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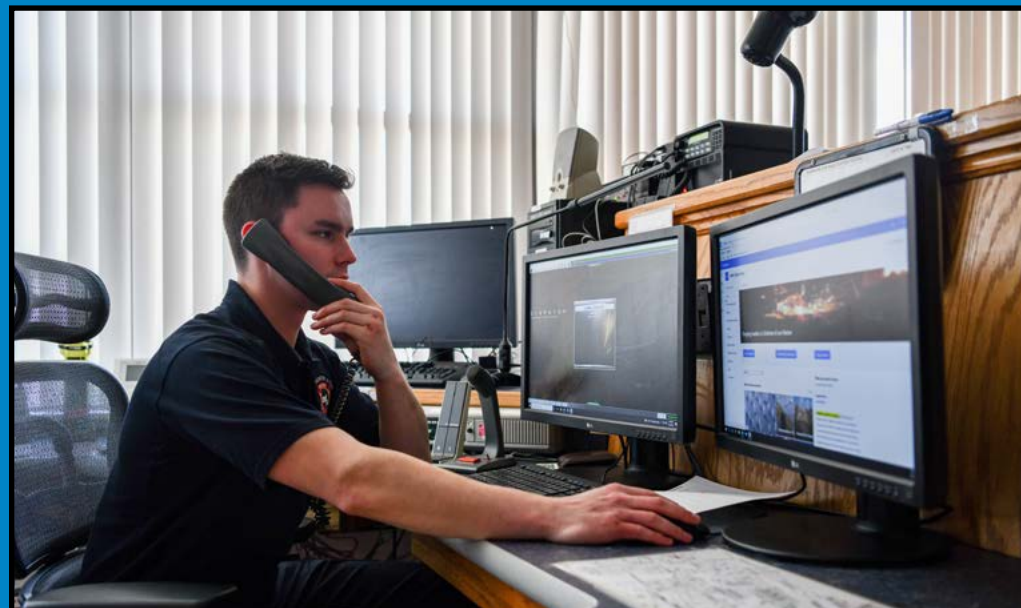
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# Barnestormers complete joint aircraft recovery training

By 1st Lt. Amelia Leonard, 104th Fighter Wing public affairs



Nearly 50 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members from the 104th Fighter Wing, 158th Fighter Wing and 439th Airlift Wing worked together to complete a joint hands-on Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery training at Barnes Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts, April 3, 2022. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1Lt. Amelia Leonard)

Nearly 50 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members from the 104th Fighter Wing, 158th Fighter Wing and 439th Airlift Wing completed a joint, hands-on Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery training at Barnes Air National Guard Base April 3.

The CDDAR program is designed to safely and effectively recover damaged or disabled military or civilian aircraft after a mishap or crash for repair or

salvage. The team at Barnes used inflatable air bags and wire tie-downs to slowly and safely lift the aircraft off the ground during the simulated recovery.

Although dunnage brought in from the 103rd Airlift Wing, Bradley ANGB, Connecticut and air bags from Barnes were responsible for getting the aircraft off the ground, Barnestormer Master Sgt. Michael Land, 104FW Maintenance Squadron repair and reclamation section

supervisor, did the bulk of the heavy lifting to get this training off the ground.

This hands-on training was the first of its kind in the New England region and accomplished the annual certification of 36 members from the 104th FW, six from the 158th Fighter Wing, and seven from the 439th AW.

All CDDAR team members go through annual refresher training at their local installations, besides their initial skills training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, or flight team chief training at Volk Field, Wisconsin. CDDAR teams only simulate lifting aircraft at their home station.

Empowered by retired Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Barbee's call to Airmen at every level to be bold and make swift, commonsense decisions, Land reached out to Maj. Jason Hickox, Maintenance Squadron commander, to see if the Barnes CDDAR team could use an F-15C Eagle static display to complete annual training this year.

Land, who has communicated with the CDDAR team leads from Westover,

Bradley and Burlington since they all attended the advanced CDDAR training at Volk Field, spent the next five months organizing the joint training. He created a Facebook group and Microsoft Teams page where members share helpful information, like training plans.

Although each of the three units involved flies different airframes, in the event of any civilian or military aircraft mishap in the Northeast, members from every team could be asked to respond.

Staff Sgt. Jessica Putnam, 104FW egress journeyman, has been on the Barnes CDDAR team for three years. Other than her initial skills training at Sheppard AFB, this is her only hands-on experience using real aircraft.

While at Sheppard, she trained using the C-17 Globemaster III, C-130 Hercules and F-15C. However, at Sheppard, they used cables and a crane training with the F15C.



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“This training has given me a better understanding of the functionality of how to raise the jet,” Putnam said. “We’re using real, hands-on training, which allows you to actually see and know what to do. Being able to know exactly what to do and which safety procedures need to be followed is important because a lot of people

freeze and need to be prepared in the moment. Knowledge is power, and with knowledge comes the confidence to do it right.”

The joint training environment was also beneficial.

“Getting the chance to work together

with everyone is really a big deal,” said Felix Chapdelaine, 104FW crash recovery team technician. “I joined the recovery team to do this type of thing. Having people from other units here is great because joint training is so important. You never know when you might get called out to a military or civilian airframe, and you already have those points of contact, built relationships and trust.”

Becoming a member of the CDDAR team and participating in this training was unlike anything Staff Sgt. Nicholas Landi, 104FW crash recovery team, has experienced. Landi recently joined the unit after coming off active-duty service. “CDDAR looked like something awesome I wanted to be a part of,” he said. “Working alongside members from other units gives me a different look and different ideas on how to go about the process.”

Land hopes to use the static aircraft again for training. This hands-on training effectively replaces the need for team chiefs to be re-certified every three years at Volk field, he said.

“This type of training not only provides excellent training, but it saves time and an estimated cost of \$3,000 per person.”





# Duke Kahanamoku - Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage

*Tech. Sgt. Robert Cyr, 104th Fighter Wing equal opportunity specialist*



This 60 by 55 km ASTER scene shows almost the entire island of Oahu, Hawaii on June 3, 2000. The data were processed to produce a simulated natural color presentation. NASA Identifier: PLAN-PIA02672 (Courtesy photo)

This May is Asian American and Pacific Islander cultural heritage month, chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigrants to arrive on May 7, 1843, as well as the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, where Chinese immigrants made up the vast majority of the workforce who laid the tracks.

While all of us here at the 104th Fighter Wing come from different backgrounds, what binds us to each other is our shared military and American cultural heritage. Our diversity has always been a tremendous asset, and it's fascinating

how often cultural icons also have a nexus to military service.

One such individual who had a profound effect on American culture was Native Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, a military police officer, Olympic swimmer, and one of the strongest influences in the popularization of surfing.

Duke Kahanamoku was born in 1890 to a minor noble family, just a few years before the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown. While he attended grammar school as a child he eventually

had to quit to help support his family.

Living close to the beach, he spent most of his free time in the water, surfing and swimming. In 1911, at the age of 21, he swam the 100 yard freestyle in just 55.4 seconds shattering the world record. He qualified for the 1912 Olympics and went on to win a gold and a silver medal in Stockholm. In the 1920 Olympics, he would go on to win an additional 2 gold medals and another silver medal.

As his fame grew, he began touring the world giving swimming exhibitions. It wasn't long before he began incorporating surfing into his exhibits, and the sport started to become popular in certain regions, most notably in Southeast Australia and Southern California.

It was in 1925, while living in Newport Beach, California, that he noticed a fishing ship in distress. Using only his surfboard, he made repeated trips from the shore to the capsized vessel and saved multiple lives.

His heroic efforts became famous across the country and ultimately led to surfboards becoming a staple of U.S. lifeguard training.

He later moved back to Hawaii where he served as the sheriff of Honolulu for 13 consecutive terms. During World War II, he also served in the capacity of a military police officer on behalf of the United States, (Hawaii was not yet a state and was being administered by the U.S under the Hawaiian Organic Act). He retired from public service in 1962 and passed away in 1968 at the age of 77.

Duke Kahanamoku's story is just one of many illustrating the power of diversity. His service, both in and out of uniform saved lives, and his unique legacy led to one of the most popular ocean sports becoming the mainstay that it is today.



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## Farewells

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## Promotions

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