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**ON THE COVER:** Staff Sgt. Dominic Tanzi, a traditional Guard member in the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, is also a lineman for Sierra Pacific Resources, winner of the Department of Defense's 2007 Freedom Award. Photo: Lt. Col Steve Ranson

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# FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

*Maj. Gen. Cindy Kirkland*

## Thank you for your service, support and commitment

As we close out this year with the autumn issue of *Battle Born*, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to every Nevada National Guard soldier and airman for your steadfast commitment to our state and our nation. These are very challenging times and we ask so much of each one of you, but you never fail to come through with passion and dedication while demonstrating the high standard and excellence for which the Battle Born National Guard is renowned. You amaze me every day and I speak for the whole leadership team when I say how proud we are to serve by your side.

I also want to say thanks to the families who stand behind those Guard members. Without your loving support, the job they do would be so much harder. Knowing that you are safe and secure at home and stand by your soldier or airman throughout these difficult times makes a difference in their ability to focus and return home safely. You are an important part of our National Guard family and we commit to you that we will attempt to minimize the impact on your family as your loved one serves.

We recently honored one of our Nevada employers when Sierra Pacific Resources was presented the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Award. It is presented to only 15 employers nationwide who epitomize civilian employer support of the National Guard and reserve component military members. Sierra Pacific Resources went far above and beyond its obligatory support and it has made a huge effort to ensure the protection and peace of mind of its employees who serve in the military.

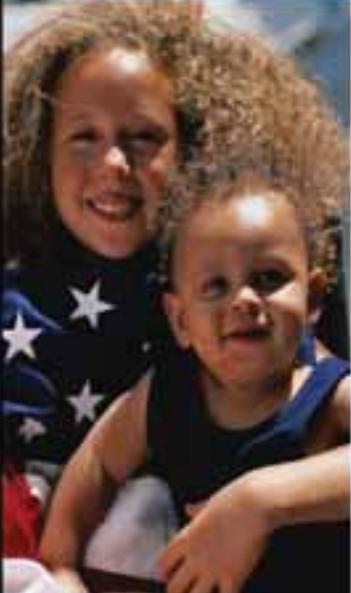
To Sierra Pacific Resources and all of our Nevada employers, I say thank you once again. We know how difficult it is to ask you to give up a dedicated employee who will be gone from your business for a year or more. The importance of your support and the provision of the assurance to our citizen-soldiers that their jobs are secure until their return cannot be understated. You

are true partners and members of the National Guard team as well. I ask every member of the National Guard to remember to take a moment to thank your employers by nominating them for the ESGR My Boss is a Patriot Award. It is a small way of saying thank you to your employer for their support of the military.

So to every member of the National Guard family, THANK YOU for your service, support and commitment to the ideals this nation was founded upon. I wish you the very best for happy holidays and a peaceful new year. ■



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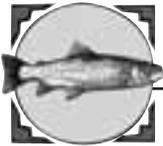
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# SENIOR WARRANT

Chief Warrant Officer Nancy Roza



## What is a warrant officer?

By Chief Warrant Officer Nancy Roza, Joint Force Headquarters

What a great honor and privilege it is to write my first article for all my fellow soldiers and airmen. As the command chief warrant officer for the Nevada Army National Guard, my role is the senior warrant officer advisor and subject matter expert on all matters related to readiness, performance, care, conduct, appearance, personnel actions, education and training of all warrant officers.

Let's start with, *What is an Army Warrant Officer?* A warrant officer possesses a high degree of specialization in a particular field and, unlike the officer corps, they remain single-specialty officers whose career track progresses within their career field rather than focusing on increased levels of

command and staff duty positions. Warrant officers fill special needs within every active duty Army and Guard organization. They are selected for highly specialized career fields including aviation, engineers and communications, among others. Currently, the Nevada Army Guard has 61 men and women within six different branches of expertise, but we also have 12 vacancies.

While the Army Guard continues to seek senior NCOs for potential warrant officer candidates, it is my personal challenge to attract and retain high-quality skilled individuals to maintain excellence in our current force structure and establish a solid ground for the next warrant officer generation.

Unfortunately, the Army does not train warrant officers from scratch, but rather expects each warrant officer candidate to have gained experience in a relevant feeder military occupational and/or enlisted specialty. Each career field has different prerequisites.

If you're interested in becoming a warrant officer, contact me at (775) 887-7300. ■

## BRIEFS

### Deadline approaching for scholarship applications

The deadline to apply for the Nevada Enlisted Association and First Sergeants Council Scholarship Program is Dec. 3. There are two \$500 scholarships available.

Eligible applicants for the scholarship include unmarried dependent children or spouses of a National Guard sponsor. Applicants must be a high school senior or the equivalent or must have at least one full semester remaining toward an undergraduate degree and the recipient must attend an accredited post secondary institution (university, college, vocational technical, business or trade school).

National Guard sponsors must be an enlisted, retired or a life member of the Nevada Enlisted Association of the Army or Air National Guard by Dec. 31 of the year prior to the nomination of an applicant. In cases involving a deceased sponsor, the sponsor must have been enlisted and a member of the Army or Air National Guard at the time of death.

For information or an application, call Chief Master Sgt. Cindy Sullivan at (775) 788-4692.

### GRAP open to retirees

Air National Guard Retirees are now eligible to apply as a Recruiter Assistant in the ANG Guard Recruiting Assistance Program and receive a \$2,000 stipend for bringing prior and non-prior service individuals into the Air National Guard. Applicants must be retired from the ANG with a minimum of 20 years satisfactory service, have been retired more than six months, and meet the other eligibility requirements identified by the subcontractor, Docupak.

Air National Guard retirees will undergo the same training as

required of traditional Guardsmen participating in GRAP. For more information or to apply visit [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com).

### Junior Enlisted Council

The Air Guard is looking for airmen to volunteer for the Junior Enlisted Council's First 4 (grades E1 – E4) and Club 56 (grades E5 – E6). If you are interested in joining, please e-mail Command Chief Master Sgt. Nereo Pecson at [nereo.pecson@nvreno.ang.af.mil](mailto:nereo.pecson@nvreno.ang.af.mil).

### GRAP Expands for officer recruitment

The Army Guard's Guard Recruiting Assistance Program has expanded to include officer positions in critical need. All eligible GRAP participants have the opportunity to receive compensation for assisting prior and non-prior service officer accessions.

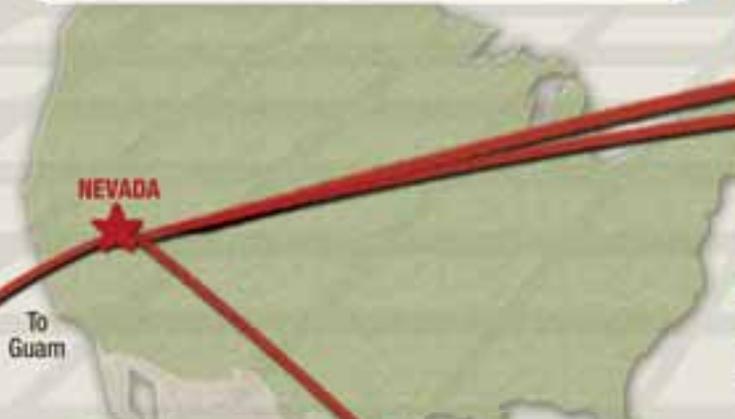
The total payment amount for an officer accession is determined by the ARNG's current critical needs and the GRAP-O payment chart at the date of accession as noted on the Docupak Web site at [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com).

Payment levels range from \$3,000 for most officer specialties up to \$7,500 for some extremely critical medical and dental career fields.

Guard Recruiting Assistant responsibilities include completing the Web-based officer training module, locating a potential officer, inputting potential officer data into the GRAP database, facilitating an initial meeting between the potential officer and the NVARNG's officer strength manager, and mentoring the potential officer throughout the accession process.

Contact Capt. Gene Dieters at (702) 632-0547 for more information or visit the GRAP Web site noted above.

# DROP ZONE



About 120 soldiers of the 593rd Transportation Company arrived home to Reno in September after spending a year at Tallil Air Base and LSA Adder. The Guardsmen hauled cargo, drove M915A3 Freightliner tractors and 5,000-gallon fuel trailers. They also took on a variety of other missions including heavy equipment transport, convoy escort, tower guard and recovery asset team assignments. Photo: Capt. Jeff Johnson



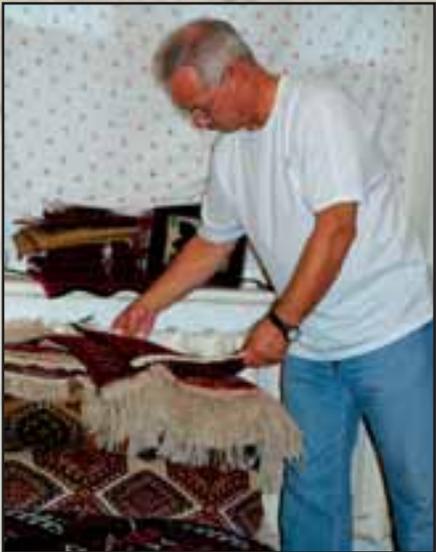
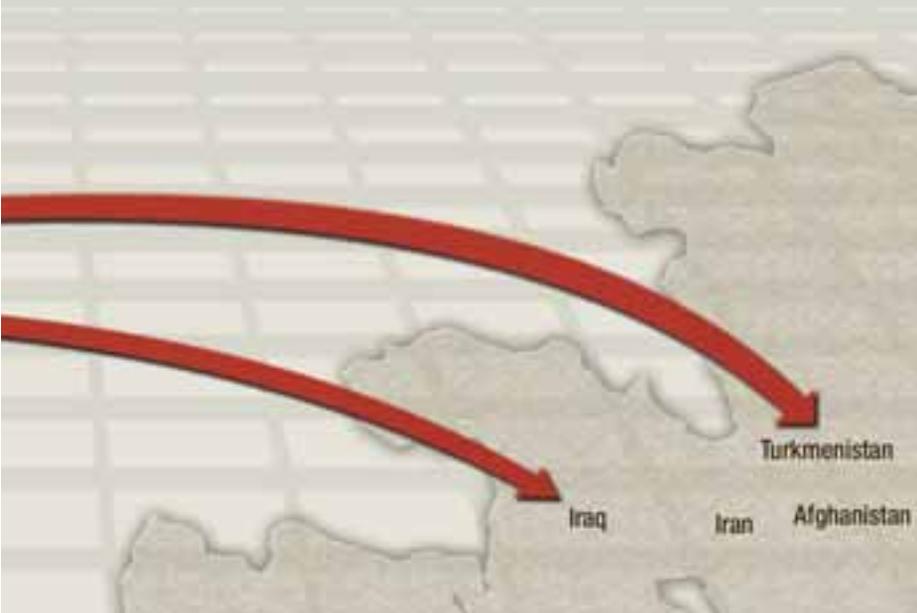
Governor Jim Gibbons had the chance to spend the day with members of the Army and Air Guard as part of their Operation Jump Start missions in late summer. Nevada soldiers and airmen worked on border missions in Arizona, California and New Mexico. See more photos and a full story on the Jump Start missions on page 18. Photo: Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter



Friends and family of 1/221st Cavalry welcomed home their soldiers at Reno and Las Vegas ceremonies in late summer. Photo: Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter



2nd Lt. Lawrence Chappell assists Bolivian medics as part of the 152nd Medical Group's MEDRETE deployment to South America. See page 14 for more on the deployment. Photo: Courtesy of 152nd Medical Group



*Five airmen from the 152nd Communications Flight took on a 10-day deployment to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, upgrading and installing network server applications, upgrading antivirus servers and physically moving a SIPRnet location. Because of the time difference to the island nation, Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Barozzi, Senior Master Sgt. Rob Taulman and Master Sgts. Steven White and Steven Graham (pictured) had to work through the night to connect with the network operations service center in McConnell Air Force Base, in Kansas. Photo: Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Barozzi*

*Brig. Gen. Robert Fitch examines some of the weaving work for which Turkmen are known.*



*Traditional Turkmen dancers help celebrate the recent opening of a border crossing facility on the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan border. As part of the State Partnership with Turkmenistan, the Nevada Guard worked tirelessly with Turkmen government officials, the U.S. embassy, CENTCOM and local contractors to ensure the most up-to-date, modern facility to help combat the flow of illegal drugs into and out of their nation. The Nevada Guard has also built a border crossing station on the Iranian-Turkmen border and is in negotiation for several others. Photos: Capt. April Conway*

# Right time, right place: Guard members' land

By Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter, Joint Force Headquarters



Jan Miller reads a letter of gratitude to five of the seven soldiers who helped save her husband's life. The Millers hosted a thank you party for family and friends a few weeks after the accident. From left: Sgt. Craig Shean, Spc. Justin Molnar, Officer Candidate David Tallman, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Simmons and 2nd Lt. Brett Anderson. Photo: Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter

Bruce Miller is either one lucky or one very unlucky individual.

On a chilly spring afternoon, Miller was loading a 1940s-era farm tractor onto a trailer while working off rural Red Rock Road north of Reno. As he drove the aging tractor up the ramp it suffered a mechanical breakdown and rolled back down. Thinking he could control it, Miller decided to ride it out, but when he turned the steering wheel to avoid a car, he and the tractor slid into a nearby drainage ditch, flipping and pinning Miller underneath the two-ton machine.

He couldn't breathe under the crushing weight and his body was contorted. Medical personnel later said he would have had only a few minutes of life after a pinning like that. Miller's wife, Jan, and 16-year-old son, Chris, watched the whole thing happen and they knew right away this was a desperate situation. Chris quickly did what he could, turning off the tractor engine and grabbing a high-lift jack that was nearby, but the situation was too much for the stronger-than-average teenager.

That was Miller's really unlucky part.

Within moments, though, as desperate as everything seemed, Miller became the luckiest guy on Earth that day.

It happened that area of Red Rock borders the Nevada National Guard's Stead Training Facility. It also happened to be a drill weekend. Seven members of the 422nd Signal Battalion just happened to be doing some less-than-routine land navigation training right

near the accident scene.

Jan finished dialing 9-1-1 and darted toward the soldiers who had not yet realized the extent of the accident.

"We saw the tractor overturned and there was fresh dust in the air, so we knew something happened but didn't know what," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Simmons. "Then we saw a woman running across the field, waving her hands trying to get our attention. We stopped quickly and she told us her husband was trapped under the tractor."

The soldiers, 2nd Lt. Brett Anderson, 2nd Lt. Kurn Ma, Officer Candidate David Tallman, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Simmons, Sgt. Craig Shean, Spc. Justin Molnar and Pvt. 1st Class Kurn Hee Ma quickly rushed to the scene.

"We were amazed when we got there," Simmons said. "Miller's knee was up to his chin, he was frothing blood from his mouth. We didn't think he was going to make it, but I checked his pulse, and I got one, so we went into action any way we could."

The soldiers grabbed whatever parts of the tractor they could and managed to lift the tractor slightly, giving Miller a chance at a breath. Simmons learned Chris had other high-lift jacks available and told him to go get them.

Chris and the soldiers began cranking up the jacks as best they could, but the jacks weren't in the best of condition. The men still were lifting much of the weight with their own brute strength.

Sgt. Craig Shean saw hydraulic liquid and fuel leaking all over

# nav skills turn to life saving skills

Miller. Knowing the liquid could exacerbate an already life-threatening situation, Shean found a way to stop the leaking fluid.

"I just tore whatever I could off my uniform. I had to soak up the liquids, and my uniform was the only thing around."

The struggle to keep the tractor from ultimately suffocating Miller went for almost a half hour until rescue crews from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Care Flight arrived, giving the final helping hand.

It seemed like an eternity, but the soldiers were able to relax their now whitened and numbed hands.

It wasn't just the fortuitous location of land navigation training that helped save Miller, but also the training the soldiers had from just being soldiers. All of them had years of experience in the military and knew how to use their skills in a high-pressure situation.

"We knew how to take control of the situation," Simmons said. "We were able to coordinate with rescue crews with good communication on the scene as well as use any life-saving skills we knew."

"Everyone I've told this story to has heard that if it wasn't for the training we received from the military, it would have been a much different outcome. I think we would have just stood there in shock not knowing what to do if we didn't have our military training."

Miller said he doesn't really remember much after the tractor went down the ramp, but when he heard the story, he's amazed he's still here to talk about it.

"I'm still astounded," Miller said. "I mean, I always hear stories

of tractor accidents, but I never hear of stories where anyone survives. If it hadn't have been for the soldiers, I would not be here today. I can't thank the National Guard enough."

A few weeks later, the Miller family invited the seven soldiers to their Reno home to show their gratitude for the soldiers' bravery. It turned into a party that drew Miller family and friends and even members of the local media just to hear and meet those involved in the incredible story.

Miller and Jan then presented the soldiers with personal medals for heroism as well as lots of hand shakes and hugs.

From the 422nd, each soldier also received the Nevada Medal of Merit for their actions.

Miller is recovering from his injuries and hopes to tame the tractor again in the near future.

Jan seemed to be the most grateful to have her "Rock" back. That's her name for him, because as she says, he is her emotional rock. To her, the word heroes is almost strong enough to describe the soldiers, but it's the best way to describe them she said.

"I am forever grateful to these men for giving my husband back to me. They are in the truest sense of the word, heroes."

Bruce Miller really is one lucky individual. ■

*Staff Sgt. Ritter auditioned for and was offered the job of striped-shirt, singing "Steve" on Nickelodeon's "Blue's Clues." He turned it down to remain in uniform. Really.*

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# Sierra Pacific receives Freedom Award for reserve component support

By Lt. Col. Steve Ranson, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Dominic Tanzi, an electrical specialist with the Nevada Air National Guard, said he couldn't ask for a better civilian employer, especially in this post-9/11 world.

The Dayton resident is one of a handful of National Guardsmen employed by Sierra Pacific Resources, one of 15 recipients of this year's 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Award.

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***"We can freely serve our country when needed and not have the fear of losing our job or status. I can't tell you how important that is."***

*– Brig. Gen. Robert Fitch*

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"We have been supporters of the military in terms of the National Guard and Reserve by assuring when they go off on military duty, we keep their jobs for them," said Michael Yackira, CEO and president of Sierra Pacific Resources. "The award goes to our employees, especially for what they do for our country."

Sierra Pacific Resources is the parent company for Sierra Pacific Power in northern Nevada and Nevada Power in southern Nevada.

In late 2001 when Guardsmen were called up for airport security, Tanzi, 29, said Sierra Pacific Resources was there to help.

"I was activated for security on base (in Reno) for six months," Tanzi said. "They maintained insurance and made up the difference in wages."

Since that time, Tanzi, an 11-year employee, has been deployed on short tours to Saudi Arabia and in-country, and he said his employer has been very accommodating.

"They have been real good, and my co-workers have been good," Tanzi said. "The employees are helpful, and if anything would have happened with my house, most guys would have been there (to help) in a heartbeat."

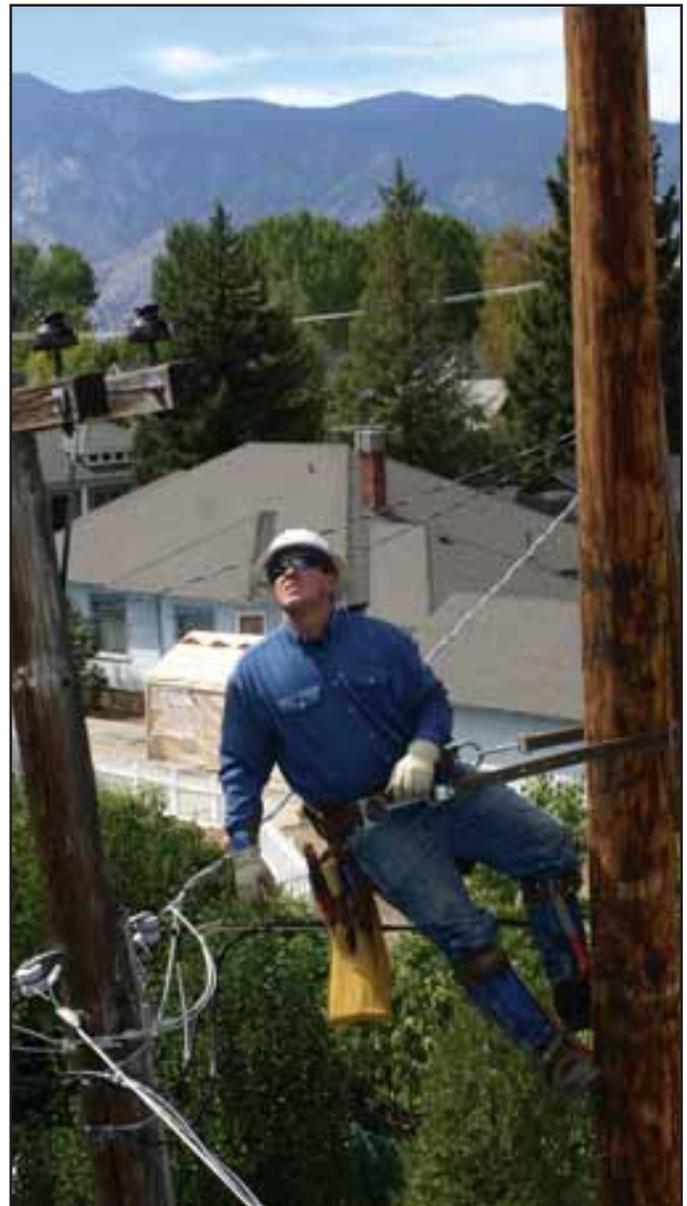
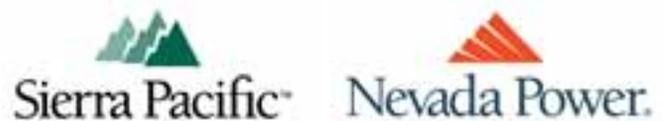
While Sierra Pacific Resources has assisted Tanzi during his annual training and deployments, the Nevada Air National Guard has reciprocated.

During floods or storms, Tanzi works for the power company to help restore power.

"If I need to reschedule a drill date, the Guard has no problem," Tanzi said. "The Angora Fire (a brush fire that occurred in August near Reno) happened over a drill weekend. There was no problem there with the Guard."

Brig. Gen Robert Fitch, commander of the Air Guard, was Tanzi's supervisor when the lineman was called to airport security duty. He applauds Sierra Pacific's proactive approach in helping Guardsmen.

"After 9/11, everything changed. The country got serious with the



*Staff Sgt. Dominic Tanzi is a lineman for Sierra Pacific Power in Carson City and applauds his employer for helping him balance his work there with his job in the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron.*

*Photo: Lt. Col. Steve Ranson*

National Guard when Guardsmen were called to active duty," said Fitch, a transition manager for a new computer project.

Sierra Pacific Resources has had about 30 National Guard and reserve military personnel deployed since 9/11. The company recently increased its number of military leave days per year from 11 to 30 days, and employees receive civilian/military pay differential and continuation of full benefits while deployed.

"We can freely serve our country when needed and not have the

fear of losing our job or status," Fitch said. "I can't tell you how important that is."

Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales spent almost eight months in Baghdad before he became commander of Nev. Army Guard. Gonzales is the executive in charge of operations for Nevada Power in Las Vegas. When Gonzales deployed to Baghdad, the company made up the difference in salary and he retained his benefits.

"They were great," he said. "This company is just so amazing. They have done everything to support the war effort."

The other 2007 Freedom Award winners recognized during the September ceremony in Washington, D.C., included Con-Way, Inc., Gantt's Excavating and Contracting and General Motors Corporation.

The Freedom Award is the highest possible level of recognition given to employers by the Department of Defense. The award was instituted in 1996 by then Secretary of Defense William Perry.

With Sierra Pacific's Freedom Award, Nevada companies have now secured three awards in the past two years. Nevada's MGM Mirage and Sun Valley General Improvement District both won Freedom Awards in 2006.

The Freedom Award process begins with a nomination by an employee. For nomination information or information on the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve, go to [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org). ■

*Lt. Col. Ranson was recently recognized with a National Newspaper Association first place award for In-Depth Reporting for his 2006 five-part series about the Nevada National Guard's involvement in Operation Jump Start.*



*Sierra Pacific Resources President Michael Yackira, center, receives the 2007 Freedom Award in September from Thomas Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and Gen. James Cartwright, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.*

*Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka*

## ESGR assists in preventing, resolving employment issues

*By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs*

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act provides employment protection for soldiers and airmen during deployment and training, but it doesn't give the National Guard member the right to act irresponsibly toward his or her civilian employer.

While USERRA works to guarantee items such as soldier and airmen reemployment entitlements and a Guard member's right to attend drills or training, the act also states the responsibilities of the employee. These responsibilities include the timely notification of military duty to employers and a quick return to work after training or military leave.

When disagreements and misunderstandings surrounding civilian employment responsibility do arise, the parties can look toward the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to assist in mediating and resolving problems that stem from National Guard or reserve membership, training or duty.

Nevada itself has more than 30 active ESGR volunteers statewide who can provide free consultation and mediation for Nevada



employers of National Guard and Reserve employees.

ESGR also provides an Ombudsman Services Program that can informally mediate and resolve most employer/employee conflicts. ESGR is not an enforcement agency and does not offer legal counsel or legal advice, but most requests for assistance through the ombudsman program are resolved without a referral to the Department of Labor for a formal investigation.

The ESGR office in Carson City can also provide an Employer Resource Guide that includes guidance on a variety of questions and situations that may arise between an employer and employee. Some of the topics covered include time limits for an employee to return to work, required documentation for military duty and job position reinstatement rules.

For information on the Nevada ESGR, call (775) 887-7386. ■

*Curmudgeon Sgt. 1st Class Studenicka is the sole Battle Born staff writer who argues that a cheeky tagline poses an odd juxtaposition to a serious article.*



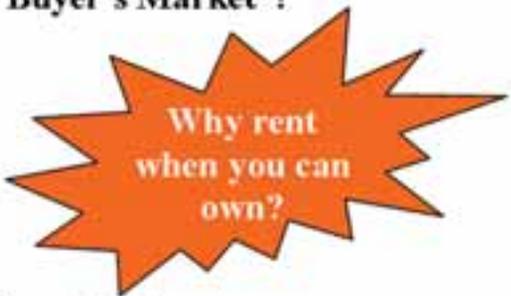
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# 593rd's morale buoyed by woman's web of support

By Capt. Jeff Johnson, 106th Public Affairs Detachment



*P.J. Degross is a tireless supporter of the Nevada National Guard and other military organizations. Her ability to garner support from local individuals and businesses has ensured hundreds of service members are supported with letters from home and care packages. She is also an invaluable resource for Nevadans who want to do "something" to help our troops. Find out more at [www.webofsupport.com](http://www.webofsupport.com). Photo: Capt. Jeff Johnson*

P.J. Degross, the founder of [webofsupport.com](http://webofsupport.com), is a special person to many of the Nevada Guard members who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Her Internet-based program is comprised of volunteers who adopt soldiers and send care packages and letters to them while they are deployed. Program volunteers are caring individuals who recognize that deployed service members are far from home and may benefit from kindness during an often arduous time of their life.

Based in Carson City, Degross said the Web of Support has adopted more than 600 soldiers since she began the program in 2003. Her list of units supported started with the 317th Signal Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Sacramento, and has grown to include the 101st Airborne Division, the Arizona Army Guard and the Nevada Army Guard's 593rd Medium Transportation Company.

The adoptions are frequently beneficial to both the soldier and citizen adopter. When Capt. Amadeo Flores, commander of the 593rd, met Degross at his unit's initial mobilization process, he wasn't sure what to expect, but encouraged his soldiers to sign up for adoption.

"P.J. was able to help create some really neat relationships between our Guardsmen and concerned folks around the country," Flores said. "Some soldiers got letters and packages from their adopted families every single month, and several used part of their leave time to go visit their adopted families."

Soldier adoptions weren't the end of Degross's relationship with the 593rd. Flores said his unit was housed about three miles from the dining facility at LSA Adder and many soldiers bought bicycles to make the trek. Because the soldiers would often have to travel to the

dining facility in the dark, the fact that many bikes were not equipped with lights became a safety concern.

"I mentioned to P.J. that we could use some bike lights and, using her contacts in the community, before I knew it we had more than 50 front, back and flashing bike lights," Flores said. "What started out as a safety issue was quickly and easily solved by this woman with boundless energy and enthusiasm."

Degross said she receives a great deal of satisfaction through her work with [webofsupport.com](http://webofsupport.com).

"I love working with the National Guard members and their families," said Degross.

One of the points she makes is that National Guard family members are often scattered over large geographical areas and do not have the support and resources of active duty families.

"I seem to have an affinity for the National Guard," said Degross, whose father was in the National Guard in the 1940s.

Degross said she will continue to support the Nevada National Guard as units deploy around the world and she has committed to assisting the Nevada Guard's 72nd Military Police Company during its upcoming deployment.

One of the principles of the program is that it is nonpartisan and does not express an opinion on the war.

For information on the program or to learn more about adopting a soldier, visit [www.webofsupport.com](http://www.webofsupport.com). ■

*Capt. Johnson may be a writer for the Guard, but at home it's back to basics as he helps his 4-year-old master the letter J.*

# Air Guard medics take

All photos courtesy 152nd Medical Group



*Lt. Col. Catherine Kanwetz and Master Sgt. Brian McBeth performed dozens of tooth extractions while in Bolivia.*

*By Tech. Sgt. Kerry Jackson  
12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern Public Affairs*

U.S. Southern Command officials recently deployed more than 30 Air Force medics to Bolivia to participate in a two-week-long Medical Readiness Training Exercise, including 13 from the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Medical Group.

Air Force medics, working with Bolivian health officials, provided free medical treatment to underserved populations in Bolivia while gaining invaluable experience and training.

"We are happy to be in Bolivia doing what we love most and that is helping people get better," said Col. Jack Schnurr, the MEDRETE mission commander and commander of the 152nd Medical Group. "I am very proud of the work we are doing here and hope we can do many more missions like this in the future."

Airmen provided medical care including general medicine, pediatrics, optometry and dentistry.

The team came with a medicine cabinet of pharmaceutical drugs costing more than \$45,000, while the total cost of the mission came to more than \$150,000.

The team treated more than 1,300 Bolivians in three remote locations. Although medical issues varied from patient to patient, care is consistently needed to treat a number of parasite infections, skin diseases, and life-threatening diseases like abscesses.



"We are seeing things here that could very easily be seen on our deployments into Southwest Asia," Schnurr said. "Leishmaniasis (a rare skin disease) is endemic in Southwest Asia, so for us to see similar diseases here gives exposure to some of the (medics) who have not yet deployed."

Along with the added benefits of providing care to the Bolivians and treating foreign illnesses, the team gained a wealth of mobilization experience that started well before arriving and treating their first patient. The team went through the entire pre-deployment process from arranging the logistics, personnel readiness, travel and

# medical mission to Bolivia

other deployment processes vital to their success.

A critical component to mission accomplishment included several Spanish translators who are bridging the language gap between patient and doctor.

"This mission would have been severely handicapped had it not been for our team of translators," said Maj. Scott Shepherd, a doctor from the Reno unit. "Our goal is to reach as many people as possible, and their help is allowing us to do just that."

There is a consistent level of praise from the Bolivians for the care the medical team is providing.

"For my family, medical care is expensive, and it is not easily accessible," said Gabriel Solano, a father of four who traveled more than six hours to receive medical care. "This treatment from the doctors from the United States and the free medicine they are providing is going to really help my family."

While there are airmen from various Air Force units participating in this exercise, the majority of the medical staff come from the 152nd and the 163rd Medical Group from March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The team treated more than 800 Bolivian patients.

U.S. Southern Command sponsors approximately 70 MEDRETES per year and 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern, the air and space component to USSOUTHCOM, plan and execute about 30 of these exercises in locations throughout Central America and South America plus additional sites throughout the Caribbean. ■

*Tech. Sgt. Jackson's Midwestern accent prevents him from properly enunciating the word "hungry". He's often teased because it sounds as if he's saying "hone-grey."*



*Lt. Col. (Dr.) Catherine Kanwetzel trades smiles with a young Bolivian girl.*



*Tech. Sgt. Jason Farnsworth, Staff Sgt. Michelle O'Connor and 2nd Lt. Lisa DelVecchio spend time with a newborn brought in for treatment.*



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# Veteran Marine fits Army Guard, not military stereotypes

By Maj. Terry Conder, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

Everyone knows about the Marines.

The phrase: *Semper Parati*. The motto: *The few, the proud*. They're arrogant, truculent and have a reputation for fighting. They are exactly the kind of guys you'd want beside you in combat, but not the kind you'd invite to your toddler's birthday party.

That's the stereotype, but it doesn't fit Sgt. John Cantor.

One look into Cantor's eyes and you can tell he's still a Marine. But there's much more to this 35-year old who recently joined the Nevada Army National Guard after a 10-year break in service.

Cantor joined the Marines when he was 18 and traveled all over the world. Assigned to a Marine Expeditionary Unit, he was often forward deployed.

"Life at sea for Marines can be monotonous," Cantor said. "Sometimes after a long time on ship, tempers would flare up. So when we came into port, most guys looked forward to partying."

But not Cantor.

"I wasn't one of those as-soon-as-you-get-off-the-ship, go-drinking types," he said. "I felt like I was representing America."

So when his ship sailed into Singapore, Cantor, along with the chaplain and a group of other Marines, sought out community service, not bars. They cleared foliage for hiking paths and painted an orphanage. In the United Arab Emirates, he helped clean up and renovate a facility for the mentally disabled.

During his five years in the corps, Cantor experienced everything from winter training on Mount Fuji in Japan to preparing for an amphibious landing in east Africa.

"In 1993, we were locked and loaded off the coast of Somalia, but the order never came down, so we never made it to shore," he said.

Born in El Salvador, Cantor's family moved to the United States when he was six.

Cantor said he was drawn to the military for a number of reasons. It offered economic opportunity and a chance to see the world while serving his country. While in the Marines, he became hooked on the military lifestyle. In fact, it took such a strong hold of him that even after he left the Marines, he thought all the time about serving again.

After nearly six years with the Corps, Cantor took a job with the city of Santa Ana.



*Sgt. John Cantor of the 1864th Transportation Company helps nurture good soldiers, good children and good plants at his three jobs as Guardsman, parent-volunteer and gardener.*

*Photos: Maj. Terry Conder*

When he first arrived in Las Vegas, Cantor worked as a security guard at Sunrise Hospital.

"That was a wake up experience," he said. "It was sad to see people on a revolving door of alcohol abuse, addiction and domestic violence."

Cantor said the job began to wear him down and when a neighbor suggested he apply with the Clark County School District, he decided to give it a try.

Cantor has now worked for the school district for three years. He started as a custodian, and he's now the head gardener at Eldorado High School.

His hours allow him to be a regular parent-volunteer at his son's school.

He also likes being a role model.

Eldorado High School has one of the largest JROTC units in the state. Cantor enlisted into the Nevada Army National Guard at Eldorado in front of a group of JROTC students. He said he felt it was important for teenagers to witness the ceremony.

When Cantor joined the National Guard, he found an opening in the 1864th Transportation Company and he's excited to become licensed to drive big trucks.

Cantor said the Marine Corps prepared him for just about everything. He learned important lessons about discipline and endurance. During his first National Guard drill he took a fitness test and did well.

But there were some things he wasn't prepared for – like Army acronyms.

"My first drill letter was filled with things I didn't recognize," Cantor said. "ACUs, MUTA – I had to ask a lot of questions."

Some people might wonder why he joined the National Guard at a time when America is at war and the Army is under a great deal of stress.

So what was Cantor thinking when he enlisted?

"You have to know what you're getting into when you join the military, especially now" Cantor said. "The 1864th has already served one tour in Iraq. My family is concerned, but I feel I'm prepared for anything."

He may have to be ready soon. The Army Force Generation model makes the 1864th available for another tour in 2009. ■

*A high school teacher for more than 30 years, Maj. Conder spends a good part of each summer teaching military journalism students at the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md.*



# Nevadans jump-start operations at the border

By Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

It's hot, dry and dusty. Nevada soldiers and airmen are living in austere conditions. There are people on the other side of the wire who don't like the U.S. military and throw insults and rocks to display their displeasure with our presence.

The situation describes a war zone many Nevada Guard members have faced during the global war on terrorism. But in reality, the scene is right here on our own soil at Operation Jump Start along the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Since the Bush administration decided to tackle the troubled border area as part of the homeland defense strategy, the border can often feel like a war zone atmosphere but without the actual outbreak of full-blown armed conflict.

During the past few years, Bush has directed National Guard troops to help bolster the border services. Though the Guard is not there as an armed policing presence, it is picking up many of the extra duties such as camera monitoring, clerical duties and vehicle maintenance. The Guard's presence frees up thousands of man hours that gives the agencies the ability to focus on their prime objective – to protect America from illegal and dangerous activity by those individuals attempting to cross the border.

The Nevada National Guard has participated extensively in the nation's call for border assistance. Most of Nevada's border elements served in California this year, but some have served in Arizona and New Mexico as well. During the summer, about 200 Nevada Guard members participated in border operations.

The 992nd Troop Command, 593rd Transportation Company (elements not deployed), 1/140th Security and Support Battalion, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the 150th Maintenance Company

all participated in either annual training or supplemental Operation Jump Start missions. Aviation units operated out of North Island, Calif., the 992nd was based at Camp Morena, Calif., and the 152nd was out of Tecate, Calif. The 150th operated out of Arizona and New Mexico.

Nevada Gov. Jim Gibbons and Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Cynthia Kirkland recently traveled to the border to see Nevada's National Guard members performing on the border and they viewed operations including road improvements, aerial observation flights and transportation missions.

Some Nevada units and squadrons are very experienced with border missions. The Air Guard's civil engineers have been working with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Service for the past two summers.

Some wonder why Nevada personnel have been placed along other states' borders to help with their security problems. The answer is Nevada may be several hundred miles away from Mexico, but some of Nevada's most traveled roads reach far south toward the border and they pose a potential avenue for illegal drug traffickers.

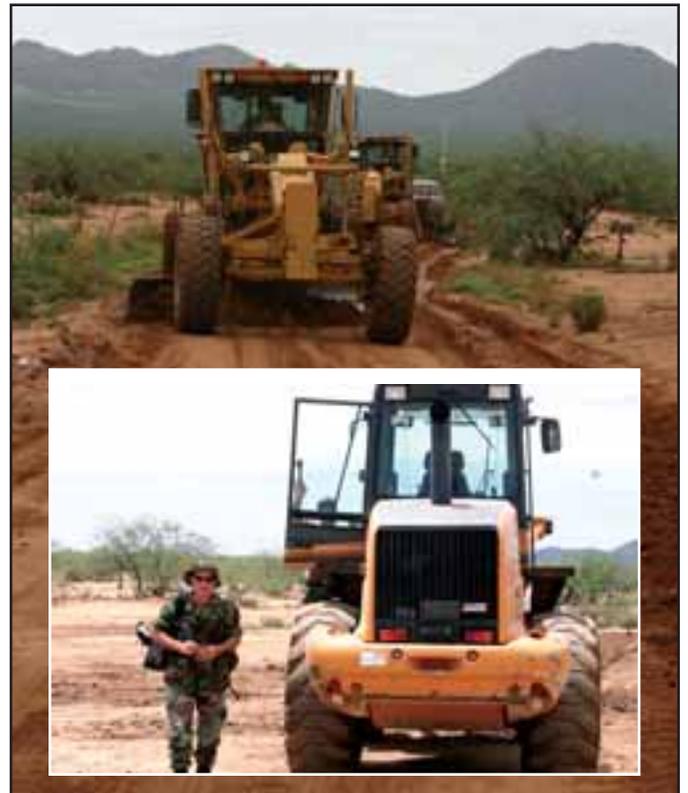
Kirkland explained there are two primary reasons why the Nevada Guard is assisting on the border.

"For starters, it needs to be done. The border has been largely unprotected for some time, and it's been a huge security issue for the United States," Kirkland said. "Plus, our soldiers and airmen are getting the best possible training in this real-world environment that will help those who are doing this as part of their annual training as well as other training."

Battle Born Guard members have been smoothing roads, creating



Airmen from the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron grade roads near the fence line on the U.S./Mexico border. Photos: Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter





**150th Maintenance Co. Staff Sgt. Robert Pool repairs a transfer case for a Border Patrol vehicle.**

drainage ditches, securing fencing and helping to spot any illegal activity across the vast border.

Kirkland said the Nevada Guard members are having a readily visible positive affect on the border situation.

“It’s working,” Kirkland said. “Our soldiers and airmen are doing their job well, and the federal and state border agencies are able to concentrate more on their job.”

Statistics support her statement. Arrests and illegal-immigration attempts denied at the border number in the thousands. Potential border crossers aren’t just seeing a lone U.S. border patrol guard on a hill any more. They’re seeing U.S. service members in uniform at locations throughout the border area and their presence is delivering a message to potential illegal immigrants that the U.S. is serious about its security.

“It’s a really great deterrent,” Kirkland said.

Kirkland said that she plans to have Nevada personnel continue their jobs at the border until the conclusion of the current presidential call-up set for next year. ■

*Staff Sgt. Ritter recently became the Regional Transportation Commission public information officer in Reno. He encourages everyone to use public transportation, mainly so your cars won’t slow him down in traffic.*

# New TRICARE rates more affordable

*By Master Sgt. Tori Windsor, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Less costly and less confusing than the previous TRICARE Select program, TRICARE Reserve Select now gives traditional Guard members access to more affordable healthcare coverage.

Improvements to the program, authorized by Congress in 2005 and enhanced by the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, include a simplified, one-tier system that offers a flat rate for either individual or family coverage. The premium for member-only coverage is \$81 a month and for member-and-family coverage, the cost is \$253 a month. Premiums are adjusted each year, with changes effective on Jan. 1. Although all National Guard members qualify for TRS, those who are eligible for or covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, as are many full-time Air and Army technicians, are not allowed to enroll in TRS.

Recruiters say the new coverage option is a big draw. Master Sgt. Al Schilling, a recruiter for the Nevada Air Guard says he gets lots of questions from parents of potential enlistees about health insurance.

“We can put a lot of parents at ease now, knowing that their son or daughter is able to have health insurance,” Schilling said. “Healthcare may not be forefront in the mind of a 19-year-old, but it sure is to their mom or dad.”

And it sure was for Airman 1st Class Krysta Drinkwine, a recent Air Guard enlistee. Drinkwine came from the active duty Air Force, but when she and her husband began a family, she wanted to move home to Gardnerville.

“The new TRICARE option is a huge deal to us,” Drinkwine said. “Buying insurance on your own is hugely expensive and whether it’s the active duty or the Guard, health insurance is a benefit no one can overlook.”

The TRICARE Reserve Select plan offers the benefits and coverage of TRICARE Standard and Extra, with cost shares, deductibles and catastrophic caps similar to the active-duty version. The fee-for-service plan allows those covered to see any TRICARE-authorized provider, network or non-network. TRICARE Prime is not an option for TRS members. If a member has other health insurance, TRS will be the secondary payer.

Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the TRICARE Management Activity, said the new program is a good deal for the Guard and Reserve, giving members access to about 200,000 providers and 50,000 hospitals in the TRICARE network. They will also be able to use more than 55,000 pharmacies and receive treatment at military medical facilities on a space-available basis.

Other changes to the TRS include expanded survivor coverage and continuous enrollment, with no specific “open seasons” or eligibility periods after deployment. Enrollment forms for the new program are available through the Guard and Reserve portal at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs>. Participants in the three-tier TRS program, which expired on Sept. 30, will have to enroll in the new program to maintain coverage.

Members must submit payment of one month’s premium with their completed TRS Request Form to begin coverage. If the request for coverage and premium payment are received or postmarked by the last day of the month, the effective date of TRS coverage will be either the first day of the next month or the first day of the month after that, as indicated on the TRS Request Form.

“Access to good healthcare is a huge readiness issue,” Granger said. The added benefit of coverage for the member’s family, said Granger, will improve retention as well as recruiting. “We recruit individual soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, but we retain families.”

For more information about TRS, visit [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil). ■



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# Air base hosts youth class on quest for leadership skills

By Capt. April Conway, Joint Force Headquarters – Photos courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Sarah Vernon



*Team Notorious: Top left to right: Ryan Turner, Ryan Graham, Ryan Leach, Ryan Lindberg. Middle left to right: Sam Greco, Jasmine DuPree, Anette Swindle, Jay DuPree, Paul Bright Jr., Kimberly Tibaduiza, Caleb Hartman. Bottom left to right: Amber Hull, Noah McCoy, Chelsea Piianuma, Amanda Benton, Brianna Hough, Holt Bogdanowicz, Lindsey Coscuna, Rick Bogdanowicz.*

When Master Sgt. Jennifer Turner signed up her 16-year-old son, Ryan, for the Youth Champions Class at the Nevada Air Guard Base in Reno, he had no intention of actually attending.

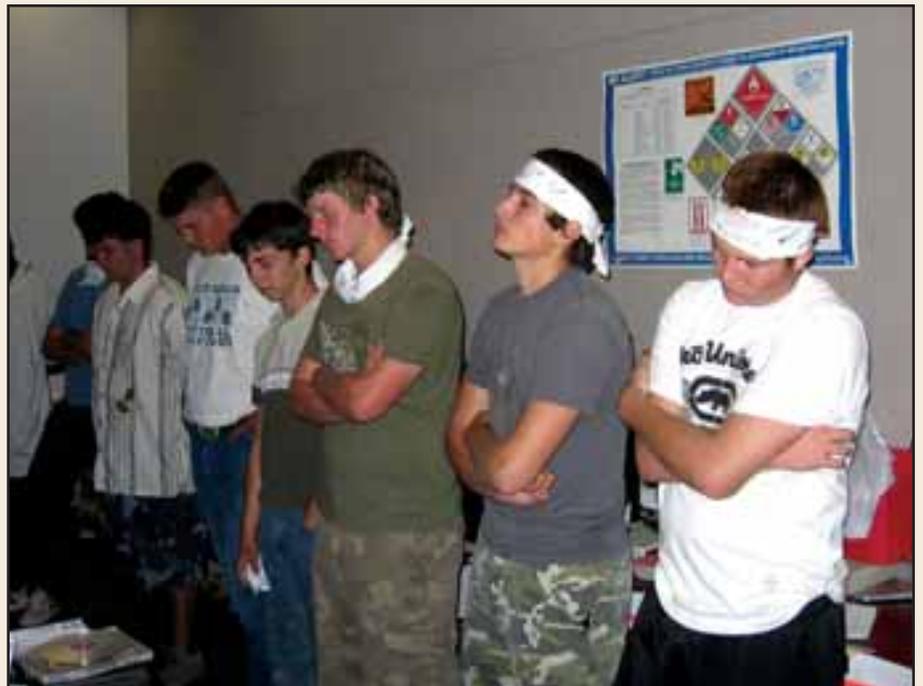
“I told her I didn’t want to sit in some dumb class,” the younger Turner said. “But she’s my mom and she forced me.”

Mom’s extra influence paid off.

“Now I actually thank my mom for making me go,” he admitted.

The Guard’s first Youth Champions Class was a collaboration between the Guard and Guardian Quest, a mentoring and diversity company. It’s a youth leadership approach to developing individual levels of self-awareness. It uses interactive processes and experiential learning methodology. For Ryan, that meant team-building exercises and getting a bigger picture of the world around him, helpful as the course ran just before school started this fall.

“We did an exercise where we intentionally stereotyped people by race, and



*Male students line up in a classroom to listen and prepare for the next challenge.*



*Amanda Benton and Brianna Hough take a few minutes to reflect and write down their life values.*

then had to look around at these people who had become such close friends, and try to think of them in such negative ways," Turner said. "It was horrible, but a big emotional changing point for me."

What that exercise taught, though, was that one doesn't have to be a member of any one person's race to stand beside and befriend them.

The course's leadership approach is founded on the understanding that not all youth learn at the same level academically; however, they do share similar adolescent life experiences.

"My friends at school said they didn't think it'd be cool," Ryan said. "Hearing people say they don't need this kind of class, you automatically know that they do need it. Everyone can benefit."

Most participants were between the ages of 14-18 and focused on empowering youth to become more active leaders in every aspect of their lives. Other focuses included improving school academic and citizenship grades, reducing the number of school absences, improving social behavior, increasing self motivation and diversity.

The three-day course, which was taught by Guardian Quest's Ramon Barboza, encouraged friendships that still exist today.

"We worked together, closely, and I still consider the other kids my good friends," Turner said.

The high school junior said he discovered a better way to look at others and not to judge based on looks.

"On the last day we made t-shirts and showcased on the back how we improved ourselves and how we want others to see us," Turner said. "The shirt reflects what I want people to think about me before they pass judgment."

While it is not a Nevada National Guard Family Programs-hosted course, planning is underway for another Youth Champions class in Reno. There is a fee to attend, but in the past, some scholarships have been available. For information, contact Master Sgt. Torry Thompson at (775) 772-3171. ■

*Although she'll never admit it to her mom, Capt. Conway can cite innumerable times her mother forced her to do something she later enjoyed.*

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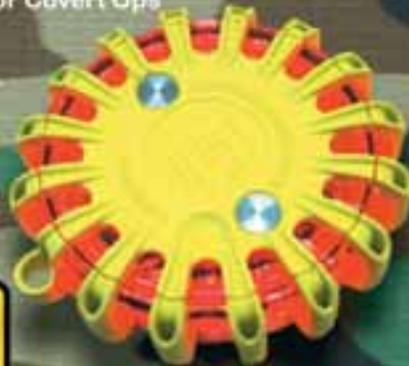
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# sets stage for more effective NV Guard

By Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs



*1st Lt. John Brownell of the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron participates in AFSO21 Training in Reno. Photo: Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter*

Working hard has its rewards, but working smarter has even better rewards.

For the past few years, the Air Force has developed a plan to bring operations and processes together and to rewrite the book on how to save time and money. The program is called Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO21) and is a program designed to solve problems, eliminate waste and systematically find better ways to streamline workloads and strengthen combat effectiveness.

The Nevada National Guard leadership had so much faith in AFSO21 that they asked to have it brought to the Silver State and it was recently presented to Nevada airmen and soldiers. Air Guard members from Channel Islands, Calif., also participated.

Though the course has been gaining traction since 2005, this

was the first time training has been held outside the Washington, D.C., area and the first time Army Guard members have been included in a cross-functional setting.

Nevada Adjutant General for Air, Brig. Gen. William Burks had seen firsthand how AFSO21 implementation had been successful at the Air Staff level at the Pentagon, the National Guard Bureau, and within major commands around the world. Burks worked with Air Staff coordinators to make the training available to the National Guard.

"I felt taking the training to the field and not only getting the book learning but the hands-on education would add significant realism to the lessons learned," Burks said.

According to the class coordinator, Chief Master Sgt. Ken Bunker, Nevada Guard leaders were aware of the benefits of the course.

"Once we saw what this could do for us, the TAG quickly asked to have the AFSO21 brought to Nevada," Bunker said. "This is the first time this course was being conducted in the field for the Guard, and we're really excited to have it here."

The program will also help to improve communications, personnel involvement, direction and motivation for all involved.

"We're going to be able to reduce a lot of waste now," said Bunker. "It will eliminate non-value added work in processes and free up people to focus on their real duties. That will save a lot of time and money and really help our combat effectiveness."

The AFSO21 tools will help units to meet five desired effects in the plan: People Productivity, Critical Assets Availability, Cycle Time/Combat Capability, Fuel Savings and Safety.

This initial facilitator course is a week long and Bunker believes everyone can benefit from the instruction. AFSO21 concepts are taken from successful corporations around the world, their value proven many times over. The language and mythology is seamless, whether you're repairing aircraft at Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, dispensing medicine at a pharmacy at Tyndall Air Force Base, completing a C-130 isochronal inspection in Nevada or developing new processes at a cell phone manufacturing plant somewhere in America, we all use common language, tools and techniques.

"We want everyone to have one language," he said. "If the Army Guard side and the Air Guard side are pretty much looking for ways to improve effectiveness, we think we should start with a common language. This way, an Army person can come in and sit down with some one from the Air side and still be able to do the job just as well."

While relatively new to the Air Force, process improvement techniques have been successfully used in American industry since the early 1900s. By 1920 Henry Ford had instituted process improvement methodology in his automobile manufacturing process. While others have perfected the process, Ford's pioneering work created the foundation upon which continuous process improvement is based.

The AFSO21 participants are trained using a lot of role playing and class participation that will help give them a practical understanding of the course's direction. They'll then have the tools to take what they've learned and implement it into their operating plans.

"This is just going to add so much value to what we do," Burks said. "I think this is the future of how we're going to do things, and it's going to make everything we do so much more effective."



# AWARDS • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

Moving Up and Moving On • June, July, August 2007

## AWARDS

### Legion of Merit



CSM Kathryn Bussell . . . . . JFHQ

### Meritorious Service Medal



Ms. Shelley Moe . . . . . JFHQ  
CPT John Krueger . . . . . C Co, 422nd Signal Bn  
SFC Michael Riley . . . . . C Co, 422nd Signal Bn  
1SG Michael Hallert . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
MAJ Clayton Chappell . . . . . 422nd Signal Bn  
CPT Lisa Martinez . . . . . 72nd MP Co  
SFC Stephen Lawrence . . . . . HHT, 1/221st Cav  
MAJ Eric Wishart . . . . . HHT, 1/221st Cav  
CPT Daniel McKenzie . . . . . HHT, 1/221st Cav  
MSG Lori Shaw . . . . . 421st RTI

### Commander's Award for Civilian Service



Mr. Eugene Becker . . . . . 152nd Intel Sqdn

### Army Commendation Medal



SFC Michael Ingenluyff . . . . . JFHQ  
SFC James Fricano . . . . . NVARNG Rec/Ret  
SSG Robert Cecil . . . . . NVARNG Med Det  
SPC Doval Hopper . . . . . C Co, 422nd Signal Bn  
SPC Michael Clark . . . . . A Trp, 1/221st Cavalry  
SPC Brian Crane . . . . . A Trp, 1/221st Cavalry  
SGT Lukas Haaglund . . . . . A Trp, 1/221st Cavalry  
SGT Patrick Whitson . . . . . A Trp, 1/221st Cavalry  
SSG Ivan Parsons . . . . . A Trp, 1/221st Cavalry  
SSG Donald Welch . . . . . HHT, 1/221st Cavalry  
SSG Richard Gilberti . . . . . HHT, 1/221st Cavalry  
1LT Laura Boldry . . . . . 421st RTI  
CPT Daniel Thielen . . . . . 421st RTI

### Army Achievement Medal



SSG Christopher Spinney . . . . . 150th Mait Co

### Air Force Achievement Medal



TSgt Jack West . . . . . 152nd Airlift Wing  
SrA Bradley Thompson . . . . . 152nd Comm Flt  
MSGT Dale Mills . . . . . 152nd Intel Sqdn  
MSGT Gregory Bartlett . . . . . 152nd Intel Sqdn

### Nevada Medal of Merit



2LT Kurn Ma . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
SPC Kurnhee Ma . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
SPC Justin Molnar . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
2LT Brett Anderson . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
SGT Craig Shean . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
SFC Eric Simmons . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
OC David Tallman . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn

### Adjutant General's Outstanding Graduate Award



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SPC Jami Smith . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
SSG Justin Strachan . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
SGT Trevor Wojcik . . . . . HHC, 422nd Signal Bn  
1LT Laura Boldry . . . . . 421st RTI

### Nevada Overseas Deployment Ribbon



CMSgt James Warner . . . . . Maint Ops. Flt  
SMSgt Erich Kolbe . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
MSGT Keith Maslowski . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
TSgt David Abell . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
TSgt Todd Houchens . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
TSgt James Wallis . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
TSgt Ryan Hysell . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
SSgt Randall Galera . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
SSgt Jennifer Gehring . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
SSgt Brandon Upton . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
SrA Dennis Anderson . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
SrA Mark Jewell Jr. . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
SrA John Marcum Jr. . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
SrA Kyle Weeden . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
LtCol John Week . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
CMSgt Robert Benton . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
SMSgt Richard Stone . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
MSGT Robert Garret . . . . . 152nd Aerial Port Flt  
MSGT Mark Gonzalez . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
MSGT William Hartzler III . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
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MSGT Douglas Podolsky . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
MSGT William Randall . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
MSGT Keith Maslowski . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
MSGT William Topken . . . . . 152nd Maint Ops. Flt  
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SSgt Virginia Lavigne . . . . . 152nd Aerial Port Flt  
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SSgt Nathan Schertel . . . . . 152nd Aerial Port Flt  
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SSgt Randall Black . . . . . 152nd Aerial Port Flt  
SSgt Stanley Bragg . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
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SrA Michael Yahne . . . . . 152nd Aerial Port Flt  
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SrA Rebecca McEwan . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
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### Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



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Maj Anthony Machabee . . . . . 192nd Airlift Sqdn  
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MSGT John Albertson . . . . . 152nd Log Sqdn  
MSGT David Curtis . . . . . 152nd Civil Eng. Sqdn  
MSGT Douglas Larson . . . . . 152nd Log Sqdn  
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TSgt Daphne Dominguez . . . . . 152nd Aerial Port Flt  
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Joseph Birchill  
Mary Bonds  
Anthony Liotta  
Robert Olsen  
Waylon Layton  
Brian Williams  
Mathew Fenn

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Dustin Barr

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Dylan Cooper  
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Marceyion Whitehead  
Michail Avramidis  
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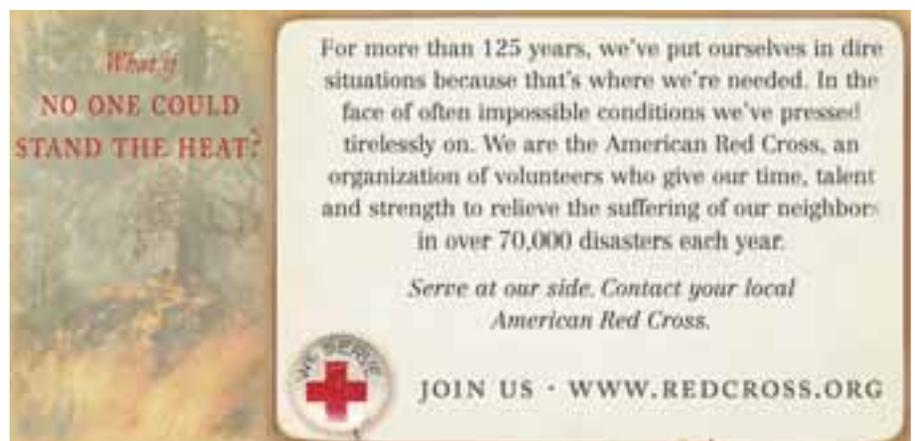
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Other Functions



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Holidays

DECEMBER 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> JFHQ, 152 AW, 152 IS, NVARNG Med. Det., 422 SB, 1/234 VCP, 137 MP, 140 MP, 1/221 CAV, 593 DUIC
<b>2</b> JFHQ, 152 AW, 152 IS, NVARNG Med. Det., 422 SB, 1/234 VCP, 137 MP, 140 MP, 1/221 CAV NVANG Awards Ceremony, NVARNG 1SG/NCO/Soldier of the Year Board	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  593 DUIC, 150 MC, 3/140th ANV, HHD 991 TC, 1/168 AVN, 1/189 AVN
<b>9</b> 150 MC, 3/140th ANV, HHD 991 TC, 1/168 AVN, 1/189 AVN	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  593 DUIC
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
1864 TC, 72 MP, 106 PAD, Vigilant Sentinel Exercise <b>30</b>	1864 TC, 72 MP, 106 PAD, Vigilant Sentinel Exercise <b>31</b>					1864 TC, 72 MP

JANUARY 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY  HHD 992 TC, 1864 TC, 72 MP, 106 PAD	<b>2</b>  HHD 992 TC, 1864 TC, 72 MP, 106 PAD	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> JFHQ, 152 AW, 152 IS, 3/140 AVN, MED DET, HHD 991 TC, 1/168 AVN, 1/189 AVN, 1/234 VCP, 137 MP, 140 MP, 485 MP
<b>6</b> JFHQ, 152 AW, 152 IS, 3/140 AVN, MED DET, HHD 991 TC, 1/168 AVN, 1/189 AVN, 1/234 VCP, 137 MP, 140 MP, 485 MP	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  1/221 CAV	<b>12</b>  1/221 CAV, HHD 421
<b>13</b>  1/221 CAV, HHD 421	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  593 DUIC	<b>26</b>  593 DUIC
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

FEBRUARY 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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