

# RHODE WARRIOR LIGHT



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## MISSION FIRST, SAFETY ALWAYS!

### Briefs

#### UTA Lunch Menu

##### Saturday

Beef Stew  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
White Rice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Mixed Veggies  
Dinner Rolls

##### Sunday

Fried Chicken  
Glazed Ham  
Roasted Potatoes  
Mac and Cheese  
Candied Yams  
Green Beans  
Corn Bread

##### Available Both Days

Salad Bar featuring Shrimp,  
Tuna and Grilled Chicken  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Ice Cream

##### Hours of Operation

1100-1300

\$5.55 for  
AGRs/Officers

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

February 2015 UTA is  
scheduled to pay on  
or about 18 February.

#### Weather Forecast

Quonset ANGB, RI

Saturday - 27° Mostly  
Cloudy

Sunday - 31°  
Chance of Light Snow

**RHODE WARRIOR**  
143d Airlift Wing

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL RHODE WARRIORS - THANK YOU



Col Floru

TEAM,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your support to our Rhode Warrior Team these past three years. Our accomplishments have been extraordinary. With a record-breaking ops tempo, we continued to provide the finest trained, educated, ready and fit Airmen to our state and nation. These accomplishments are yours. Be proud of them.

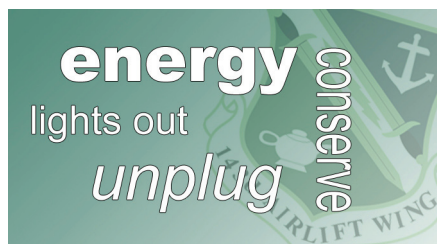
In the last three years, we deployed over one-third of our Wing. We completed an ORE, and an ORI with brilliant results. We trained over 100 international students. We delivered a foreign military sales package to Iraq worth nearly \$1 billion. We have turned around an environmental program that now ranks in the top ten of DoD bases around the country. We've made enormous strides improving our safety program and culture. Medical readiness is at an all-time high along with our physical fitness program. Take a moment to think about the Air Force Inspection System we brought to life. During our Capstone event, two sub-areas were graded as 'highly-effective.' Our Rhode Warrior spirit is remarkable. No challenge too difficult.

Sunday, Col Dan Walter will assume command of the 143d Airlift Wing. He is, without question, one of the most talented leaders in our Air Force. He has many years in leadership roles and many thousands of hours in C-130 aircraft. He is poised to take the Rhode Warriors to even higher altitudes. Lt Col Rick Hart will assume duties as the new Vice Wing commander. Rick has over two decades of service to our Team and possesses vast knowledge of Wing operations. Lt Col Joe Francoeur has been selected to lead our Operations Group. Joe has been a major part of every one of our Team initiatives for the last 15 years. Congratulations to our new Wing leadership. We offer special thanks to Col John Sullivan as he moves to JFHQ. He has made our Wing a world-class competitor.

As I move to JFHQ, I'm really looking forward to all of the great things the Rhode Warriors will accomplish. It has been the privilege and honor of a lifetime to have been part of this Team. The memories will last forever.

As always, just lucky, honored, and most proud to be on the Team.

Colonel Arthur J. Floru  
Commander, 143 Airlift Wing



#### Energy Conservation – Do Your Part

With rising energy costs and declining budgets the Airmen of the 143d Airlift Wing are being asked to do their part to conserve energy. What can we do as a Team to bring down energy costs?

1. Turn off the lights – this may seem obvious, but you would be surprised how many lights are left on when they aren't needed. When you leave a room and when you leave for the evening, make sure all of the lights are turned off. Also, use as little light as you need during the work day.

2. Turn off computer monitors, printers, copiers, etc. – the Communications Flight will be issuing further instruction about what can be turned off when but as a minimum these items can be powered down at night and over the weekend.

3. No space heaters – space heaters are not authorized in the work area unless they have been enlisted by Civil Engineering. Unplug and remove all space heaters.

4. Unplug appliances/chargers – unplug all appliances and chargers that are not currently in use.



The Eagle Eyes program is an Air Force anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror.

If you see or hear something suspicious call Security Forces 24/7 - 401-267-3530  
Your local Anti-Terrorism Officer is LtCol Peter Horne - 401-267-3248

Do Your Part to Stop Terrorism.  
The First Step is Knowing What to Look For.

# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT... MSGT KRISTEN SILVA

## 143d Logistics Readiness Squadron

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

### Rank/ First & Last Name:

MSgt Kristen Silva

### Squadron:

143d Maintenance Operations Flight

### Duty Title:

Training Manager

### Years of Service:

11 Years

### What is your mission here?

The MXG mission is to provide safe, effective and reliable aircraft. I ensure the Maintainers receive the proper training to fulfill that mission

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

Meeting every Airman in the MXG and helping them succeed

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

Changes are always occurring, trying to stay ahead of them is the challenge

### How many times have you deployed?

Three

### Why did you join the Air Force?

After 9/11, I felt it was what I should do



### What are your short term goals in the Guard?

Get my B.A. in history

### Most exciting thing you ever did?

Skydiving

### What is the proudest moment of your life?

Graduating Basic Training

### Do you do any volunteering?

Save the Bay

### If you could make one change to the base what would it be?

Off-site Annual Training

### Do you have any hobbies?

Cooking & brewing beer

### How do you stay fit to fight?

I take advantage of the Technician Walk/ Run Program

MSgt Silva grew up in Providence. She is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

\*\*\*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
- Ensure Correct Wear of your Uniform
- Continue your MICT checklists - constant compliance
- Be a Good Wingman

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## TROOP CARD Social Media Tips

Use these tips for 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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