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Today's guest speaker was Colonel Susana Corona—US Air Force



Colonel Corona is the Vice Commander of the 150th Special Operations Wing, New Mexico Air National Guard, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. She is a New Mexico native and received her commission upon graduation from New Mexico State University. Throughout her career, Colonel Corona has had a variety of assignments, duties, experiences and challenges. This morning she provided us with some information about her 'current place of work' - The 150th Special Operations Wing of the New Mexico National Guard at Kirtland Air Force Base. Their mission: "The 150th Special Operations Wing provides ready and capable Airmen to execute and support dynamic federal and state missions.". There are actually six separate components that make up the Special Operations Wing. 1) The Operations Group has the focus of training search and rescue air crews and intelligence professionals for worldwide combat operations while still providing support for domestic disaster and relief, search and rescue and homeland security operations. Their primary aircraft are the 'cool' (and very useful) HC130J fixed-wing aircraft and the HH60W 'Jolly Green II' helicopter. 2) The Maintenance Group has the responsibility to generate safe, effective, mission capable aircraft for Personal Recovery Aircrews. The team has the knowledge and training to perform needed maintenance for a variety of aircraft for their units as well as for any others involved in the Air Force in general, the Air National Guard or the Reserves. The group's primary expertise is with the HC-130J and HH-60W noted above, as well as the MC-130J, AC-130J (Ghostrider), UH-1 (Huey helicopter) and CV-22 (Osprey) aircraft. 3) The Mission Support Group. In addition to the general support of the entire Operations Wing, this group has the additional duties of providing fatality search and recovery and a wide variety of services in response to Federal and State contingencies. 4) The Medical Group is tasked with providing integrated flight medicine services and skills for critical care air transport, primary care, dental services, patient decontamination, and deployment processing. 5) The 250th Intelligence Squadron provides support to the 363rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Recon under Air Combat Command with things like communication support to targeting ops, target system analysis and intermediate target development. 6) Citizen Airmen (Air Force Reserve) is primarily involved with State related issues like wildfires, floods, and domestic terrorism and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives related issues. As you can see, there is a lot more that goes on 'behind the curtain' at KAFB than the surrounding community's general population realizes. We appreciate Colonel Corona for taking the time to share some of the activities with us this morning.

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Speakers for February

Feb 04th Jarrod Taylor—Jinja Bar & Bistro
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 Feb 18th Mike Krepfl—AAA Pumping
 Feb 25th Larry Sonntag—New Mexico Business Coalition

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