide missions. As a HVAC/R journeyman, I Install, operate, maintain, and repair heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems, combustion equipment, and industrial air compressors. Also I maintain and repair non-electric kitchen equipment, manage HVAC/R functions and activities.

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

To work alongside my fellow Airmen, the camaraderie and teamwork.

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

Budget cuts and man power losses teach us to work within our resources.

**Have you deployed?**

Yes to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait for 6 months in 2012.



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

Deployed life is real world. This is where your stateside training comes into play in real world situations.

**What made this deployment unique?**

I was able to work with the other services and our partner nations.

**Why did you join the Rhode Island Air National Guard?**

I was born in Columbia. My family immigrated to the United States in 2000. I joined the Guard to pay back this country for all it has done for me and my family.

*\*\*\*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\*\*\**

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On Saturday 29 March 2014 and Sunday 30 March 2014 at Naval Station Newport, Newport, Rhode Island, members of the 143d Airlift Wing who are part of the New England CERFP team joined forces with members of the NE CERFP team from the Rhode Island Army National Guard, and Air and Army National Guard units from New Hampshire and Maine to conduct an exercise of CERFP capabilities. The simulated exercise scenario of a CBRNE incident aboard a cruise ship in port allowed the members to also work with personnel from the US Navy, US Marine Corps, and US Coast Guard from Naval Station Newport.

Go to [www.facebook.com/143dairliftwing](http://www.facebook.com/143dairliftwing) to see more photos of the CERFP Exercise

## Don't Miss the Low Hanging Fruit!

- Check your Fire Extinguisher Inspections
- Clean up your work centers
- Do your Safety Spot Inspections
- Do NOT have unauthorized equipment or chemicals in your work area
- Practice Customs and Courtesies
- Be a Good Wingman

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### Upcoming Events

- SAPR Obstacle Course - 6 Apr 14
- Military Ball - 26 Apr 14
- Open House Air Show - 17&18 May 14
- UEI - 2-10 Oct 14
- Magown-Roberts Golf - 20 Oct 14

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