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Representing Metro at the event were, standing from left, Jim Lapatka, Stefan Chaznov, Dave Wakeling, Bill Hesser and Lorene Kelley. Seated are Staff Sgt. Ana Diaz-Swayne and Reginnia Kaping.

## California Air National Guard Says 'Thanks' to Metro

(Nov. 3, 2004) The California Air National Guard said "Thank You" to Metro and other area employers, recently, during "Employer Appreciation Day" at an airbase in Port Hueneme.



Division 15 Operator Ana Diaz-Swayne and TOS Harvey Brown of Operations Central Instruction are members of the 146th Airlift Wing at Port Hueneme.

On hand to greet the Metro group were Staff Sgt. Ana Diaz-Swayne, an East Valley Division 15 bus operator, and Master Sgt. Harvey Brown, a transportation operations supervisor at Operations Central Instruction. Both are members of the 146th Airlift Wing.

The event, held to acknowledge the support of organizations whose employees have been called to active duty since 9/11, included an information session about the 146th Airlift Wing, a tour of the base and a 50-minute flight aboard a heavy-lift aircraft.

Attending Employer Appreciation Day were Human Resources Director Stefan Chasnov, Assistant Administrative Analyst Reginnia Kaping, Accounting Manager Dave Wakeling, Accounting Supervisor Bill Hesser, Division 15 Assistant Transportation Manager Lorene Kelley and Transportation Operations Supervisor Jim Lapatka.



A C-130J-30 with the Metro group on board readies for take off at the 146th Airlift Wing's base in Port Hueneme.

In wartime, the 146th Airlift Wing delivers personnel, equipment and supplies to military commands worldwide. Their mission includes aeromedical evacuation, command and control, and airlift load preparation, as well as maintenance and operation of a fleet of transport aircraft.

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