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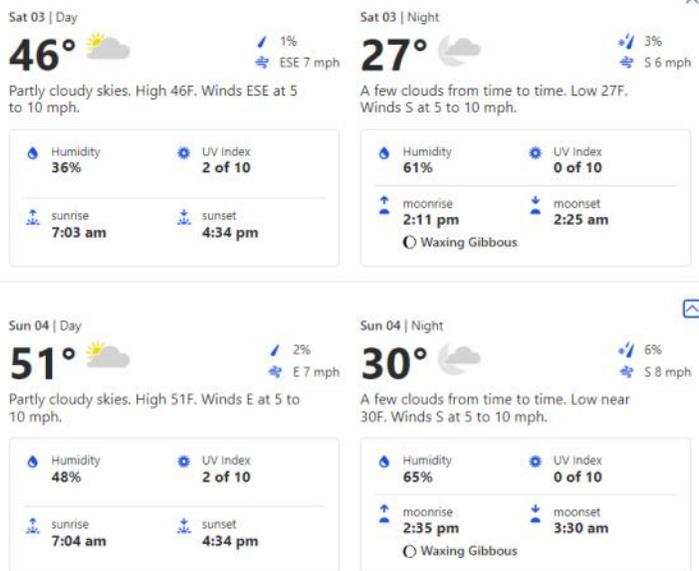
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**Happy  
Holidays!**

# BLUF: Bottom Line Up Front

## Weekend Weather Forecast



### Wing training calendar:

Here is the link: <https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/12068/Lists/UTA%20%20Training%20Calendar/calendar.aspx>

### To sign up for lodging,

click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cacac2aa5fbcf8-lodging>

Also on Wing App!

### Clinic/Shot Hours:

Sat: DFAC 1000-1200/Munitions bldg.: 1300 Bldg. 801: 0930-1130  
 Walk in hours for clinic: Sat only for labs/immunizations 0830-1200 and 1300-1530

### Buckley SFB Gate Hours

Mississippi gate: 24/7  
 6th Avenue gate:  
 Saturday: 0600-1700  
 Sunday: **CLOSED**

### Inclement Weather:

(<https://www.buckley.spaceforce.mil/>)  
 Snow line, at (720) 847-7669 (SNOW).

140TH WING	233D SPACE GROUP
15-16 OCT 2022	15-16 OCT 2022
5-6 NOV 2022	5-6 NOV 2022
3-4 DEC 2022	3-4 DEC 2022
7-8 JAN 2023	7-8 JAN 2023
4-5 FEB 2023	4-5 FEB 2023
4-5 MAR 2023	4-5 MAR 2023
1-2 APR 2023	1-2 APR 2023
6-7 MAY 2023	NO DRILL FOR MAY
8-11 JUN 2023 (NOTE 1)	10-11 JUN 2023
NO DRILL FOR JULY	NO DRILL FOR JULY
5-6 AUG 2023	1-15 AUG 2023: ANNUAL FIELD TRAINING (NOTE 2)
9-10 SEP 2023	9-10 SEP 2023

# December Lunch Menu

### Saturday Holiday Meal

Beef Pot Roast  
 Battered Fried Shrimp  
 Glazed Carrots  
 Balsamic & Olive Oil Brussel Sprouts  
 Baked Potatoes  
 Broccoli Cheddar Soup  
 Dinner Rolls  
 Salad Bar



### Dessert

Chocolate Chip Cookies  
 White Macadamia Nut Cookies  
 Ice Cream Sandwiches  
 Toffee Ice Cream Bar

# CONG News

## COANG Year in Review Video

The past year has been filled with a myriad of activities that have kept things interesting around the base, and beyond! We've noted the end of COVID restrictions on base (FINALLY!), a new way of being evaluated in the REV, and of course many promotions and retirements.

[\\*COANG Year in Review\\*](#)

\*Must be viewed off-network



## CONG Year in Review

This Year in Review is dedicated to you in recognition of your hard work and commitment to our priorities of taking care of our people, strengthening readiness and partnerships, and modernizing our workforce, equipment, facilities, and processes. These are your stories! **Always Ready. Always There.**

<https://co.ng.mil/Portals/25/Documents/DMVA-YearInReview-2021-18AUG22-FINAL.pdf>

## Colorado's 138th Space Control Squadron pioneers new training

By Mr. John Rohrer, 140th Wing Public Affairs

The Colorado Air National Guard's 138th Space Control Squadron, in conjunction with the National Space Test and Training Complex, conducted a training event named "Neptune Falcon," which took place at Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to test new capabilities for meeting wartime objectives in the space domain.



Members of the 138th Space Control Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard, gather for a group photo at completion of an exercises at a Forward Operating Base Schriever, Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado., Oct. 21, 2022. The Airmen of the 138th SPCS participated in the Neptune Falcon Exercise, which was designed to test their capabilities in a contested multi-domain operation designed to prepare them for real-world space control missions.  
(U.S. Space Force photo by Mr. Dennis Rogers)

The exercise, held over 10 days in October 2022 at a newly created forward operating base by Airmen of the 138th, simulated real-world expeditionary operations and prepared them for upcoming deployments.

"This is a Secretary of Defense level joint interoperability exercise that includes aircraft from Air Combat Command, space participants from the 138th Space Control Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard, and the 25th Space Range Squadron, as well as a host of other participants," U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Andy Gold, commander, 138th SPCS, said.

There have been many significant milestones that the 138th SPCS has led along the way, according to Gold.

"This is the first time a U.S. Air Force or Air National Guard weapons system has ever connected to the

Range Closed Loop Environment,” Maj. Matthew Thampy, assistant director of operations, 25th Space Range Squadron, said. “The RCLE provides a highly realistic electronic warfare system to train and test our systems.”

This is also the first time the RCLE has been requested by a combatant command to support a joint interoperability exercise, such as Neptune Falcon. Additionally, this marks the first Total Force event (integration of Active Duty and Reserve forces) in which the combatant command and Air National Guard unit employed the RCLE, paving the way for future support for the broader Department of Defense need of realistic, dynamic environments to support the warfighter.

“During this exercise, we are training to deal with crew dynamics, tactics, techniques, and procedures, as well as getting hands-on system time,” U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Lindsey Sequoia, 138th SPCS space control operator, and Neptune Falcon participant, said. “Getting that practice on how to respond in a real-world scenario is invaluable to me.”

Neptune Falcon also signifies a key Total Force Integration partnership for future training and test events involving the National Guard Bureau, Space Operations Command, and Space Training and Readiness Command.

“Events like this also meet key U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force directives for highly realistic training events/scenarios in preparing Guardians, Airmen for war,” Thampy said.

The 138th SPCS stood up in May 2019 and has rapidly improved the training environment to create the most realistic wartime scenarios possible, preparing space professionals for future wartime missions. Forward Operating Base Schriever is the latest iteration of technological advances in training for the members, which creates a superior training environment never before experienced by Air National Guard or Active-Duty space warriors.

## A message from Governor Polis to Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs

A message from Governor Jared Polis for the 2022 Holiday season to all the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs! [https://youtu.be/k7pxX\\_EuSvY](https://youtu.be/k7pxX_EuSvY) \*The video must be viewed off network\*





[Click here for the entire photo album.](#)



## First Lady recognizes Colorado National Guard member's child at White House

By Colorado National Guard Public Affairs

As part of her Joining Forces initiative to support military families, First Lady Jill Biden joined National Guard families and state adjutants general for a roundtable discussion on support for National Guard children at the White House Roosevelt Room, Washington, D.C., Nov. 28, 2022.

Representing Colorado military kids, Shaun Gurtner, 14, son of U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Kaisha Gurtner Hatton, inspection coordinator, 140th Wing Inspector General, Colorado Air National Guard joined Biden for the discussion.

"For many Americans, our National Guard and their families are the only service members that civilians might know," Biden said. "Because our Guard members may not wear a uniform every day—because you don't live on or near military bases—sometimes neighbors, teachers, and other students, don't realize your connection. That's why it's important for us to tell your stories through our Joining Forces initiative—and why I continue to meet with and learn from military kids just like you as First Lady."

"This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for my family to represent National Guard families from Colorado," Gurtner said. "As a family that has deployed overseas five times in the last decade it's important for us to share our stories to help strengthen communities and policies that better support the National Guard and their families."

This White House initiative, which the National Guard Bureau implements through states and territories, supports military families at the community level.

Colorado Joining Community Forces works alongside the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to present a single-entry point for resources and service providers interested in collaborating with other national and local civic-minded entities with a focus to connect community organizations that assist veterans, service members, and their families.

*First Lady recognizes.... cont'd*

Resources are available for education, emergency assistance, employment, family and youth support, health and wellness, housing, legal assistance, and financial assistance.

Ultimately, Colorado JCF endeavors to strengthen pre-existing inter-service family assistance centers across the U.S. through a comprehensive strategic communications plan that leverages state-generated content, best practices, and training materials to raise public JCF collaboration and promote the initiative among prospective partner agencies and organizations.

Additionally, the JCF initiative's mission includes guiding and informing community leaders and local commanders across America on how to establish and sustain collaborative community, state, and regional JCF teams. By building community capacity from the ground up, JCF will enable proactive and effective assistance right where veterans, military members, and their families live.

The JCF Colorado resource guide is available at <https://coloradojcf.org/>.

The JCF Colorado Eastern Slope liaison is Suzanne Buemi, 12200 E Briarwood Ave #160, Centennial CO 80112, 720-250-1186 or 303-921-6099, [Suzanne.m.buemi.civ@army.mil](mailto:Suzanne.m.buemi.civ@army.mil).

The Colorado JCF Western Slope liaison is Dánielle Hindson, 2820 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction CO 81501, 720-250-5571 or 970-640-7846, [Danielle.n.hindson.nfg@army.mil](mailto:Danielle.n.hindson.nfg@army.mil).

## Rabbi Friedman takes assignment at Yokota Air Base, Japan



Our beloved and long-time Chaplain, Rabbi, Lt. Col. Joseph Friedman will be departing us after the December UTA. He has served here for many years and has endeared himself to many of us!

We wish him well on his journey overseas for a tour that could last up to a year, at Yokota Air Base, Japan, as their fulltime base Chaplain. He will be providing spiritual guidance and support to Airmen and their families stationed there, as he has done here for so long.

God speed, and Sayonara, for now!

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[Cougar Tales 4-question survey](#)

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# Base-wide Benefits: If you know, you know...

## Volunteer Opportunity

Colfax Community Network's Holiday Party (16-17 Dec)

Set Up for Event: <https://www.helpinghabit.com/events/13109>

Volunteer At Event: <https://www.helpinghabit.com/events/13108>

## Weekly Nutrition Classes

Every Tuesday from 1200 – 1300 in the Human Performance Center Kitchen/Classroom (bldg. 35). Topics include Nutrition Basics, Nutrition & Exercise, Fad Diets & Food Trends, and a Seasonal Cooking Demo on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Contact our Registered Dietitian at [kelly.e.sloan.ctr@health.mil](mailto:kelly.e.sloan.ctr@health.mil) or (720) 847-6865 for more information!

## ITT has Tickets for the Broncos Home Games!

To sign-up for the opportunity to win and purchase a pair of tickets, come into or call Outdoor Rec beginning 30 days from the date of the desired game. (This is not an endorsement!) 2 weeks before each game, names will be drawn and winners notified.

**11 Dec Broncos vs Chiefs**

**18 Dec Broncos vs Cardinals**

***For information, please call the ITT office at 720-847-6100.***

## Lodging Deadlines for UTA Weekends

The Signup Genius cutoff dates/times for lodging are listed below. The importance of this information is so you can meet the sign-up deadline and get your room for the following UTA.

January 2023: closes at 11:59pm on 27 Dec 22

February 2023: closes at 11:59pm on 24 January 23

March 2023: closes at 11:59pm on 21 February 23

April 2023: closes at 11:59pm on 21 March 23

May 2023: closes at 11:59pm on 25 April 23

June 2023: closes at 11:59 pm on 28 May 23

August 2023: closes at 11:59pm on 25 July 23



[Click here for the complete photo album.](#)



## 2022 Armed Forces Workplace and Equal Opportunity Survey (WEO)

The Department of Defense takes pride in maintaining a work environment that promotes dignity, safety, and respect for all military members. The Congressionally-mandated 2022 WEO is conducted by the Office of People Analytics (OPA) and sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI). This survey will assess racial/ethnic harassment and discrimination to support the DoD's commitment to combat negative workplace behaviors. Participation is voluntary and responses are confidential.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

If you receive an e-mail invitation to participate in the 2022 WEO, please take a moment to complete the survey. Your participation is critical! The 2022 WEO Survey can be taken at home, on a mobile device, or at work as it is considered official business.

To see if you are eligible to complete the 2022 WEO, scan the QR code or visit [DoDsurveys.mil](https://DoDsurveys.mil).



### HOW WILL THE RESULTS BE USED?

The 2022 WEO is the only survey of its kind for all Service members. Results allow the Department to more fully understand the workplace experiences of all military members, and to evaluate and enhance policies and programs to support you and your fellow Service members. Your input is important! Please consider participating so your voice can be heard.



If you have experienced racial/ethnic harassment or prohibited discrimination and would like further assistance, contact your Military Equal Opportunity representative.

For questions regarding this survey, please email [WEO-Survey@mail.mil](mailto:WEO-Survey@mail.mil).

# Celebrate Your Heritage!

Each month there is an opportunity for you to tell the story of your heritage and how it has affected and enhanced your military career. We would like to showcase your story and share it with others as we celebrate the diversity within our unit. Our desire is to foster an inclusive, people-first culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion within the unit.

Help us highlight your individual story and possibly inspire others! Contact Public Affairs at [140wg.pa.org@us.af.mil](mailto:140wg.pa.org@us.af.mil).

December: **Chanukah/Hanukkah** (Dec 19-26), **Christmas** (Dec 25), **Kwanzaa** (Dec 26 –January 1)

January 2023: Martin Luther King Day

February: Black History Month

## 2022 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The 2022 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has begun! CFC is the official workplace giving campaign for federal employees and retirees. It is one of the largest and most successful workplace fundraising campaigns in the world. There are three ways to give: the online pledge portal, the CFC Giving Mobile App, and a paper pledge form. You can learn more at <https://mountainstatescfc.givecfc.org/how-to-give> or by contacting your unit's key workers.

How to donate? Below are the steps:

1. You can use the website, text or the app (please attached Giving Guide for details)
2. CFC codes for ANG (including Det 41): Active Duty: **ET4T4W**, Civilian: **TVVFFE**
3. **Every** donation counts, from monthly allotments to a one-time, small donation.
4. Our Wing goal is **\$7500** and I know we can meet and exceed this.
5. The campaign ends 14 Jan and donating is voluntary of course, we just want everyone to understand the easy options and critical impact



## Information Connections



Stay informed with up-to-date events and opportunities through our digital services and on-line presence. The 140th Wing app is available from your app store and will have immediate postings for you to take advantage of.



Link to Wing app on Android: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.m360mobile.Wing140&hl=en\\_US&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.m360mobile.Wing140&hl=en_US&gl=US)

Link to Wing app on iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/140th-wing/id1387447642>





**COLORADO NATIONAL  
GUARD FAMILY PROGRAM**

# Santa Shop 2022

**NORTH COLORADO SPRINGS  
READINESS CENTER**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 10  
9:00AM - 12:00PM**

Registration closed December 8th!

**FOR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES/SUPPORT SYSTEM**

**9510 N. VOYAGER PARKWAY  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: JENNY MORGAN • 719-  
640-2115 • JENNY.E.MORGAN.NFG@ARMY.MIL  
REGISTRATION LINK TO BE PUSHED OUT CLOSER  
TO DATE**



**REGISTER:**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co/m/2022santashop>

A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the poster, enclosed in a yellow rounded rectangle. It is intended for scanning to access the online registration page.

# Contemporary Base Issues Course

The primary goal of the CBI course is to prepare all ANG officers, NCO's and future leaders, E-4 to O7, to work together as a team to identify and respond to contemporary base issues. Topics are discussed via lecture, and student interaction over a 2-day period. Areas of emphasis include status, mental health, military discipline, ethics, standards, readiness, sexual assault, domestic operations, and leadership. Please visit the new site at [www.angcbi.com](http://www.angcbi.com) for the course information and links to registration!

The FY23 Contemporary Base Issues course schedule is:

27-28 Jan 2023 - 154th WG at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, HI

10-11 Feb 2023 - 134th ARW at Knoxville, TN

14-15 Apr 2023 - 112nd FW at Fort Wayne, IN

19-20 May 2023 - 124th FW at Boise, ID

21-22 Jul 2023 - 143d AW at North Kingstown, RI

POC: SYNTHIA LUNA, TSgt, COANG, Com: 720-847-9020

## Air Force Cycling Team Opportunities

The Air Force Cycling Team is made up of nearly 150 active duty, Air National Guard, AF Reserve, civilian, and retired Air Force members. The team's primary mission is to promote the Air Force by being positive role models at cycling events across the country. The AFCT represents the U.S. Air Force at Des Moines, Iowa Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI).

Team Colorado has open slots for members wishing to apply for the Air Force Cycling Team. Initial qualifications include a current passing AF Fitness Score without a cardio exemption and the ability to ride 500 miles across Iowa in a week during the period of July 22 – 29, 2023. To learn more about the Air Force Cycling Team check out the website <https://afcycling.com> and Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/afcycling/>.

Registration starts 1 Nov and ends 30 Nov 2023. Contact Matt Mazzarello at [colorado@afcycling.com](mailto:colorado@afcycling.com).



## Reading Volunteers Needed

The TBDC and the children of Crested Butte CDC are always appreciative of any volunteers who'd like to read age-appropriate stories about our monthly observances. It's every Friday at your choice of either 0900 or 1500. A list of the observance months can be found on the Buckley Space Force Base website at

<https://www.buckley.spaceforce.mil/Units/Diversity-and-Inclusion/>

To sign up, please send an email to [buckleydiversitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:buckleydiversitycouncil@gmail.com) and/or [nicole.carrasco.1@us.af.mil](mailto:nicole.carrasco.1@us.af.mil)

# JOB Announcements

The **140th Wing Airman and Family Readiness (GS-11)** position has been posted. It is located on the CONG website at <https://co.ng.mil/Jobs/> and <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/691587500>. It is open through drill weekend.

**Space Control Officer (2 Vacancies): O1-O4** — (Traditional Guardsmen) Gain and maintain Combat Mission Ready (CMR) status as a Space Control Operator and Space Control Crew Commander .

Security Forces—Greeley ANGB – (Traditional Guardsmen) See your friendly COANG recruiters!

For more information concerning jobs in the Colorado Air National Guard click here: [CO National Guard > Jobs \(ng.mil\)](#). ANG jobs listed in USA Jobs: [USAJOBS - COANG Search](#)



## Interested in becoming a Traditional Maintenance Officer??

**We're hiring a DSG Maintenance Officer (21A)!**

Applications open to:

All current COANG members

O-1 through O-3 (Commissioning opportunity!)

Boards held in January

Must have an undergraduate academic degree

Make sure your application include: Cover, letter, Civilian/military resume, RIP,  
Points credit summary, Passing fitness report

For more details visit (or scan QR code below): <https://co.ng.mil/Jobs/Air-Traditional/>

See or email 1st Lt Gina Schmidt ([gina.schmidt@us.af.mil](mailto:gina.schmidt@us.af.mil))





*Governor Jared Polis,  
State of Colorado,  
Requests the pleasure of your company  
at a  
Holiday Reception  
in honor of  
Colorado National Guard Families  
on Saturday, the seventeenth of December  
at half-past eleven o'clock in the morning  
Executive Residence at the Boettcher Mansion  
400 East Eighth Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80203*

*Military: Class B  
Civilian: Holiday Casual*

*RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CONGGovMansionDEC>*

# Enlisted Promotions - December



Lavette Atkinson E7 Promotion Ceremony; Saturday 3  
Dec: ARPC Building, 18420 E. Silver Creek Ave, 3:45pm

## Retirements

Click below for more info:

[Chief Rachel Bloom, 233 SG/SEL, 3 December, 2022](#)

[LtCol James Jellick Retirement 3 December, 2022](#)



*If you would like your retirement or promotion ceremony advertised here, please contact the 140th Public Affairs office at [140wg.pa.org@us.af.mil](mailto:140wg.pa.org@us.af.mil) and let us know about it.*

**PEOPLE - Developing healthy, resilient, and professional Airmen for any mission, anywhere.**

## Sexual Assault Coordinator



Please don't suffer in silence! If you or a co-worker have experienced a negative or toxic work atmosphere due to past or present sexual harassment or sexual assault, please call or text [Liz Pszanka \(140 WG SARC\)](#) at 720-219-8890. Talking to a SARC doesn't mean you are required to file a report, it only means you'll be talking to someone who wants to listen, support and advocate for you. [SAPR Helpline 720-947-7272](#). Sign up for classes with [Signup Genius here](#).

## Airmen & Family Readiness Program

*We collaborate with the Colorado National Guard State Family Program to implement higher headquarter operational plans by providing support and resources to family members of the Colorado Air National Guard.*

- \*Relocation Assistance
- \*Employment Assistance
- \* Transition Assistance
- \*Exceptional Family Member Support
- \*Military Child Education Information

- \*Community Outreach
- \*Wounded, Ill and Injured Support Services
- \*Like Skills Education
- \*Personal and Family Readiness
- \*Personal and Family Readiness

- \*Information and Referrals
- \*Deployment Cycle Support
- \*Community Disaster/Crisis/Evacuation Support via the EFAC

<https://co.ng.mil/Family/Airman-Family-Readiness-Program/>

TSgt Allie Barker [allison.barker@us.af.mil](mailto:allison.barker@us.af.mil) Bldg. 801 Rm N-259



# Psychological Health Services

The Psychological Health Program provides **free and confidential** psychological health services **for all Air National Guard military members, couples and their family members.**

Psychological services are provided by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The Director of Psychological Health Services, Virginia R. Howard, LCSW, has over 25 years of experience working within the field of social work., with 13 years of service in a military setting.



*Virginia R. Howard, LCSW*

*Bldg 706, Room 128*

*720 847-9438*

## Our Services

- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Psychosocial assessments**
- **Short term brief Solution Focused Interventions**
- **Referral to evidence-based practices and community resources**
- **Consultation**
- **Educational Classes**

**Military One Source**  
1-800-342-9647

**Colorado Crisis Center Giveanhour.org**  
1-844-493-8255

**Chaplains**  
720-847-9434

**Military & Family Life  
Counselors**  
720 862-4118

## Chaplain Team

When airmen think of a “chaplain” many think “religion.” Ironically, ANG chaplains spend only a fraction of their time providing for the religious needs of airmen.



So, what DO we do?

The Chaplain Corps has three primary functions:

Chaplain Corps members have high-level of confidentiality. Communications made as a “formal act of religion or as a matter of conscience” to either a chaplain or a chaplain assistant while serving in the capacity of spiritual advisor are considered confidential and are not to be shared with third parties. There are no exceptions listed to this rule. As a result, MOST of what the Chaplain Corps provides is counseling, or just a safe place to vent!

Chaplain Corps personnel are also sought out by leaders to provide objective advice on many issues, such as discipline and training.

The Chaplain Corps is responsible for Religious Accommodation Requests for beards, religious head coverings, waivers for vaccines, and other similar waiver requests. Additionally, we advocate for members who have religious needs during deployments - such as special dietary needs - or to be allowed by commanders to attend religious services when needed. Of course, the Chaplains are here to discuss any religious issues or crises a member may be experiencing.

If you would like to speak to a chaplain during the month, our Wing Chaplain, Ch, Lt Col Joseph Friedman is also our full-time chaplain. He can be reached on his duty cell at 303-548-0637. If he is not available, call the Command Post to be connected to another one of our chaplains.



## Developmental Opportunities:

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#### **140th Wing**

MSgt Lisa Shoup—Representing the COANG-U

#### **233rd Space Group**

SMSgt Abbas Montoya—HRA

#### **460th Space Force Base Opportunities**

[Facilitator Training](#), 8 Dec 1100 - 1200, LDC VTC Room

[Informed Decision Seminar](#), 19 Dec 8:00—Noon , Bldg. 606 Auditorium



## Children of the National Guard and Reserve Deployed or Stateside Activated

Our Military Kids awards up to two \$300 grants per child (ages 3-18) to fund the extracurricular activity of their choice while a parent is deployed or activated stateside with the National Guard or Reserve.

This grant program is made possible solely through the generosity of foundations, corporations, and individual donations.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY



**In order for a child to receive an activity grant from Our Military Kids:**

- ★ The child is three (3) years of age through 18 AND has not yet graduated from high school.
- ★ **For missions of 90-179 days** (cumulative within 12 months), each child is eligible for **ONE (1)** grant up to \$300 for one activity.
- ★ **For missions of 180+ days** (cumulative within 12 months), each child is eligible for **TWO (2)** grants up to \$300 each for the same or different activities. Each grant requires a separate application.

### HOW TO APPLY



If you are eligible, please visit [www.ourmilitarykids.org/apply](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/apply) to submit a simple, one-page application, along with the following documents:



#### Activity Information

Documentation from the activity organization providing the activity's pricing and contact information.

Brochures, flyers, website screenshots, and typed letters on the organization's official letterhead will be accepted.



#### Form of Identification

A copy of the child's birth certificate if the deployed service member is the biological parent,

**OR** DD Form 1172,

**OR** a copy of the DEERS/MilConnect Service Member profile page with child listed as a dependent.

# UTA Weekend Daycare

**GREAT NEWS** for our Service Members who are assigned to or working on Buckley SFB during UTA weekends. The Buckley SFB Family Child Care (FCC) program is offering free certified in-home care for children ages 2 weeks to 12 years, in either on-installation housing or in civilian communities for service members on drill weekends. The groups are multi-age and smaller ratios than in the centers.

Free childcare on UTA weekends is available for Single Service Members, Dual Military Service Members, and Service Members who have spouse that works outside the home on drill weekends, they will provide their work schedule.

The point of contact to register for this childcare is:

Primary - Ms. Wynnie Wahlfeldt at [wynnie.wahlfeldt@spaceforce.mil](mailto:wynnie.wahlfeldt@spaceforce.mil),

Secondary - Tiffany Johnson (If Ms. Wahlfeldt is out of office), [tiffany.johnson.36@spaceforce.mil](mailto:tiffany.johnson.36@spaceforce.mil).

If it is the first time requesting this care, Service Members should submit the attached form at least 1 week prior to drill. If the member does not currently use the CDC, they will require a few additional documents such as, spouse proof of employment (if the member has a spouse), an immunization record, and their drill calendar.

Once the child is registered, they are good to go for the year and will only require a phone call or email request for care NLT the Wednesday prior to drill month.

Additionally, Please contact Ms. Wynnie Wahlfeldt if you know of anyone that wants to be a FCC Provider, the Buckley SFB Family Child Care (FCC) program is looking for more providers. This is a great employment opportunity if the family member needs to be at home. Buckley SFB will provide all the equipment and tools to get them started with their own home business.

## Message from TAG

Please join me in congratulating Brigadier General D. Micah “Zeus” Fesler on his selection as the next Assistant Adjutant General-Air and Commander, Colorado Air National Guard. Zeus is a familiar face to many of you as he is currently the Chief of Staff-Air and served as the 140th Wing Commander from August 2019 to August 2021. He has led Airmen in both combat and peacetime and brings a rich background of innovative tactical and strategic experience at multiple levels in both military and civilian sectors. Zeus possesses incredible problem-solving skills and unbelievable compassion, combined with an unrelenting positive attitude and energy level that is extremely rare. I have no doubt Zeus will continue to lead the men and women of the COANG into the future with the same passion he had in all his previous leadership positions.

I want to congratulate Brigadier General Shawn Ryan on his 32+ years of exemplary service to both State and Nation culminating with his assignment as the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, and Commander of the Colorado Air National Guard. Shawn has served in this role since May 2021 during the most challenging time in our organization’s history. He ensured that the men and women of the COANG were trained and equipped to accomplish both their federal and domestic operations missions. He oversaw the COANG’s response to COVID and ensured the readiness for the individual and collective deployments of the 140th Wing.

Thank you, Shawn for a job well done!

The date and time for the change of command ceremony will be announced soon and Brig Gen Ryan’s retirement ceremony will take place during March drill.

