



129TH RESCUE WING
WELCOME HANDBOOK

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CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD







A pararescueman scans the ocean prior to jumping out of an MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft.

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An aircraft maintenance crewchief marshals out an HH-60G Pave Hawk.



WELCOME TO THE 129TH RESCUE WING

On behalf of the 129th Rescue Wing, I welcome you to Moffett Federal Airfield and the Silicon Valley area. We hope you will use this handbook to acquaint yourself with our organization and personnel during your visit. It provides you general information about the unit, along with a list of key personnel.

The National Guard is the oldest service in America's armed forces. It was initially established as a militia to protect the colonies against Indians, pirates and armies from France, Holland and Spain. The first call to national active duty came from the First Continental Congress during the American Revolution. Since then, we have played a major role in every war and conflict, integrating fully into the active duty forces.

We are the only military institution with a state and federal mission as mandated by the Constitution. We must be prepared to answer the governor's call to duty within six hours of notification. When we are not supporting federal or state missions, we continue to help our community in a variety of activities. We are dedicated Citizen Airmen, ready to serve and defend our communities, state and country.

We sincerely hope your visit will be a pleasant and rewarding one. During your stay, should you need anything, please direct your concerns to myself or my staff.

Again, welcome and best wishes for a productive and enjoyable stay.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Butow", with a stylized flourish at the end.

STEVEN J. BUTOW, Colonel, CA ANG
Wing Commander



COL STEVEN J. BUTOW

WING COMMANDER

Colonel Steven J. Butow is the Commander of the 129th Rescue Wing, California Air National Guard, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif. As the wing commander, he is responsible for organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining combat-ready forces for deployment and employment. The 129th Rescue Wing operates four MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft, six HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and the Guardian Angel pararescue weapon system supporting the U.S. Air Force's Combat Search and Rescue mission. The 129th Rescue Wing is manned by more than 1000 military and civilian personnel in 18 subordinate groups, squadrons, and flights. The wing also provides resources and support to an additional 200 personnel at two geographically separated locations.

A California native, Colonel Butow enlisted in the California Air National Guard and joined the 129th Rescue Wing in 1986 where he was assigned to the 129th Pararescue Team as an administrative specialist. He received his commission in 1989 as a distinguished graduate of the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. and completed undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, in 1990.

Throughout the 1990s Colonel Butow participated in multiple deployments in support of Operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Provide Comfort and Northern Watch. As the deployed Director of Operations for the 129th Rescue Squadron, he prepared the unit for its first combat employment at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In 2005, Colonel Butow served as deputy director of the U.S. Central Command's Joint Search and Rescue Center where he coordinated more than 500 life saving missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. He led the air component response to Operation Earned Respect, one of the largest combat search and rescue operations since the Vietnam War. Colonel Butow became the 129th Deputy Operations Group Commander in 2008 where he contributed to more than 300 combat and peacetime saves including the 2008 response to California wild fires and Hurricane Ike. Additionally, he currently serves as lead facilitator of the Joint Interoperability Issues Resolution Team for Personnel Recovery organized by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Arts degree in physics, San Jose State University, Calif.
2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2010 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1986 - March 1989, administrative specialist, 129th Pararescue Team, Moffett FAF, Calif.
2. April 1989 - April 1990, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. January 1990 - April 2000, pilot and instructor, 129th Rescue Squadron, Moffett FAF, Calif.
4. May 2000 - October 2004, chief of weapons and tactics, 129th Operations Support Flight, Moffett FAF, Calif.
5. November 2004 - February 2008, Commander, 129th Operations Support Flight, Moffett FAF, Calif.
6. March 2008 - September 2010, Deputy Commander, 129th Operations Group, Moffett FAF, Calif.
7. September 2010 - July 2011, Vice Commander, 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett FAF, Calif.
8. July 2011 - Present, Commander, 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett FAF, Calif.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: More than 3,400 hours
Aircraft flown: MC-130P, HC-130P/N, C-130E, T-37 and T-38

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device
Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	April 6, 1989
First Lieutenant	May 15, 1991
Captain	May 15, 1993
Major	May 15, 2000
Lieutenant Colonel	January 5, 2006
Colonel	March 22, 2011

CMSGT JASON E. RED
COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT



Command Chief Master Sergeant Red is the eleventh Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif. Chief Red has served in the United States Air Force for a total of 21 years including seven in the California Air National Guard.

Chief Red enlisted in the Air Force in 1989 and was assigned to Aviano Air Base, Italy. During this assignment, he deployed and participated in combat operations during Desert Storm in Iraq and Operation Deny Flight in the former Yugoslavia. In February 1999, he transitioned to the Air Force Reserves, joining the 305th Rescue Squadron and immediately deployed to Germany in support of Operation Allied Force. While assigned to the 305th, Chief Red completed the Aerial Gunner Basic Mission Qualification Course. He deployed numerous times as an aerial gunner in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. In 2005, Chief Red joined the 129th Rescue Wing at Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif., where he has served as the Aerial Gunner evaluator and superintendant. He has deployed twice in support of operation Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Airman Leadership School
- 2000 Aerial Gunner Basic Mission Qualification Course
- 2001 Aerial Gunner Instructor Course
- 2002 Non-Commissioned Officers Academy
- 2007 Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy

MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1989, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. December 1989 – January 1990 Technical Training, Lowry AFB, Colo.
3. January 1990 – December 1993, Munitions Systems Specialist, Aviano Air Base, Italy
4. December 1993 – December 1997, Munitions Systems Journeyman, 18th Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
5. December 1997 – February 1999, Munitions Systems Journeyman, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
6. February 1999 – January 2004, Squadron Weapons and Tactics Aerial Gunner, 305th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
8. January 2004 – January 2005, Aerial Gunner Evaluator, Standards and Evaluations NCOIC, 305th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. January 2005 – October 2007, Standards and Evalua-

tions Aerial Gunner Evaluator, 129th Operations Group, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.

10. October 2007 – October 2011, Aerial Gunner Superintendent, 129th Rescue Squadron, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.

11. October 2011 – Present, 129th Rescue Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Achievement Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Combat Action Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Citation with Gold Border
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 6 oak leaf clusters
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal

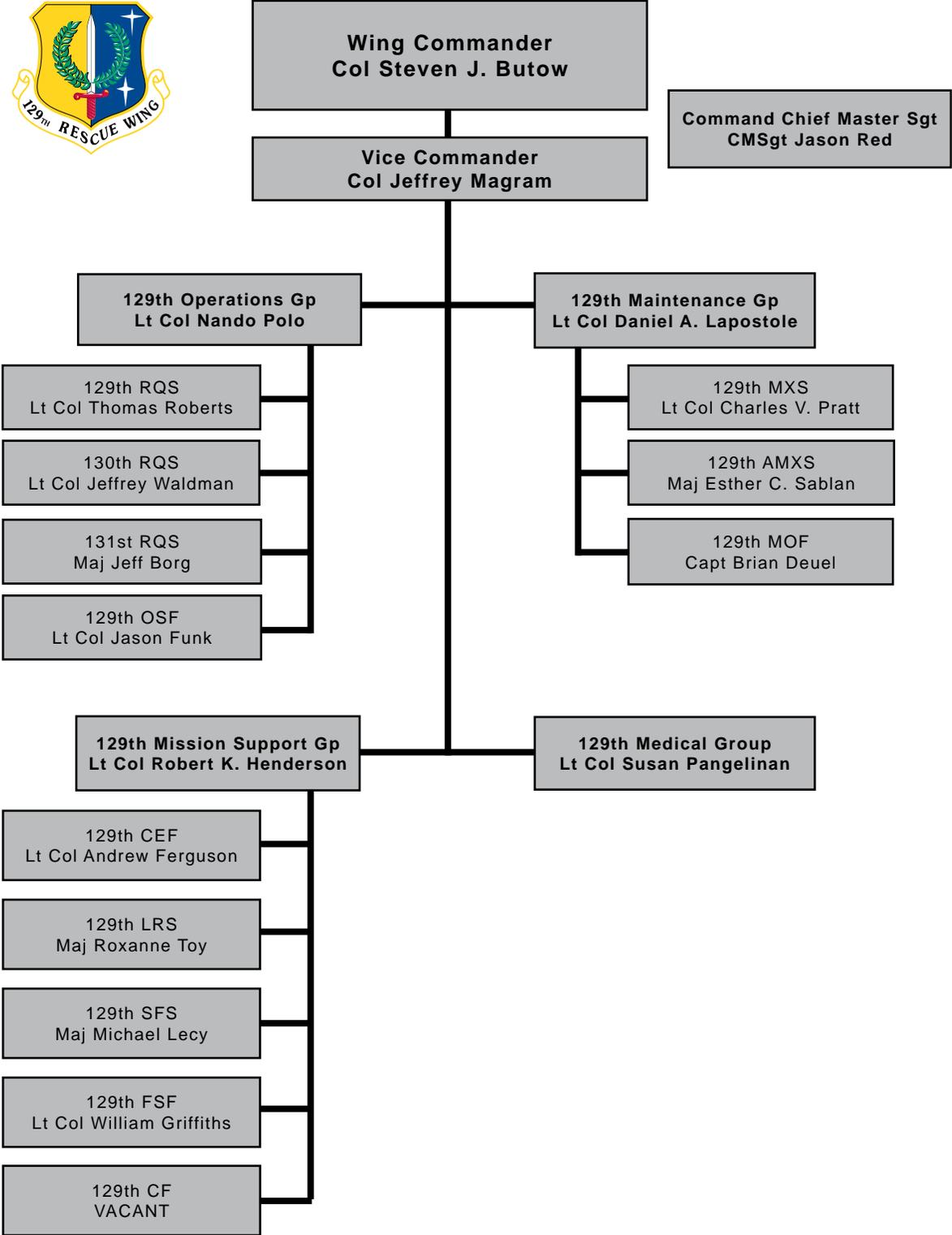
EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic	November 1989
Airman	April 1990
Airman First Class	February 1991
Senior Airman	May 1992
Staff Sergeant	June 1995
Technical Sergeant	March 1999
Master Sergeant	January 2004
Senior Master Sergeant	August 2007
Chief Master Sergeant	November 2010



An HH-60G Pave Hawk banks over the Golden Gate bridge during a routine training mission.

ORGANIZATION CHART



ORGANIZATIONS

In the United States Air Force, a wing is a larger unit that is normally subordinate to a Numbered Air Force. Most wings are commanded by a colonel, but some are commanded by brigadier generals. USAF wings structured to fulfill a mission from a specific base, and contain a headquarters and four groups: an operations group, a maintenance group, a medical group and a mission support group. The 129th Rescue Wing is comprised of the following units.

HEADQUARTERS

The 129th Rescue Wing Headquarters is comprised of the command section, chaplain, financial management, judge advocate, public affairs, military equal opportunity, human resource advisor, wing inspector general, safety and plans. Each unique section provides products and services for the benefit of the entire Wing to assure the mission is being accomplished in an effective and efficient manner.

OPERATIONS GROUP

The 129th Operations Group is home to the 129th, 130th and 131st Rescue Squadrons and the 129th Operations Support Flight. All directly support the combat search and rescue mission and daily flying missions in the HH-60G Pave Hawk and MC-130P Combat Shadow.

MAINTENANCE GROUP

The primary mission of the 129th Maintenance Group is to provide 24/7 aircraft maintenance support of combat and peacetime search and rescue operations

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

The 129th Mission Support Group is the main support function for over 1000 military personnel. The Mission Support Group consists of Security Forces Squadron, Civil Engineering Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Communications Flight, Mission Support Flight, Base Services Flight and the Base Contracting Office.

MEDICAL GROUP

The 129th Medical Group's primary mission is to provide bio environmental, public health, and medical support to monitor the health and wellness of the members of the 129th Rescue Wing. Ensuring our members are fit-to-fight makes our wing a valuable and viable asset to the California Air National Guard which integrates seamlessly with Expeditionary and Joint Forces.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE WEST COAST

The Air National Guard Band of the West Coast supports the global Air Force (including Air National Guard missions) by fostering patriotism and providing musical services for the military community as well as the general public. Since its inception in 1942 the band has performed for audiences all over the world although it primarily serves communities throughout Northern California, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE

The California National Guard Counterdrug Task Force conducts drug interdiction and drug demand reduction operations throughout the state in support of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations in response to the changing drug threat to reduce the demand for and supply of drugs in California. The 129th Rescue Wing's Counterdrug Task Force detachment, Team Hawk, utilizes the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter, aircrew, pararescuemen and maintainers to support local law enforcement agencies in the eradication of illegal narcotics and the clean up of national forests environmentally damaged by marijuana production.



An MC-130P Combat Shadow loadmaster reviews a check list prior to an aerial refueling event.

Maintenance personnel loads an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter into a C-17 Globemaster aircraft.



MISSION

PROVIDE A TRAINED AND EQUIPPED RESCUE FORCE CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO AND SUSTAINING OUR FEDERAL AND STATE MISSIONS.

FEDERAL MISSION

- Provide trained and equipped personnel, capable of augmenting active duty forces in time of war, national emergencies and increased national security

STATE MISSION

- Provide trained and equipped personnel to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety within the state

MOTTO

- "That Others May Live," the motto of the Air Force Rescue community, is appropriately chosen as it is the motivating force of those involved in our mission. Coupled with the 129th Rescue Wing's motto of "in Pace et Bello, Noctem et Diem - In Peace and War, During Night and Day," these mottos serve as the 129th's guidelines and speak to our commitment: to serve at all times and in all circumstances

FACTSHEET

ASSIGNED WEAPONS SYSTEMS

The unit is equipped with HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter, MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft, and pararescuemen (PJs) configured as a Guardian Angel pararescue system. The unit mission is to train Airmen for combat rescue.

As an adjunct to the mission, the unit is capable of a variety of rescue activities. Both types of aircraft are normally dispatched with pararescue specialists equipped and trained to provide emergency medical treatment with the supervision of a physician (by radio) or on their own if the situation dictates. Pararescuemen are among the most highly trained emergency trauma specialists in the U.S. military. They must maintain an emergency medical technician-paramedic qualification throughout their careers. With this medical and rescue expertise, along with their deployment capabilities, PJs are able to perform life-saving missions in the world's most remote areas. To reach a survivor, they are trained in the use of parachutes, SCUBA and mountain climbing equipment.



GUARDIAN ANGEL

- Primary function is as a personnel recovery specialist, with emergency medical capabilities in humanitarian and combat environments
- Deploy in any available manner, to include air-land-sea tactics, into restricted environments to authenticate, extract, treat, stabilize and evacuate injured personnel, while acting in an enemy-evading, recovery role
- Participate in search and rescue, combat search and rescue, recovery support for NASA and conduct other operations as appropriate
- Complete the same technical training as EMT-Paramedics, plus physical and specialized training





HH-60G PAVE HAWK

- Range limited only by crew fatigue (approx. 11 hours) when refueled by MC-130P tankers
- Transport personnel, depending upon site elevation and range consideration
- Capable of landing on a remote area approximately 200 feet in diameter
- Hoist-equipped with 240 feet of cable, capable of lifting 600 pounds



MC-130P COMBAT SHADOW

- Aerial electronic and visual search, including UHF and VHF directional finding (DF)
- Navigational and refueling support for HH-60G helicopters
- Airborne command and control of search and rescue aircraft and ground units
- Airdrop pararescuemen and medical or other relief supplies
- Transport of patients, including mass casualty evacuations
- Fuel range of 10 to 12 hours
3,000 feet minimum runway for takeoff
- High intensity flares available for night work



HISTORY

BIRTH OF THE 129TH (1955 - 1975)

In April 1955, the 129th Air Resupply Group, California Air National Guard, was activated and based at Hayward Airport, Calif. The unit's mission was airlift of personnel and material using C-46 aircraft. Later that year, the group was transferred from U.S. Continental Air Command to U.S. Tactical Air Command. The 129th provided aid during floods along the Yuba River in 1959 and the Eel River in 1964-65.



SA-16 ALBATROSS SEAPLANE

Although the mission remained the same, the 129th underwent three name changes and several aircraft conversions between its initial activation and April 1975. The mission was unchanged even after the name was changed to Troop Carrier Group. Upon the arrival of the SA-16 Albatross seaplane, the Wing was redesignated the 129th Air Commando Group. The 129th later acquired C-119 Flying Boxcars and its name changed to Special Operations Group. During this period, the wing also utilized small observation planes (U-1 Os, U-6s and U-3s) as ancillary aircraft.



C-119 FLYING BOXCARS

CHANGES (1975 - 1991)

In April 1975, the 129th received a new mission, designation and Air Force command. The wing's name became the 129th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group, operating under the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service of Military Airlift Command. The flying mission was changed to combat and civilian rescue using HC-130 Hercules cargo aircraft and HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopters. March 1977, the unit had its first save: an A-10 pilot who crashed during a Red Flag exercise.



HC-130 HERCULES

With its expanded mission and roles, the 129th faced an acute shortage of facilities and in 1984 the unit completed its programmed move to Moffett Field. During the 1986 flooding in Sonoma, Sutter and Yuba counties in Northern California, 33 lives were saved in five days. A total of 44 lives were saved in 1986, a record rescue year for the 129th. During the aftermath of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, the 129th established Command Post operations and was chosen to coordinate all military aircraft activities within the Bay Area.



HH-3E JOLLY GREEN GIANT

In October 1989, it was designated as the 129th Air Rescue Group (ARG). Operations converted from the HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopter to the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter, a change completed in 1991.

MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD (1991 - PRESENT)



Though the mission of search and rescue continued, the group transformation reflected reorganizations within the U.S. Air Force. In March 1992, the name of the 129th Air Rescue Group was shortened to 129th Rescue Group. It became part of the new Air Mobility Command in June 1992. In February 1993, it was transferred to Air Combat Command to reflect the Air Force-wide reorganization of search and rescue forces.

On October 1, 1995, the 129th Rescue Group was redesignated as its current name: 129th Rescue Wing. In 2003, the wing became part of Air Force Special Operations Command, but after three years on April 3, 2006, the 129th Rescue Wing returned back to Air Combat Command.

During the 9/11 attacks, wing personnel were deployed to Kuwait supporting rescue missions for Operation Southern Watch. After 9/11 numerous additional unit personnel were called to active duty in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Wing personnel were tasked to provide security for the local airports (AEROSAFE) and additional base security.



FEDERAL MISSIONS

The primary federal mission of the 129th is to “rapidly deploy worldwide to conduct combat search and rescue operations, over land or water, in both hostile and permissive environments.”

The weapon systems that perform these missions are the MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft, the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter and the Guardian Angel pararescue system. The force multiplying capability of aerial refueling the HH-60G from the MC-130P makes these two aircraft an outstanding search and rescue team. As a result, the 129th RQW is often tasked to utilize its refueling capability to perform long-range search and rescue missions over land and/or water. While performing civilian search and rescue missions, 129th crews are honing their combat mission skills.

In August 2002, the 129th was deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, for an extended tour supporting Operation Northern Watch, and soon after, the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit has also deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. While unit personnel were deployed in 2005, the 129th also aided in the rescue efforts saving 212 lives in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In 2009 the unit deployed to southern Afghanistan and saved more than 180 lives while operating in combat conditions. Today the 129th Rescue Wing continues its search and rescue operations on a global scale.



MC-130P COMBAT SHADOW



HH-60G PAVE HAWK



STATE MISSIONS



As an Air National Guard unit, many of the 129th's missions have involved support of the Governor's office during times of State emergencies, including earthquakes, chemical spills, fires and floods. The members of the 129th have performed rescues under a wide variety of conditions - from rough Pacific seas to the rugged Sierra Nevada.



The 129th has often been tasked with the medical evacuation of patients from merchant vessels at sea. Many high-risk lifesaving missions have been accomplished using the combination of MC-130 aircraft, the HH-60 helicopters, and highly skilled pararescuemen (PJs). Missions often involve long-range, over-water flights, air refueling of helicopters by the MC-130 aircraft, and skilled maneuvering by the vessels and helicopters to achieve the recovery of patients from the decks of these vessels.



Seamlessly transitioning from firefighting duty to rescue missions over water and across the country in 2008 displayed the unit's ability to adapt, respond, and save lives. The 129th RQW began the 2008 Northern California firefight, Operation Lightning Strike, by sending key personnel to support operations at the Joint Forces Headquarters in Sacramento. The wing also mobilized personnel to provide direct ground support to help CAL FIRE with the wildfire threat. Two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and aircrews were certified to perform water bucket drops on the fires for the first time in unit history. The crews dropped more than 150,000 gallons of water. In addition, crews stationed in Redding landed in rugged Northern California terrain to medevac injured firefighters.



After fighting fires in Northern California in 2008, 129th Airmen headed to the Gulf Coast to perform search and rescue operations during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Overall, 129th RQW members saved 34 people and 11 dogs in response to Hurricane Ike.

The 129th Rescue Wing's Counterdrug Task Force detachment, Team Hawk, utilizes the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter, aircrew, pararescuemen and maintainers to support local law enforcement agencies in the eradication of illegal narcotics and the clean up of national forests environmentally damaged by marijuana production.

The 129th Medical Squadron provides medical support to the Wing and to three geographically separated units. The 561st Air Force Band represents the Wing by providing musical entertainment throughout the Bay Area and the world. At Moffett Federal Airfield the 129th Security Forces Squadron provides airfield security.



RF transmission systems specialist configures a PRC-117 satellite radio.



*Security forces specialist
conducts combat skill training*

GENERAL INFORMATION

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD

The safety and security of our installation's guest are a primary concern. As in any metropolitan area, our local area has its share of crime problems. Although our area is not rampant with criminal activity, you should take the same precautions as you would in any large city. While visiting the local community, be cautious of your surroundings and avoid traveling, shopping or visiting an ATM when alone at night. Be security conscious while you enjoy your stay at Moffett. In case of emergency, dial 3-9111 on base (911 off base).

BASE TRAFFIC



- 25 Miles per hour, unless otherwise posted
- Seat belts are required for all individuals on or off base
- Be cautious of large slow moving vehicles
- Most roads are two lanes and very narrow
- The main gate is the only 24-hour gate and the only gate that issues visitor passes

LOCAL TRAFFIC

- Traffic on local streets is very heavy during lunch and the morning hours
- Highways 101, 237 and 85 are highly congested during rush hours
- Seat belts are required for all individuals on or off base
- California Law prohibits the use of handheld cell-phones without an earpiece
- When using the carpool lane during posted hours, ensure there are at least two persons in the vehicle



FLIGHT LINE DRIVING

- Do not enter the restricted area unless you have an escort or a line badge
- Flight line speed limit is 15 miles per hour
- Hearing protection will be worn on the flight line
- Speed limit is 5 miles per hour near the circle around an aircraft
- No driving is allowed within the green circle around an aircraft (authorized unloading only)

MOFFETT GATE HOURS

- Main Gate "Moffett Gate" (Daily)
Open 24 Hours
- South Gate "Ellis Gate" (M – F)
6 am - 6 pm
- South Gate "Ellis Gate" (UTA)
7 am - 8 am
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

HAZARD REPORTING

Please report all mishaps and hazards to the individual supervising the operation and the Wing Safety Office at (650) 603-9524.

WHEN A QUAKE HITS

TAKE COVER! Find protection under a sturdy desk, chair or in a doorway. Stay put! Do not run outside during the quake. There are many heavy objects such as roof tiles that can fall on you. Newer California buildings are built to seismic standards for earthquake areas.



WHEN THE SHAKING STOPS

- Help injured people
- Look around for injured people and render first aid
- Call for medical help
- Do not conduct your own search in a dangerous building
- Evacuate buildings
- Leave damaged buildings until they can be inspected for safety

LOCAL AREA MEDICAL FACILITIES

El Camino Hospital

2500 Grant Ave, Mountain View
650-940-7000
Emergency: 650-940-7055

Kaiser Santa Clara Hospital

700 Lawrence Expy, Santa Clara
408-851-1000
Emergency: 408-236-5312

Stanford Hospital

300 Pasteur Dr, Stanford University
(Palo Alto)
650-723-4000
Emergency: 650-723-5111

UNIT INFORMATION

ON BASE DIALING INSTRUCTIONS

- If you are calling from an on-base phone dial 3-9xxx.
- To access DSN, dial 5 and the number (i.e. 5-555-5555)
- To access an off-base number with area code 650, dial 7 and the number (i.e. 7-650-5555).
- To access an off-base number with a different area code, dial 7-1 and the number (i.e. 7-1-555-555-5555)
- Emergencies – call 3-9111 or 911 off base

REGULAR AND UTA DUTY HOURS

The normal duty hours for the 129th Rescue Wing's workweek are Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 3 pm.

The duty hours for the 129th Rescue Wing's Unit Training Assemblies are Saturday and Sunday 7:30 am to 4 pm.

CONTACT US

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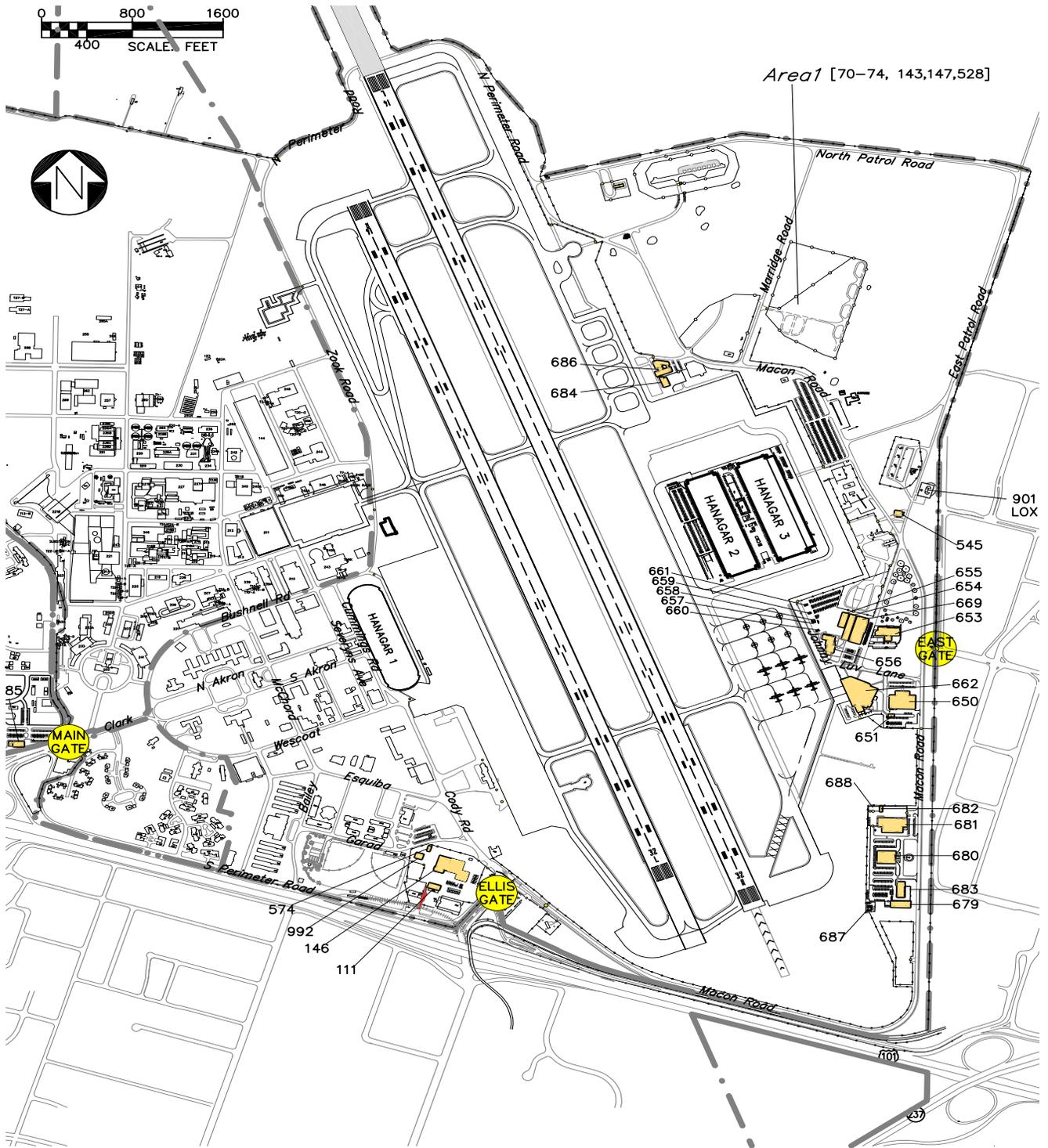
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131 RQS/CC	603-9078
129 OSF/CC	603-9315
129 MXS/CC	603-9550
129 AMX/CC	603-9731
129 MOF/CC	603-9110
129 LRS/CC	603-9262
129 CES/CC	603-9208
129 SFS/CC	603-9111
129 MSF/CC	603-9179
129 SVF/CC	603-9235
129 VF/CC	603-9235
129 CF/CC	603-9160

FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

Facility	Days	Hours	Phone Number
Post Office	Mon - Fri	10 am - 3 pm	1-800-275-8777
Commissary	Monday	Closed	650-603-9976
	T, W & F	9 am - 6 pm	
	Thursday	9 am - 7 pm	
	Saturday	8 am - 5 pm	
	Sunday	9 am - 5 pm	

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AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Air National Guard provides almost half of the Air Force's tactical airlift support, combat communications functions, aeromedical evacuations and aerial refueling. In addition, the Air National Guard has total responsibility for air defense of the entire United States. The ANG's mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and forest fires; search and rescue operations; support to civil defense authorities; maintenance of vital public services and counterdrug operations.

AGR

ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE

National Guard and Reserve members who are on voluntary active duty providing full-time support to National Guard, Reserve, and Active Component organizations for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the Reserve Components.

TECHNICIAN

A full-time department of defense civilian who is required, as a condition of employment, to be an Air Force guardsman and perform the same duties as a civilian as he/she does during monthly Guard training.

AT

ANNUAL TRAINING

The minimum period of Active duty Training or Annual Field Training a Guard member must perform every year to satisfy annual training requirements.

CRO (KROH)

COMBAT RESCUE OFFICER

Before 2000, there were no officers in pararescue.

CSAR (SEE-SAHR)

COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Air Force's preferred mechanism for personnel recovery in uncertain or hostile environments and denied areas.

DRILL

The required, two-day, monthly training period of traditional guardsmen, scheduled for the first or second weekend of each month. This is also called a Unit Training Assembly or UTA.

JOLLY

Nickname/call sign of any CSAR helicopter. The term originated during the Vietnam War, in reference to the helicopters used by combat rescue personnel Sikorsky HH-3E during the Vietnam War. Troops began calling the large, green aircraft, "Jolly Green Giants," and the nickname stuck.

GREEN FEET

Common in the rescue community, green feet represent the "footprints" of a jolly Green Giant helicopter, the aircraft used for combat search and rescue. The logo is embraced and displayed both by pararescuemen and helicopter pilots & crewmembers. Typically, feet with five toes represent helicopter crew, while those with four toes represent pararescuemen.

KING

Nickname/call sign of the HC or MC-130P aircraft, the extended-range, combat-rescue version of the C-130 Hercules. The King logo features a large letter 'K' adorned by a crown.

HALO (HEY-LOH)

High Altitude - Low Opening jump missions that begin by exiting an aircraft at altitudes up to 35,000 feet, then freefalling to about 2,500 feet before opening the canopy.

HOSE & DROGUE

The hose is a flexible, retractable tube that trails from an aircraft during aerial-refueling. The drogue, a small parachute, stabilizes the hose during flight and acts as a 'funnel' for the probe of the aircraft being refueled. The MC-130s used by the 129th have two hoses each and can aerially-refuel two helicopters simultaneously.

PJ (PEE-JEY)

Pararescueman, from para-jumper.

PROBE

Retractable, 14-foot refueling tube attached to the front of an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter. The probe is inserted into the hose of a MC-130P tanker during flight, allowing helicopters to refuel without landing.

RAMZ

RIGGING ALTERNATE METHOD ZODIAC

A system of folding and packing an inflatable 14-foot Zodiac watercraft so that it may be fitted with a parachute and dropped from an MC-130 Combat Shadow aircraft safely into open water. RAMZ packages, which include air tanks to inflate the Zodiac, are strapped to the aircraft's cargo ramp. After the MC-130 reaches an altitude of 2,500 feet, the package is pushed out of the aircraft. Seconds later, pararescuemen jump from the aircraft, deploy their parachutes and attempt to make visual contact with the RAMZ, which has chemical lightsticks attached to its parachute rigging for better visibility. Once their canopies open, the PJs will steer themselves toward the RAMZ, following it into the water below, where they will secure, unpack and inflate the Zodiac, then proceed with their mission.

SERE

SURVIVAL EVASION RESISTANCE AND ESCAPE

The Air Force SERE program enables military, civilian, contractor and other designated personnel to return to friendly control after isolation due to enemy actions, aircraft emergency, or other unforeseen events. The goal of the program is to prepare personnel to return with honor, regardless of the circumstances of isolation. The course highlights techniques designed to ensure a servicemember's health, mobility, safety and honor in anticipation of or preparation for their return to friendly control.

TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN

Airmen who work and perform readiness training with their Guard unit one weekend per month (24 days), plus an additional two-weeks of active-duty training per year. Guardsmen are also sometimes referred to as "Citizen Airmen."

