

California National Guard

CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD : CALIFORNIA

The California Air National Guard is an element of the California National Guard and an Air Reserve Component (ARC) of the U.S. Air Force. It has units located across the state from the Channel Islands to Moreno Valley to the heart of Silicon Valley, with headquarters in Sacramento, CA.

The California Air National Guard consists of several notable units, including the 129th Rescue Wing, the 144th Fighter Wing, the



the 146th Airlift Wing, the 163rd Attack Wing and the 195th Wing.

Each wing has its own unique and storied history. The California Air National Guard performs a number of

diverse federal and state operations from fighting wildfires to flying F-15C aircraft to providing search and rescue capabilities during state emergencies.

The California National Guard has an estimated economic impact of over \$1.2 billion on the local economy.

FAST FACTS

- » Special Use Airspace: **N/A - FAA Manages**
- » Sorties/Flying Hours: **4,186 / 11,295 per year**
- » Military Personnel: **4,496**
- » Authorized Force Strength: **4,771**



Above: Two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 144th Fighter Wing fly a mission near the Hawaiian Islands. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Left: A California Air National Guard C-130J Hercules cargo aircraft from the 146th Airlift Wing releases water in a test of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) system. The 146th was the first unit to be approved for use of the new MAFFS II system. (California National Guard photo)

VISION STATEMENT

A ready, reliable, and relevant force, now and into the future.

MISSION STATEMENT

The California Air National Guard organizes, trains, and equips airmen to provide air, space, cyberspace, and support capabilities to the state and nation.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **California Air National Guard Headquarters**
- » **129th Rescue Wing:** Located at Moffett Federal Airfield in the heart of the Silicon Valley, the 129th Rescue Wing's mission is to train and prepare to perform its wartime mission of combat search and rescue anywhere in the world. The 129th has performed a wide variety of civilian search and rescue missions, including distressed persons aboard ships, lost or injured hikers, and medical evacuations. Since the 129th RQW's designation as a rescue unit in 1975, Guardsmen have saved more than 1,000 lives. Includes Headquarters, 129th Operations Group, 129th Maintenance Group, 129th Mission Support Group, 129th Medical Group and the California National Guard Counterdrug Task Force.
- » **144th Fighter Wing:** The Federal Mission of the 144th Fighter Wing is to provide air superiority in support of worldwide joint operations as well as air defense of the United States. Additionally, the Wing provides agile combat support, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to combatant commanders around the globe. The Wing also provides a variety of homeland defense capabilities to U.S. NORTHCOM. State Mission - The 144th Fighter Wing provides a variety of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) capabilities to the Governor of California. Primary contributions include ready manpower, Aerospace Control Alert Mission, reconnaissance assets, response to chemical, biological and radiological attacks, security, medical, civil engineering, and command and control. Includes Headquarters, 144th Operations Group, 194th Fighter Squadron, 144th Maintenance Group, 144th Mission Support Group and 144th Medical Group. Its home base is the California Air National Guard Base in Fresno, CA.
- » **146th Airlift Wing:** The mission of the 146th Airlift Wing is to provide a combat ready militia for the security, welfare, and humanitarian needs of our community, state, and nation. It includes Headquarters, 146th Operations Group, 115th Airlift Squadron, 146th Maintenance Group, 146th Mission Support Group 146th Medical Group and the 562nd Air Force Band. Its home base is Channel Islands Air National Guard Station.
- » **163rd Attack Wing:** A tenant unit of March Air Reserve Base, Moreno Valley, CA, includes Headquarters, the 163rd Operations Groups, 163rd Maintenance Group, 163rd Medical Group, 163rd Mission Support Group, 196th Attack Squadron and the Flying Training Detachment.
- » **195th Wing:** Headquartered at Beale Air Force Base, CA, with four additional operating locations across the State of California. The 195th consists of an Intelligence Group with three Intelligence Squadrons, an Operations Group with a Combat Communication Squadron, a Space Operations Squadron, a Space Control Squadron, and a Cyber Operations Squadron.



Above: Joint Fire Fighting: Two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters from the 129th Rescue Wing and one UH-60 from 1-140th Aviation Battalion (Air Assault) battling wildfires at the Jawbone Complex Fire in Kern County, Calif. (Air National Guard photo)

COMMANDER RANK

Major General

TRAINING & TESTING RANGES

- » None

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Moffett Federal Airfield is managed by NASA
- » Hangar One of Moffett Federal Airfield is a national historic landmark
- » Los Alamitos Joint Force Reserve Center is the largest army airfield in California

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