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CDCA Newsletter

1. Marine Corp Deaths in Afghanistan

Thousands of additional service members were deployed to provide security at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in a dangerous mission, leaving them vulnerable to terrorist attacks as they screened potential travelers.

Fears were realized when a suicide bomber from an affiliate of the Islamic State terrorist group blew himself up at an airport gate. Eleven Marines, one Army soldier and one Navy corpsman died, along with nearly 200 Afghans while supporting non-combatant evacuation operations.

“They were part of the bravest, most capable, and the most selfless military on the face of the Earth. And they were part of, simply, what I call the backbone of America,” President Biden said Thursday after the attack took place. “They’re the spine of America, the best the country has to offer.”

The names are:

Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25, of Lawrence, Massachusetts
Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23, of Sacramento, California
Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah
Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, California
Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23, of Omaha, Nebraska
Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 22, of Logansport, Indiana
Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas
Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, 20, of St. Charles, Missouri
Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, 20, of Jackson, Wyoming
Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, California
Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20, of Norco, California
Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Sowiak, 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio
Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee.

These military members paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service to others, and we send our sincere condolences to the families. We trust that their strong communities will provide aid, comfort and solace to the families. CDCA wishes families the very best as they deal with this unthinkable tragedy.

2. CDCA and 2021

CDCA has events planned for Los Angeles and Sacramento, as we attempt to return to in-person meetings. These will be held in compliance with local, regional and federal rules. See the notice about the Private/Public Partnership Forms, which are located in southern and northern California to make travel easier. The events are in Southern California September 27 and Northern California September 29.

Also: Gathering insights from members improve the effectiveness and accomplishments of our organization. One issue important to CDCA is reciprocal licensing. CDCA will pursue actions that can help our communities and military families through reciprocal licensing for those already licensed by other state's licensing or certifying agencies.

3. Veterans and Military Spouse Licensure Legislation

Military spouses are a key element in California's workforce as they can offer the full spectrum of professional experience to California's labor market. It is essential that we advocate/support the ability of military spouses to provide for their families. The delay in obtaining new licenses for each state a military spouse moves to significantly hampers opportunities for military spouses to work in their new state of residence. Notably, one of the leading factors service members cited for leaving military service was concern over transferring to a location where there is a lack of available career opportunities for spouses.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires the Department of Defense to consider a state's military family readiness policies, including interstate licensure portability for military families in determining whether to process with any basing decisions or establishing major headquarters in the U.S. If California does not improve our policies around veteran and military spouse licensure, the state may be vulnerable to additional base closures and be ineligible for future base missions and platforms.

A Senate vote is expected for AB 107 (Salas), Expansion of the requirement to issue 12 month temporary licenses to include licenses issued by the Veterinary Medical Board, the Dental Board of California, the Dental Hygiene Board of California, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, the Board of Psychology, the California Board of Occupational Therapy, the Physical Therapy Board of California, and the California Board of Accountancy. Current status: Passed Senate Appropriation Committee (August 26, 2021); Ordered to third reading (August 30).

CDCA supports AB 225 (Gray/Gallagher/Patterson) Veterans and Military Spouse Licensure. AB 225 would greatly enhance licensure portability in professionally licensed fields such as medical, legal, engineering, education, accounting and others. Current status: Hearing postponed (June 30, 2021).

CDCA supports AB 410 (Fong) Nurse Licensure Compact authorization to issue a multistate license that would authorize the holder to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse. Current status: Referred to Committee on Business and Professions (March 26, 2021).

4. Private/Public Partnership Forums September 2021

The California Governor's Military Council and California Defense Communities Alliance are hosting forums on the next generation of private partnerships between the military and the private sector.

Experts from the Army, Navy, Marine & Air Force will speak on policies, plans, programs and opportunities for partnership among the California Military communities.

Learn what the Office of Local Defense Cooperation looks for in a Defense Community Infrastructure proposal. Do you want to speak directly about your project and challenges you are encountering, either from a military installation or private sector viewpoint? Make an appointment for a short one-on-one with a service branch representative with your questions (by appointment only).

Refer to the CDCA web site (www.cadefensecommunitiesalliance.org) latest information and details on speakers.

Los Angeles September 27 Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/next-generation-public-partnerships-in-california-los-angeles-tickets-165332854017>

Sacramento September 29 Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/next-generation-public-partnerships-in-california-sacramento-tickets-165222656413>

5. Small Business Development in Our Communities

Small businesses are import elements of our communities, so this information may be useful to those developing strong economic activity as support to our military bases, personnel and regions. Feel free to share. This description provides links to information on how to become registered in the state as a Small Business or Disabled Veteran Business to receive more visibility and extra consideration for award of state contracts:

Department of General Services (DGS) Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS)

DGS Office of Small Business and DVBE (Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise) Services is comprised of a team of professionals at DGS where businesses can become certified as Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprises (DVBE).

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/About/Page-Content/PD-Branch-Intro-Accordion-List/Office-of-Small-Business-and-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise/Certification-Program>

How to do Business with the State of California

Visit the link below which has some other useful resources such as short videos:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/How-to-do-business-with-the-state-of-California>

Applying for Small Business (SB) or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Certification:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Services/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Services-List-Folder/Certify-or-Re-apply-as-Small-Business-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise>

California State Government Marketplace (Cal eProcure)

This is where State departments and agencies post their public-facing solicitations for bid:

<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/index.aspx>

Finding Certified Small Businesses or Disabled Business Enterprises:

Businesses that are registered with Cal eProcure can be found through the search portal in the link below:

<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>

6. Los Angeles: U.S. Space Systems Command Stood Up

The U. S. Space Force established the second of its three field commands in a ceremony here Aug. 13, as Space Force Lt. Gen. Michael A. Guetlein assumed command of Space Systems Command.

Speaking during the establishment ceremony, Space Force Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. “Jay” Raymond emphasized the important work that lies ahead for Guardians and Airmen of SSC. “America relies on space, and our strategic competitors are targeting space because of this reliance and the advantage space provides,” Raymond said. “To remain the world leader and secure that advantage, we must move faster than our adversaries. The nation, as well as our allies and partners around the world, are counting on this team to deliver.”

Guetlein received his third star in a promotion ceremony earlier in the day and as the SSC commander leads approximately 10,000 military and civilian personnel, overseeing the acquisition lifecycle of 90 percent of USSF mission focus areas, controlling 85 percent of the approximately \$11 billion Department of Defense space investment budget.

“Space Systems Command is about continuing the culture shift away from being service providers to being warfighters and defending our way of life from, through and in space.” Guetlein said. “In ten years, warfighting as we know it will have changed drastically and we must be postured and empowered to keep pace with this change. We cannot let this be a nameplate change from SMC to SSC. We must be bold, and we must get after the threat. It is up to Space Systems Command to counter the rising threat with game-changing capabilities.”

SSC is responsible for developing and acquiring lethal and resilient space capabilities for warfighters by rapidly identifying, prototyping, fielding and sustaining innovative, space-based solutions to meet the demands of the National Defense Strategy. SSC’s functions include developmental testing, production, launch, on-orbit checkout and maintenance of USSF space systems, as well as oversight of USSF science and technology activities.

“I am honored and humbled to be charged with the responsibility of leading Space Systems Command at this exciting time.” Guetlein continued. “I know just how much this team and this Nation are capable of, and I know we have only scratched the surface of our potential.”

The Space and Missile Systems Center, a long-time provider of premier space systems for national security and defense, forms the core of the new organization, which now includes Space Launch Delta 30, Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, and Space Launch Delta 45, Patrick Space Force Base/Cape Canaveral, Florida, realigning from Space Operations Command to SSC.

SSC will also serve as the primary Space Force conduit to the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) and its subordinate units that perform space science and technology functions including the Space Vehicles Directorate, Space Electro-Optics Division, Rocket Propulsion Division, and the Space Systems Technology Division. This alignment strengthens the Space Force partnership and participation in the “Two Services, One Lab” approach that ensures AFRL serves the needs of both the Air and Space Forces without duplicating functions that would come with a standalone space organization.

Guetlein previously served as Deputy Director for the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, Virginia, where he assisted the director in managing the strategic and tactical operations of the NRO, and, as commander of the Space Force Element, managed all Air Force and Space Force personnel and resources assigned to that agency. Prior to that, he served as the Program Executive for Programs and Integration for the Missile Defense Agency. Early in his career, he served as the Director of the Remote Sensing Systems Directorate at Space and Missile Systems Center. (Source: US Air Force)

7. CDCA Executive Board election

In compliance with the CDCA Bylaws, the Board of Directors held an election of officers for the 2021/2022 fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).

Board membership is comprised of one representative from each of the Community Support Organizations and Local Government Support Organizations.

The officers of the corporation and board are the Co-Chairs, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. Due to the nature of the organization and corporation and the possible movement of people in leadership and within the membership groups, the Board of Directors has two co-chairpersons of equal status and responsibility for the purpose of continuity in the management of the corporation.

The Executive Board members are the two Co-Chairpersons, Treasurer, Secretary, and two members appointed by the Board.

The Co-Chairs are Mark Balmert of SDMAC and Janie Nall of Beale Military Liaison Council. Treasurer is Sandy Person of Travis Community Consortium. Secretary is David Janiec of China Lake Alliance. Appointed members are Gene Fisher of RDP-21 and Hans Uslar of Monterey Bay Defense Alliance.

8. CDCA Points of Contact

Feel free to contact the co-chairs, Mark Balmert (executivedirector@sdmac.org) and Janice Soohoo Nall (jsn@c-mp.com). The web site is www.cadefensecommunitiesalliance.org. Twitter: [@CaDefenseComm](https://twitter.com/CaDefenseComm). (Take a look at these for the latest CDCA news.)

Mailing address is 1017 "L" Street #398, Sacramento, CA 95814.

9. Tools and Resources

For additional resources and tools to support military community interests discussed in this newsletter, see:

AB-225 Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses.(2021-2022)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB225

AB-107 Licensure: veterans and military spouses.(2021-2022)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB107

AB-410 Licensed registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses: Nurse Licensure Compact.(2021-2022)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB410

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Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

<https://oldcc.gov>

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About CDCA

More than a dozen nonprofit organizations formed the California Defense Communities Alliance (CDCA) with the shared mission of supporting Department of Defense presence in communities throughout California while advocating on behalf of active duty and veterans in their communities. Organizations work together under the CDCA umbrella to advance collaboration and communication among the military, elected officials, and other community leaders to enhance an understanding of the many contributions Defense organizations make to California.

CDCA mission is to support, promote, and represent the interests of our Defense Organizations throughout California while advocating on behalf of those that serve or have served in these organizations. CDCA will advance the collaboration and communication between the military, our elected and appointed officials, and our communities while working to enhance the recognition of the many contributions Defense Organizations make to California and our Nation.