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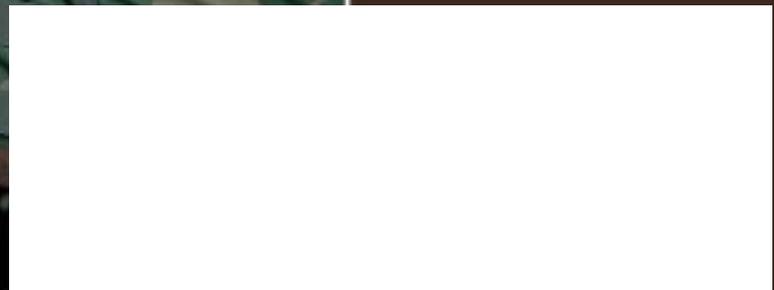
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ON THE COVER: Senior Airman Cory Galli, left, advises airmen how to ready themselves for a chemical combat situation in advance of the Operational Readiness Exercise. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Brig. Gen. William Burks, Director of the Joint Staff

Jointness an important concept not easily defined



*By Brig. Gen. William Burks,
Director of the Joint Staff*

As the head of the joint staff, I often hear the term “jointness” bandied about my office. Not found in Webster’s, the concept of jointness is perhaps best defined by explaining what jointness isn’t. Jointness isn’t about all of the services or components playing by Little League rules where everyone gets equal playing time. In the end, we all feel good about ourselves and justify our budgets in Washington.

I sometimes wonder why jointness as a concept is hard for us to grasp and perhaps the answer is found in what is ingrained into us as children. When I was growing up, I would play Army with my friends or fill a bathtub and float a battleship (no rubber duckies for me) or run around outside holding an airplane pretending to shoot down some enemy coming out of the sun.

What we never did was deploy all the little green soldiers next to the bathtub full of battleships while we waved an airplane overhead in some sort of integrated assault to achieve an objective determined by the national command authorities. Unfortunately, we spend most of our

careers learning the art of war associated with the deployment of our own particular service’s forces. To make matters worse, we always view the other services as supporting us and not us supporting them.

This brings us back to the original question of “What is jointness?”

Lawrence Wilkerson, the former assistant secretary of defense, describes jointness as, “understanding broadly what your fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines bring to the battle and trusting them to do it right and well – and they’re feeling the same way about you. The essence of jointness is understanding and trust.”

Wilkerson’s statement is among the best definitions of jointness. Most importantly, it touches upon the weak links in jointness: understanding and trust. For the most part, understanding and trust may not exist because of past misunderstandings.

As a result, each of the services has its own memories of times when other military branches responded with insufficient support. The dream of Sen. Sam Nunn that jointness would be a mechanism for eliminating redundant roles and missions still has not been achieved.

In reality, the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986 has caused all services to aim to dominate all aspects of ground, air, sea and cyberspace.

This is visible in the recent Congressional attempt to reduce redundancy in the military by mandating reviews of roles and missions every four years. But since the services are left to audit their own roles and missions, many of the tough decisions required are unlikely to be made.

Why is jointness important to me as a

Nevada Guardsman?

When one analyzes our two missions, it’s clear we must always adapt to meet the challenges thrown at us especially in times of fiscal constraints. This means we have to

use the best resource – blue, green or purple – to accomplish the task at hand as dictated by the situation. Each of us must be knowledgeable about the capabilities and limitations of each service.

For the state mission, the National Guard remains ready to serve Nevada’s citizens and to assist the population in contingency situations resulting from man-made or natural disasters.

In explaining our federal mission, I like to use analogies from two popular movies, “Patton” and “Forrest Gump.” For those of you from my generation, Gen. George S. Patton Jr. gives a speech during “Patton” stating his soldiers aren’t there to die for their country; rather they are there to make sure the enemy soldiers die for their country.

For the younger generation, the movie “Forrest Gump” best describes the federal mission. When Lt. Dan Taylor is saved by Forrest Gump in the jungles of Vietnam, he is outraged that Gump denied him his destiny – to die in battle.

Our job is to deny all of the “Lt. Dans” out there – regardless of branch of service – their “destiny” and instead achieve the national objective that enables us to save the nation’s most precious resource: its people. ■

Bathtub battleships aside, Burks played the accordion as a child and even appeared on several parade floats for Greco’s Music Center in Reno.

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– Lawrence Wilderson
Former Assistant Secretary of Defense

WE CAN TAKE IT! Spout off!



By Capt. April Conway
Managing Editor

The *Battle Born* magazine has been up and running for nearly two years and it's been a whirlwind experience. With the Nevada Guard involved in so many state and federal missions in addition to its extensive community involvement (see page 12), we table articles each and every quarter that simply don't fit into our 28 pages.

Since we're limited on space (our current publishing contract precludes us from producing a larger magazine), our crack staff of two full-time public affairs specialists and a host of overburdened traditional contributors want to make sure we're writing what you want to read.

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Thanks again for your readership and keep in mind we always welcome articles and high-resolution photos of your unit doing what it does best – keeping itself trained and ready for whatever mission comes down the pike. ■

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FROM THE STATE COMMAND SGT. MAJ.

Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Sitton

Attrition, retention rates ongoing priorities of Nevada Guard



*By Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Sitton
State Command Sergeant Major*

Attrition and retention are two of the National Guard's most pressing topics. To really understand why these issues are so important and whose responsibility they fall under, I will first give you the definitions of each and a little history on both.

Attrition: Separation of soldiers or airmen prior to achieving their expiration term of service.

Retention: Maintaining membership through extension of expiration of term of service or immediate reenlistment.

Throughout its history, the military has paid considerable attention to those who leave its ranks before the end of their obligated service. People are expensive to acquire and train. When they leave early, not only has the military lost a valuable asset, but it has to acquire and train a replacement.

Although concern over early departure has remained fairly constant, the means of departing has varied. Initially, most early departures occurred when the individual decided to leave either permanently (by deserting) or temporarily (by "going AWOL").

Clearly, some early separations are due to personal or family reasons. Eventually, the decisions surrounding early departure shifted to the institution as it separated those who could or would not perform acceptably.

Earlier in U.S. history, unauthorized separation from the armed forces generally constituted desertion. Desertion rates during the mid- to late-1800s tended to be high for several reasons: lack of training, liquor, general dissatisfaction with the service, tyrannical commanders and brutal treatment of men under their command, and the naiveté of enlisted personnel who were often misled by recruiters. It was also apparent that both pay and the state of the economy appeared to correlate with desertion rates.

With the inception of the all-volunteer force, the focus of concern shifted from AWOLs and desertions to the early attrition of individuals in their first term of service. Through the early 1980s, all of the military branches were losing about 30 percent of each entering cohort within three years of service.

Of those losses, most were classified as adverse, which includes inadequate performance during training, behavioral or attitudinal problems, homosexuality, pregnancy, minor or major criminal offenses, and substance abuse. The largest loss rate occurred during the initial six months, when

more than 10 percent of the entering cohorts were discharged.

As you can see, soldiers and airmen leaving the military early has been an issue for decades, even during a time of war. Retention rates have remained steady throughout the years, showing little variation through the decades.

The Army Guard's goal is to maintain a ready force with an attrition rate of 18 percent or lower and a retention rate of 100 percent. The commander of the Nevada Army Guard, Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales, has stated that 18 percent is too high and that every leader will strive to achieve 15 percent attrition.

It is incumbent upon the state's leadership, including every sergeant up through the generals, to ensure we do everything we can to retain our great warriors. Retention and attrition problems will not resolve themselves – but with hard work and effort we can combat and control these pressing issues.

We must work together to close our organization's "back door" and prevent the loss of the National Guard's most-prized assets – its highly-trained and experienced soldiers and airmen. ■

Though he swears he doesn't equate co-workers to the characters, Command Sgt. Maj. Sitton's favorite film is the Wizard of Oz.

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WASHINGTON – The Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority of Reno, Nev., received one of 15 Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Awards for 2008 here on Sept. 18. The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and reserve military components. REMSA President and CEO Patrick Smith receives the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. From left, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall, Smith, Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley and Undersecretary of Defense Dr. David Chu. Photo: Jason Brunson



LAS VEGAS – Country singing star Toby Keith is flanked by Sgt. 1st Class Donna Lucas and 1st Sgt. Michelle Sykes before a concert at Mandalay Bay in late summer. Keith donated 300 tickets for the show to the Army Guard in conjunction with the Senior NCO conference in southern Nevada. Photo: Courtesy of 1st Sgt. Michelle Sykes



ALEXANDRIA, La. – Senior Airman Lewis Dix of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron sets up aerial imagery equipment as part of a Hurricane Gustav relief mission on Sept. 2.

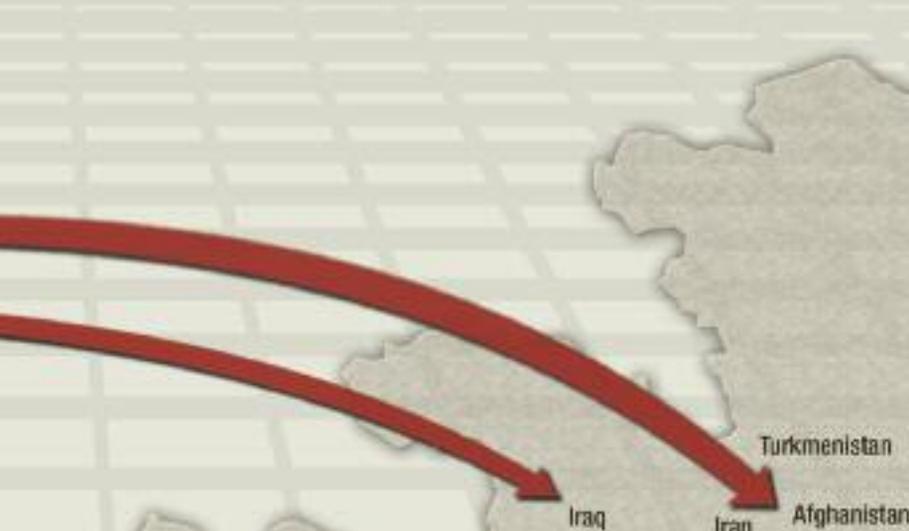
Thirty-six Guard members from the intelligence squadron, the 152nd Airlift Wing and the Nevada Guard Counterdrug office deployed aboard two C-130s to Montgomery, Ala., to perform aerial imagery collection in hurricane-ravaged Louisiana.

A few days later the Guard sent a CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the 1/189th Aviation and another 13 soldiers and airmen to Lafayette, La., and Naval Air Station New Orleans to assist in the Hurricane Ike recovery. Photo: Courtesy of Chief Master Sgt. Ken Gray



LAS VEGAS – Cadets Ryan Sanshuck, left, and Alain Monroy of the Nevada Army Guard and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, ROTC program perform with the honor guard in front of Las Vegas' Bellagio Hotel Sept. 25. Sanshuck is in the 593rd Transportation Company and Monroy is in the 1/221st Cavalry; both are simultaneous membership program soldiers who remain enlisted in the Army Guard while working toward their reserve commission.

The honor guard was on hand to salute the Wounded Warrior Project that was sponsoring the High Desert Soldier Bicycle Ride. The Wounded Warrior Project's mission is to honor and empower wounded military members and raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured servicemen and women. For information on the UNLV ROTC program, call Lt. Col. DebeeAnn Boyd at (702) 895-0455. Photo: Courtesy of retired Sgt. 1st Class Vito Valdez, 1/221st Cavalry



HAWTHORNE – Sgt. Vincent Arthur and Pvt. Stephen Priest conduct room-clearing procedures at a MOUT site mission during the 485th Military Police Company’s annual training.



HAWTHORNE – Spc. Brent Peden provides OPFOR during convoy operations at the 485th annual training in Hawthorne.



HAWTHORNE – Sgt. Matthew Fenn and Spc. Ryan Wagner perform an individual search while Spc. Christopher Rosales and Pfc. Patricia Cardona provide cover during urban operation training in Hawthorne. The soldiers are in the 485th MP Company. Photos: Lt. Col. Steve Ranson



IRAQ – More than 6,000 miles away from the actual competition, Lt. Col. Jeff Mark, right, of the 140th Military Police Detachment, runs with a Navy cohort while participating remotely in the Hood to Coast running relay. Mark ran with the “360 goes 180” team to take the popular Oregon relay to an international level. When it was time for Mark to run, his teammates “passed” the baton by telephone and he passed it back verbally when he completed his distance. The team covered the 192-mile course in about 35 hours and finished in 288th place.

Mark first ran the Hood to Coast Relay in 2007. He planned to participate again this year, but thought his chances were gone when he deployed to Iraq. But Celia Perkins, director of the Portland/Vancouver Fit marathon training program, knew of a Hood to Coast team she thought might welcome the opportunity to run with a virtual teammate.

“Since several of us have friends or family serving in Iraq or that are U.S. veterans, we thought arranging for Jeff to participate virtually would be a great way to show support of America’s Armed Forces,” Perkins said.

Photo: Courtesy of Lt. Col. Jeff Mark

High Rollers prepare to test ability

Story by Staff Sgt. Julie Parker and photos by Master Sgt. Suzanne Connell, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

VOLK AIR FORCE BASE, Wis. —

There was a sense of urgency among the Nevada Air Guardsmen when the warning came across the loudspeakers: "Alarm Blue, MOPP 4."

With an exercise evaluation team monitoring all actions, the Nevada airmen quickly donned gas masks and other protective chemical gear and were ready to carry out their combat job within a specified time frame.

The gas mask exercise occurred during the five-day Operational Readiness Exercise as airmen from the Nevada and Missouri Air National Guard as well as active-duty airmen from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., were tested on their ability to survive in a

wartime scenario.

This was the second full-scale preparatory exercise Nevada airmen participated in during the previous six months to ensure that everyone is ready for the Operational Readiness Inspection this fall. During the ORI, everyone will perform in a chemical combat environment with the Inspector General's office reviewing the process.

Training for the inspections scheduled for Oct. 26-Nov. 2 began about 18 months earlier for Nevada airmen. "The training has been labor intensive and at times painful," said 1st Lt. John Brownell, the 152nd logistics operations officer. "It is, however, very necessary and something that will not only help me with the ORI but also with my deployment to southwest Asia in January."

About 300 airmen (approximately one-third of the entire Nevada ANG) from the 152nd Airlift Wing are set to deploy

with the Missouri National Guard and Pope AFB units to become the 901st Air Expeditionary Wing. Those combined 900 airmen will then spend a week in Alpena, Mich., for their inspection.

The inspection promises to be very thorough and will begin in Reno with the processing of cargo and personnel. All 300 airmen will complete a deployment checklist, receive necessary equipment, and travel to Alpena, Mich.

Before the actual war games begin in Alpena, an air base must be built to sustain attacks. Everything, including vehicles, computers, radios, phones, shelters and sandbags, must be in place before the combat scenario begins.

The combat scenario portion of the inspection consists of air and ground attacks in addition to other contingencies that force people in full chemical gear to execute their military jobs repeatedly. The exercise then concludes with a full



A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules awaits the boarding of a simulated fallen airman at Alpena, Mich.



Firefighters from the Nevada Air National Guard merged into the 901st Air Expeditionary Wing for an operational readiness exercise.



Staff Sgt. Tiffany Tatum secures her protective clothing.



Members of the merged 901st Air Expeditionary Wing render honors for a simulated fallen airman while in chemical gear as part of Angel Flight.

in combat environment

re-deployment phase and an equally important base teardown.

“We have to guard against the ‘game over’ attitude that sometimes prevails after the combat portion of the inspection is over,” said Tech. Sgt. Michelle Farmer of the 152nd Airlift Wing readiness flight. “The re-deployment phase is just as important as the first two phases of the exercise – it is all part of our unit’s grade.”

Capt. Kyle Cerfoglio, the 152nd Airlift Wing’s public affairs officer, said he was eager to test what he had learned in preparation for the exercise.

“I really feel as if I’ve grown as a leader as well as an airman while getting ready for the inspection,” Cerfoglio said. “No matter what happens during the inspection itself, our unit as a whole is now better prepared for any combat environment.”

152nd Airlift Wing commander Col. Gary Turner was confident the preparatory work this past year would pay off this fall. “This exercise demonstrates our unit’s ability to deploy

and survive in a war-time environment,” said Turner. “I’m proud of all the work leading up to this ORI. Long hours have been worked by all.”

With numerous airmen participating in the exercises, which will likely include chaotic scenarios, communication promises to be an important factor in the exercise performance.

“I believe our airmen have performed well in the initial exercises, but there is always room for improvement. The real test will come in October,” Turner said. “The main thing we need to focus on is communication – that is the key to mission success.”

“We are a part of the 901st Air Expeditionary Wing; we all have to keep that in mind,” he said. “But with a positive attitude displayed by our airmen, we will come out of this exercise with a great shared experience.” ■



Airmen participate in Zone Transition Point training as instructed by Senior Airman Cory Galli of the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron at the Reno Air Base.



Commander of the 152nd, Col. Gary Turner (top), and the mission support group commander, Col. Jim Cumings, work in the command post.

An airman dons protective chemical equipment as part of training at the Reno Air Base for the October inspection.

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POLICES WORLD'S LARGEST COMBAT AIR BASE

By Tech. Sgt. Wendy Yada, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE – The long arm of the law at the world's largest combat air base was clad in the desert sand and foliage green of the Army combat uniform for 10 days in August when the Nevada National Guard's 137th Law and Order Detachment supplanted the Air Force's security forces here during the unit's annual training.

The 137th, headquartered in Henderson, teamed with airmen from Nellis' 99th Security Forces Squadron for both joint-force police training and real-world, on-base missions from Aug. 11-25. After four days of initial joint training, the 137th became the real-life fuzz on Nellis, involved in a variety of police activities including enforcing traffic laws, responding to domestic incident calls and processing driving-under-the-influence violations.

This was the first annual training ever performed by the 137th Law and Order unit. Established in November 2007, it is one of the Nevada Army Guard's newest units.

"It was our annual training period, and it coincided with the training of a whole new group of security forces police at Nellis, so it turned out to be an excellent joint-force training experience for everyone involved," said 137th commander 1st Lt. Laura Boldry. "For our unit, it was a great opportunity to learn how other military forces operate and recognize the differences when we are on their turf. This annual training helped us build a working relationship with Nellis, and we will now be able to help them when they require additional security forces on base."

Boldry said the air base was a good training location because of its widely diverse population. More than 12,000 people either work or reside at Nellis.

"The base has a wide diversity of civilians, including many foreign nationals, so it is a good opportunity for the unit to begin interacting with a wide spectrum of people now before we ever deploy," Boldry said.

The soldiers in the 137th joined with the Nellis airmen to learn about a variety of police topics including: legal authorization and jurisdiction, low- and high-risk traffic stops, suspicious package procedures, larceny and shoplifting procedures, response to domestic disturbances, securing crime scenes, interview and interrogation, and baton use as a practical weapon.

The 137th promises to be a valuable asset to Nellis Air Force Base when it is in need of additional security and mission support in the future. It is likely the 137th will participate in various events with the 99th Security Forces Squadron during southern-Nevada events including air races, the annual Red Flag exercises at the base, crowd control at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway and other special events.

"The support we provide is beneficial to our own soldiers as



Military Policeman Spc. Dan Thomiassian, left, of the Nevada Army Guard's 137th Law and Order Detachment views proper arrest technique as Senior Airman Rebecca Gutierrez, center, detains Airman 1st Class Daniel Pauls on Aug. 16 at Nellis Air Force Base. About 20 soldiers from the 137th worked in conjunction with Nellis security forces during the unit's two-week annual training period.

Photo: Tech. Sgt. Wendy Yada

they receive the real-world experience that they need," Boldry said. "The hands-on training allows us to be better prepared for mobilization and improves our ability to work with other units and to provide successful, world-wide support wherever we may be needed."

The 137th unit began with just six soldiers and in less than one year has grown to include 54 troops. More than 50 percent of the unit's soldiers are qualified as military policemen. The primary mission of the unit is to execute law-and-order and police investigation operations.

About 20 of the unit's soldiers participated in the training and real-world activities at Nellis.

Boldry was ecstatic with the results of the annual training.

"The soldiers from our unit did a remarkable job, and we received outstanding instruction from the Air Force," Boldry said. "This annual training promises to lead to a long-term professional working relationship between the Nevada Army Guard and the Air Force."

Nellis Air Force Base is the world's largest air combat base, meaning no base where live munitions are dropped covers more acreage. The base, located about eight miles northeast of downtown Las Vegas, combines with the Nevada Test and Training Range to cover more than 4,800 square miles. An additional 10,000 square

miles of airspace north and east of the restricted range are also available for military flight operations. ■

In addition to working for the wing's public affairs office, Yada is a mapping official for Clark County, and is nearing completion of a master's degree.

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ABOVE AND BEYOND:

Guard soldiers, airmen carve out time for community service

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

CARSON CITY – As anyone who has ever been stationed at Fort Polk, Minot Air Force Base or especially Camp Bucca will tell you, one of the biggest advantages of National Guard service in comparison to active duty is the fact that non-deployed, reserve-component soldiers and airmen can choose the community in which they reside.

Contrary to their active-duty brethren who are temporarily plopped into a military community by chance and are left to assimilate as much or as little as they wish, National Guardsmen are in a certain area by choice and have a personal interest in the quality of life in their local surroundings. We work, we play, we socialize, we raise families – and we perform National Guard duties – in the community of our choosing.

All would agree that Nevada National Guard membership in itself constitutes a worthwhile community service that betters our state and nation. Today, about 3,800 people in Nevada have raised their right hands and taken an oath of enlistment in the National Guard in this state, essentially volunteering to do whatever is deemed necessary by the president or governor. Thousands more have retired honorably from National Guard service in our state.

Within our Nevada National Guard family, though, are individuals who give more than military service to their communities. In an era

when it is a real struggle to find daily time to work, spend time with family, take educational classes – not to mention maintain military fitness standards – many National Guardsmen still carve out time to improve their communities through volunteer work, service and donations.

You rarely hear soldiers and airmen making a big deal about their community service. There is not much limelight and no compensation. Unless you recognized his design style on the Buddy Walk poster, you wouldn't know Tech. Sgt. Roy Harvey works pro bono for the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada. Unless you saw him driving the van to Oakland for a Raiders game, you wouldn't realize Sgt. 1st Class David Sousa helps out the Reno Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter with its club activities. Unless you are a beneficiary, you wouldn't know that Maj. Kurt Neddenriep annually funds an academic scholarship at Great Basin College.

There is no right or wrong when it comes to volunteerism and community service. There is no perfect amount of time or money to donate to the ideal organization. Exemplifying the diverse nature of community service in the Guard, here are some vignettes about soldiers and airmen who have discovered their unique ways to improve their respective communities.



Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson prepares 10-year-old Brandon Rayner for a Humvee ride at the Edsall Armory in Las Vegas. Richardson organized a bone marrow drive for Rayner at the armory in July that drew more than 300 people.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson

Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson isn't just bettering the lives in his community, he's saving them.

A compassionate service counselor for Candlelighters of Southern Nevada, Richardson was the organizer of the largest bone marrow drive ever in the Las Vegas area on behalf of 10-year-old Brandon Rayner. More than 300 people showed up at the Edsall Armory on July 8 and took the bone marrow donor-match test.

Although the youngster is still not out of the woods, Richardson said on Sept. 18 that a bone marrow match for Rayner was recently found, and he was set to travel to Arizona for his transplant in early October. Because the match remains anonymous, the donor may not have been at Edsall Armory on July 8. Even if the donor was not from that sample, those 300 tests increase the potential donor pool substantially.

"Candlelighters were an incredible help to my family when my own daughter was sick," said Richardson, 45, whose daughter Stephanie passed away in 2003 after a 10-month battle with cancer. "We had heard of them in the past, but since my daughter's own experience, I have remained affiliated with them."

Candlelighters is an organization that supports cancer-stricken children 21 and under and their families with programs and service. It educates the population and advocates for cancer-patient needs. Candlelighters assists all ill children regardless of economics, race, religion or health-care provider.

Richardson, the 1/221st Cavalry recon command sergeant major, is also involved in a number of other organizations. Some of his other interests include serving as the Camp Cartwheel Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation utility coordinator, youth sports and

“Candlelighters were an incredible help to my family when my own daughter was sick,” said Richardson, whose daughter Stephanie passed away in 2003 after a 10-month battle with cancer.

Boy Scouts. He estimates he spends about 30 hours a month volunteering in one capacity or another.

The Richardson family includes wife Tammy, who is a Nevada National Guard family support office employee, and daughter, Jaclyn, 14, who is often seen singing the national anthem at Guard events. Other children include Heather, 20, Arielle, 19, James Jr., 17, Hope, 16, and Dylan, 11.

The entire family was featured on Fox Network’s “Renovate My Family” in 2004. Richardson said the positive effects of the home remodel the family received then are still reverberating today.

And although there was little fanfare when he received the award, and you will not hear him boast, Richardson was recently recognized for his work on a national scale: he received the President’s Volunteer Service Award this past summer.

For more information on the Candlelighters, call (702) 737-1919.



Master Sgt. John Albertson instructs Adrian Grimaldo on how to boot a free kick during a VIP soccer match on Sept. 20 in Reno. Albertson has been involved as an organizer and coach with VIP soccer for about a dozen years.

Master Sgt. John Albertson

Master Sgt. John Albertson has been getting his community-service kicks for the better part of 12 years by serving as an administrator and coach for the Very Important Player soccer program in Reno. The VIP soccer program is an American Youth Soccer Association-sanctioned soccer organization for children and adults with special physical or mental needs.

There are no hard and fast rules for participants in the VIP program – except that everyone gets involved and aims to put the ball into the goal. All age restrictions were recently lifted and some players have “buddies” who guide them around the field; others in the past have booted the ball from their wheelchairs. Best of all – no one pays attention to that annoying offside rule!

“It’s important for everyone here to play and have success and have fun,” said Albertson, 53, while coaching and refereeing a game at South Meadows Field in Reno. “We have a diverse spectrum of abilities, and sometimes we will make accommodations for players, but we try to come as close to the real game as we can.”

Although no score is kept in VIP soccer, the teams are remarkably competitive. VIP teams play exhibition games against other AYSO soccer teams. Team members traveled to the Bay Area in mid-October to play against other VIP squads.

Albertson, a hazardous materials specialist for the 152nd Airlift Wing at the air base in Reno, organized the VIP program in 1996 after seeing the success of other special-needs sports organizations. Albertson had a history of soccer experience after assisting his son’s teams – John Albertson Jr. was a varsity player at Hug High in the mid-1990s. Albertson’s decision to work with special-needs children is by his choice; both son John and daughter Tawna were traditional soccer players.

“There was special-needs Little League back in 1996, and I thought it time to give the special-needs kids a chance to play soccer,” Albertson said. “There is no better way to teach kids teamwork and camaraderie than through sports.”

Many of the early VIP games took place at the Air National Guard base in Reno during the first decade of the program’s existence. It was common to see the air base commanders on hand to mark the start of the VIP season each year with an opening-day ceremony. Albertson has been full-time at the air base since 1989. A few Guard trivia buffs probably know he was in the Army Guard unit in Yerington at one time.

With about 40 players in the league this year, the games have moved to the new, immaculate fields at South Meadows. Still, there are definite ties to the air base. The two teams that comprise the older kids in the VIP program this year are: High Rollers No. 1 and High Rollers No. 2.

For information on VIP soccer, call the AYSO at (775) 677-9600.

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DEPLOYMENT ROUND-UP

MPs return home to fanfare, gratitude

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

The Nevada National Guard welcomed home about 120 soldiers of the 72nd Military Police Company in late September from their 11-month deployment to Camp Bucca, Iraq. While the unit is based in Henderson, it includes Guard members from across the Silver State.

Governor Jim Gibbons was on hand to praise and welcome home the soldiers. "People in this nation, from ocean to ocean, owe this group a great debt of thanks," said Gibbons.

The soldiers deployed in November 2007 and worked in southeast Iraq at a large internment facility containing more than 19,000 detainees. Two soldiers have been submitted for Bronze Star medals and two for Meritorious Service medals as a result of their work there. All told, more than 100 awards are pending for this unit.

The Nevada Army Guard commander, Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales, said he was proud of the service the Guard has provided to the nation. "This unit is Nevada's standard-bearer and a true reflection on what it is to be a proud Nevadan," Gonzales said.

The unit's mission while deployed included the care, custody and reconciliation of civilian internees, convicted internees, local Iraqi and third-country national detainees. The soldiers also took part in security and detainee air transport operations affectionately known as CONAIR.

This was the unit's second deployment to Iraq and its third deployment since Sept. 11, 2001. ■



Sgt. Robert Grantham, Spc. James McFarland and Spc. Rodden Villarama salute during the 72nd's homecoming ceremony. Photo: Lt. Col. Terry Conder



Spc. George Bautista with his four year-old nephew Mateo Kalani at the unit's homecoming ceremony at the Henderson Armory Sept. 25.

Photo: Lt. Col. Terry Conder

1/168th Aviation out the door for round four

By Capt. April Conway, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

Detachment 1, C Company, 1/168th General Support Aviation Battalion, locally known as 1/168th Aviation (MEDEVAC), deployed in mid-October for a one-year mission to Afghanistan. The unit took about 55 soldiers and six of its seven UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. They joined more soldiers from California and Wyoming to make a robust company-sized entity with 150 Guardsmen and about 15 aircraft.

The unit is under tremendous pressure because as of press time, they were the only Army MEDEVAC unit in Afghanistan and were split among several locations.

Master Sgt. Patrick Moore is on his second trip to Afghanistan and this time took his son, Spec. Ryan Moore, with him. "We're split up a bit but I'm at the same airfield as last time," Moore said. "We're doing the same (MEDEVAC) job as last time, but it's a much larger battlefield this time, and our unit has doubled the number of aircraft we had in 2003."

Moore also praised the contingent of medics with the 1/168th. "Last time we only had three medics with us and this time we've got 10," Moore said. "Eight of those are nationally-registered paramedics and are a really strong group overall."

This marks the fourth time since 2001 that the 168th has gone on a major deployment. Previously known as the 126th, the UH-60 unit already has concluded deployments to Afghanistan, Kosovo and Fort Carson, Colo.

The unit is expected home in the fall of 2009. ■

140th settles into new role within task force



From left, Capt. Rob Mays, Master Sgt. Ronald Morse, and Maj. Troy Armstrong prepare to head out for another day's mission.

By Maj. Shawn Casey,
140th MP Brigade Liaison Detachment

Since its arrival in theater in late April, the soldiers of the 140th Military Police Brigade Liaison Detachment have upheld the high standards and traditions of excellence of the Nevada Army National Guard and remain valued assets of Task Force 134.

Originally tasked as a stand-alone detachment, the 140th was responsible for a number of diverse detainee operations missions. In late July, TF 134 underwent a reorganization resulting in the 140th integrating into the TF 134 staff sections. Our new responsibilities have created a wide range of diverse operations at the task force level.

Our operations are now focused on the care and custody of detainees and their eventual release and transfer back into the battle space or their transfer over to the

Iraqi government for continued detention. The release-and-reporting center conducts detainee repatriations, convict transfers, and transfers of third-country nationals back to their country of citizenship. The center also includes a theater detainee reporting center which tracks all detainees in theater and is the centralized reporting center for detainee operations.

Lt. Col. Jeff Mark, the release and reporting center OIC and commander of the 140th, is involved with strategic reconciliation efforts and repatriation operations with members of the Iraqi executive branch, state ministries and directly with the Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament. To date, Mark and his staff of 1st Lt. Peter Fuller, 1st Sgt. Bud Chattin, Sgt. Larry Harlan, Sgt. Michael Bell, Spc. Jennifer Rivera and Sgt. Emily Ghoslin have coordinated the release of more than 9,000 detainees and have transferred more than 500 convicts to the

Iraqi Ministry of Justice. During the month of Ramadan, a Muslim holiday marked by fasting, self-sacrifice and prayers, the release-and-reporting center released 3,000 detainees back to their homes and families.

Maj. Troy Armstrong is the deputy officer responsible for training and assessments. Along with Capt. Rob Mays and Master Sgt. Ronald Morse, that section is responsible for inspecting coalition detention operations, Iraqi prisons and establishing pre/post mobilization and intra-theater training guidance.

Maj. Shawn Casey is assigned as the chief of future operations for the task force's operations section. Working with a joint staff of eight, the future-operations section plans and assesses operations in the near future. Current projects include opening a new theater internment facility at Taji, the closure of Forward Operating Base Grizzly at Ashraf, and the eventual transfer of area security to the Iraqi government.

Rounding out the 140th soldiers assigned to TF 134, Capt. Pat Walsh is the Judge Advocate General and is assigned to Task Force Legal. He supports legal operations both at the Multinational Force-I level and TF 134 level. Staff Sgt. Omar Calderon is assigned to the TF 134 personnel section.

With the reorganization complete, the 140th MPs have settled into their new roles and are working diligently to positively impact operations at every TF level. With the expected post-United Nations Security Council Resolution transitions of authority from coalition to Iraqi forces, the soldiers of the 140th inherited significant responsibilities and are helping create and shape the strategic environment that assesses and implements all phases of detention operations and facilities, capabilities generation, rehabilitation and reintegration, and transition to the government of Iraq for control for theater detention operations. ■

Security Forces hold their ground in Kyrgyzstan

By Capt. April Conway, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

While the 152nd Airlift Wing was preparing for one of the biggest inspections in a half dozen years, one that ensures they're prepared to go to war, the 152nd Security Forces Squadron was making plans to do more than, well, plan. About 30 members of the squadron deployed in late August to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan for a six-

month mission to perform physical security of the base and airport.

Working with a nearly all-Guard team including airmen from Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, New York, and Oklahoma, along with Krygыз security forces counterparts, the squadron is in good stead.

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Lt. Col. Mark Hall, commander of the 152nd Security Forces Squadron says the mission is challenging because they're not only securing coalition personnel and resources, but they're doing so not at a traditional military base, but at an international airport.

"Because of our location, we must remain extremely flexible in how we operate," Hall said, "I have mature, seasoned troops who think and act quickly based on rapidly changing circumstances, and their civilian and military experience is invaluable. Their maturity and diversity gives us a Guard edge in situations that could have far-reaching political ramifications."

One of those mature troops, Master Sgt. Kevin Bennett, is no stranger to thinking on his feet. He's deployed to Tajikistan, Turkey, Egypt and Spain and completed more than a dozen short tours into South America and the Middle East, but says this deployment is unique by virtue of the amenities.

"Troops here have Internet availability, a videos-to-home program, DSN morale calls and a massive selection of movies to take back to your room," Bennett said, "The services squadron here runs tournaments in sports and also table games like poker, dominos and bingo among others. These items were usually not available on past deployments and that along with the hardened billets make for comfortable living. Airmen on their first deployment will make the transition much easier than airmen did when the war on terror first began."

Amenities aside, it's the work that brings them together and for Senior Airman Jillian De Cair of Reno, working as a team has been a satisfying part of the deployment. "What blew my mind a little bit is how we work directly with the Kyrgyz guards," De Cair said. "I didn't think we would be working with this many civilians and coalition forces on a day-to-day basis. It's an amazing opportunity to be here doing what were doing and working with an awesome group of people." ■



Airmen operate the M-240 machine gun on a full-distance range near Fort Hood, Texas, in preparation for mobilization and deployment to Kyrgyzstan.

Photo: Courtesy of 152nd SFS

Nevada National Guard's training team begins deployment



The 15-soldier Embedded Training Team began its deployment Aug. 2 with a ceremony at the Clark County Armory in Las Vegas.

*By Spc. Rob Honeycutt,
106th Public Affairs Detachment*

Members of the Nevada National Guard's Embedded Training Team participated in a deployment ceremony Aug. 2 at the Clark County Armory to say goodbye to their family, friends and co-workers and begin their one-year mission to assist the Afghan army.

The 15-man team, made up of National Guard soldiers from across Nevada, deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The soldiers are assigned to an Afghan National Army infantry battalion to assist them in maintaining structured military operations.

"Our job is to mentor and give advice," said Maj. Eric Wishart, one of the team members. "It's a righteous mission."

The men came from different units to apply for the positions. They were chosen based on their qualifications and training experience.

"We were hand picked based on backgrounds," said Chief Warrant Officer Charles Powell.

The team members all have some type of infantry background.

"The team's experience is good," said Staff Sgt. Derek Castro, the assistant operations sergeant. "You want to play for the all-star team and this is it. These are the best guys in the state."

The team's commander, Lt. Col. Zachary Doser, gave an overview of the unit's upcoming mission.

"We'll train the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police to handle their own missions and take over the task of securing their own country," Doser said. "The sooner they can secure their own country, the sooner we can come home."

The mission will require the ETT to reside on an Afghan army base.

"We have to live with them and eat with them," Doser said. "We have to train, coach and fight with them." The team left Nevada on Sunday and will train for the next eight weeks domestically before heading on to Afghanistan where it will spend the upcoming year.

More than 100 individuals, including military and political dignitaries as well as families and friends, attended the ceremony to show their support. The deploying Guardsmen's children received gift bags to recognize their support of their loved ones.

"We're their sons, fathers and grandfathers," Doser said. "Our families are the unsung heroes." ■

Potential gaming heir serves with 72nd MPs

By Lyndsey Sullivan,
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs Office

CARSON CITY – Since arriving in Las Vegas in 1941 with just \$80 in his pocket, casino magnate Samuel Boyd used his business acumen to create a business empire and stamp his mark on Nevada. Boyd founded Boyd Gaming, a corporation that encompasses 17 major casinos including Sam's Town and The Orleans and is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

The current generation of Nevadans also features a savvy, risk-taking Samuel Boyd who is creating his own legacy in the state of Nevada. Samuel J. Boyd Jr., great-grandson of renowned gaming mogul Sam Boyd, is a specialist in the Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police unit, and he just completed a 10-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Although he comes from a wealthy family – the Boyd family privately retains 35 percent of Boyd Gaming – Boyd always wanted to join the military despite its inevitable dangers. He signed up for the Nevada Army Guard in 2006 after his graduation from Palo Verde High. Boyd certainly didn't join the military for a lucrative income: the Army basic pay rate for a specialist with two years of experience is \$1,848.90 per month.

Boyd had heard many military stories while growing up. Boyd's grandfather, William Boyd, executive chairman of Boyd Gaming, served in the Judge Advocate Corps in the 1950s. Another grandfather on his mother's side served in the Marine Corps during World War II and in the Korean War.

Although he comes from a wealthy family – the Boyd family privately retains 35 percent of Boyd Gaming – Boyd always wanted to join the military despite its inevitable dangers.

"I grew up around military men, so I think that was influential for me," Boyd said in a recent interview from Iraq. "But after 9/11, that's when I decided I wanted to be in the military."

At first, Boyd's family was reluctant about his joining the military because of the current combat situations around the world



Spc. Samuel Boyd Jr., right, prepares for a Con-Air mission in Camp Bucca, Iraq, this summer with Cpl. John Lopez. Amazingly, Boyd and Lopez were best friends in high school and both were stationed concurrently for six months at Camp Bucca. Photo: Courtesy of Spc. Boyd

and because they wanted him to prioritize the completion of a college degree. Before his deployment, Boyd was studying at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and was an Army ROTC cadet. Displaying the Boyd family work ethic, he had also begun working at one of the Boyd properties with an entry level job parking cars.

"It was difficult, but my family always fully supports me in the decisions I make," Boyd said.

William Boyd, for whom the law school at UNLV is named, reiterated his feelings about his grandson's military service.

"I'm very proud of my grandson for his service to his country," William Boyd said. "He was excited about the opportunity to serve with the military police in Iraq, and I'm very happy to welcome him back home."

Spc. Boyd served with the 72nd Military Police Company at Camp Bucca in Iraq, where his duties included the care, custody and control of detainees at the facility. He

also worked on the company's detainee air transportation mission, nicknamed Con-Air. That mission consisted of moving detainees on C-17 planes from Baghdad to Basara and then convoying them from Basara to Bucca. The Con-Air mission often took more than 24 hours to finish.

With his deployment complete, Boyd plans to join the Huntington Beach Police Department in California and also remain with the 72nd Military Police Company in Las Vegas.

With a background that now includes parking cars at the Stardust Hotel and Casino on the Strip and working at a detention facility in the desert of Iraq, young Samuel Boyd has already led quite a journey through his life and may one day leave as large a legacy in Nevada as his larger-than-life family. ■

Sullivan says her recent summer working in the National Guard's public affairs office seems like a vacation when compared to her busy life now as a student and sorority official at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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FAMILY SUPPORT

One Guard, One Family

Child care subsidiary expands to include many Guard soldiers, airmen



By Staff Sgt. Stanley Hampton, 1/221st Cavalry

The departments of the Army and Air Force are expanding a national child care program to include deployed National Guardsmen and many full-time National Guard employees. The program could potentially ease the burden of child care costs for more than 1,000 Guard members in Nevada.

Child care subsidies are now extended to deployed soldiers and airmen, members of the Active Guard and Reserve, personnel on Active Duty Special Work status, and military and civilian technicians. The organization distributing the subsidies is the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Nevada National Guard statistics on Sept. 12 revealed about 1,170 soldiers and airmen would be eligible for child care subsidies under those stipulations. That equates to about 30 percent of the 3,884 soldiers and airmen in the Nevada National Guard.

A sliding-fee scale used to determine subsidies is based on several factors including child care costs and total family income. All eligible families receive a minimum of \$100 per child, per month for full-time child care while the spouse is working, going to school full time or looking for work. Guardians may also apply.

Because there are so many variables, no chart is available to quickly calculate potential supplements. But some 2008 examples show that subsidies include: a specialist or senior airman with two children can receive \$200 per month for toddler and school-age care; a specialist or senior airman with one child can receive \$210 per month for full-time infant care; a sergeant with three children can receive \$310 per month for full-time day care; and a captain with two children can receive \$100 while the spouse attends school part time.

This is good news for National Guardsmen because NACCRRRA calculates that it will cost \$7,046 for full-time care for a 4-year-old this year in Nevada.

Spc. Lynette Kruger is a full-time technician in the Nevada Army National Guard specializing in family services.

She is a point of contact for questions surrounding child care program eligibility and serves as a liaison to the NACCRRRA.

"The cost of child care is already significant and continues to rise," said Kruger, a single parent of a 2-year-old child. "Decisions surrounding child care can be difficult and will definitely impact an individual's or a family's budget."

Kruger estimates that more than 100 Nevada Guard soldiers and airmen already receive child care assistance through the family support office, and many others have taken advantage of the program by requesting a subsidy independent of the family support office.

Kruger noted that the majority of active-duty soldiers and airmen will likely have access to certified child care at their respective military installations. But for most National Guard members, there are no military installations nearby that offer child care.

The subsidy provided to eligible military families through NACCRRRA is funded by the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force. Officials at NACCRRRA do not know the total amount of funding available during 2009 but said it was likely there was adequate funding in the foreseeable future.

In addition to providing subsidies, NACCRRRA can assist in locating an accredited or licensed day care center in a specific area. To apply for a subsidy, call (703) 341-4100; or for information, call Kruger at (775) 884-8401. ■

When he is not working for the 1/221st Cavalry, Hampton contributes articles to the public affairs office. His background includes six years as an active-duty Army still photographer.

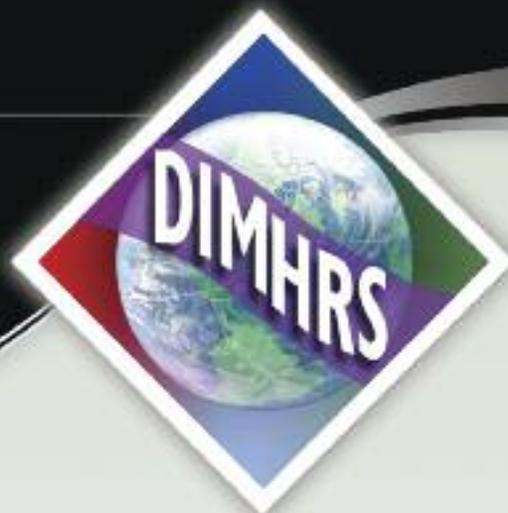


Many National Guard families can now receive a child care subsidy.

CUT the CLUTTER:

Nevada Guard prepares for DIMHRS

New human resource system will affect all soldiers, airmen



The Nevada National Guard is set to implement a new human resource system in early 2009 that promises to streamline military pay and personnel actions through the consolidation of about 70 management and data systems.

In Nevada, the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System will first be implemented by the Army Guard, but it eventually will become the common record of pay and personnel for the entire U.S. military, including the Nevada Air Guard. All components of the Army are set to implement DIMHRS beginning in March 2009, and about one million soldiers worldwide will be affected, including all 3,850 Nevada Guard soldiers.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Dave Anderson, chief of the Army Guard personnel services branch, Nevada soldiers do not need to do anything specific to prepare for the DIMHRS transition, but they will need to make some time in their schedules for a required class in 2009 to assure their pay and personnel actions continue to be processed in a timely manner.

"The eventual impact statewide will be huge," Anderson said. "Soldiers do not need to do anything right now, but everyone needs to be prepared to do eight hours of distance learning on DIMHRS in 2009."

With DIMHRS implemented, human resource specialists need to be trained only on one system. Currently, a human resource specialist needs to know about 10 systems to complete all pay and personnel transactions. Some of the common systems set to go by the wayside include the Standard Installation and Division Personnel Reporting

System and the Automated Funds Control Order System (SIDPERS and AFCOS).

Since DIMHRS is an integrated system of record, promotions and other pay-related personnel actions will automatically be reflected in a soldier's paycheck. Most DIMHRS actions will be transparent to soldiers, but the new system will likely generate some changes in the frequency of pay.

Provided by the Department of Defense, the following are some common questions and answers surrounding DIMHRS.

What is DIMHRS?

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System is a congressionally-mandated, cross-service-capable system that will combine all components into one personnel and pay system. The Army is scheduled to launch DIMHRS on March 1, 2009, and will integrate military personnel and pay functions into a single Web-based system for all Army components (Active, National Guard and Reserve). The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps will implement DIMHRS at a later date.

DIMHRS will provide each soldier with a single, comprehensive record of service. A 24-hour, Web-based interface will provide soldiers with self-service capability enabling them to update select personal information and initiate personnel transactions.

Why is DIMHRS needed?

The military takes care of its members and their families by providing the best assets and equipment in the world, including enhanced quality of systems and programs; and DIMHRS is one of those systems.

The Army has significantly increased multi-component operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism, but this improvement has not been reflected in the area of human resources and military pay. Those areas continue to rely on component-specific systems that are difficult to administer and inefficient for the military member. The current processes were completely redesigned to eliminate redundant workloads and provide the desired results within DIMHRS.

What are the goals of DIMHRS?

DIMHRS will enable military human resources transformation by improving the accuracy and efficiency of military personnel and pay services. DIMHRS will consolidate a soldier's current personnel and payroll data into a single record and automatically compute military pay entitlements based on personnel data changes.

In DIMHRS, every soldier is a user. Through flexible, Web-based self-service applications, soldiers have the capability to update specific data elements, request personnel and military pay actions and review their records.

How can an individual find out more about DIMHRS?

The DIMHRS Web site is the primary resource available for the latest information regarding the implementation of DIMHRS. The Web site is updated and refreshed every two weeks and one can access it at www.armydimhrs.army.mil. ■

— Staff report

DIMHRS Web site: www.armydimhrs.army.mil

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nevada Guard softball team wraps up first season

By Sgt. Cheri Cramutolo,
J-3 Public Affairs Specialist

CARSON CITY – Members of the Nevada National Guard coed softball team did whatever it took this season to make it to their scheduled games and remain competitive in the league in the team's first season of existence.

With deployments, temporary duty assignments and military schools a fact of life, it's understandably difficult for any soldier or airman to fit in the time requirements to play on a league softball team. But thanks to community support and a love for the game, the Nevada National Guard team was able to do what it set out to do this season – play competitive softball.

2008 marked the first year that the Nevada National Guard's family support office sponsored a softball team. The team finished with a 2-8 record.

"This was our first attempt at having a softball team," said Maj. Trish Svare, director of family programs. "We've done dance lessons, yoga and other stuff in the past. I play on a softball team myself in Reno, and I thought it would be fun if we gave it a shot through family support."

"Deployments were an issue for the team," Svare said. "It is hard to have a team when the bulk of the members are constantly gone. Eventually the team was opened up to friends, spouses and whomever else wanted to play."

First Sgt. Thomas Sauls, with Joint Forces Headquarters, said participation was often affected by military requirements.

"Hopefully next year we will have a more consistent team roster, more of a mix of military and civilian personnel," Sauls said. "With a team comprised strictly of Nevada Guardsmen, it gets hard because of deployments, temporary duties, and other military requirements."

Despite the wavering attendance of Nevada Guardsmen, most games went on thanks to community members who wanted to play. Their participation was crucial for completing the Nevada Guard team roster.

Despite the sporadic player shortages, the team hopes to play again next summer with increased interest and more team members.



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Boeckman from the Nevada Army Guard's Joint Force Headquarters prepares to advance to second base during the last game of the season August 16 at Centennial Park in Carson City, Nev.

Photo: Sgt. Cheri Cramutolo

"Next season, I'm hoping to forge a partnership with another organization in order to form a solid softball team," Svare said. "The Nevada Division of Forestry and the Department of Emergency Management have both shown interest. Next season should be a great one."

For information on the 2009 season, call Heather Bryan at (775) 887-7320.

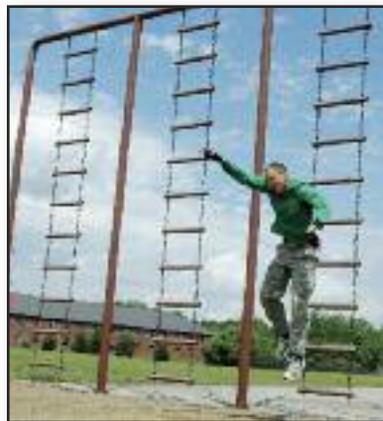
Are you ready for some football?

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada Guard's 8-on-8 flag football team finished its inaugural spring season 1-9, but then got off to a great start in the fall season with a 14-12 win over the Mackenzies Maddogs on Sept. 21. The team plays at American Park on Buffalo St.

"We have added nine new players and hope to make some noise in the league this fall," said 1st Lt. Richard Jordan. For information on joining the team or for a team schedule, call Jordan at (702) 643-4220.

Nevada soldier claims first Guard medal in pentathlon

By Master Sgt. Greg Rudl, National Guard Bureau



Spc. William Raitter clears an obstacle on the training course during the CIOR training camp at Ethan Allen Firing Range in Vermont in June. Raitter went on to earn the National Guard's first-ever medal in military pentathlon in Istanbul, Turkey, in July.

Photo: Courtesy of Vermont Public Affairs Office

ARLINGTON, Va. – Nevada Army National Guard Spc. William Raitter landed the National Guard's first-ever medal in military pentathlon when he finished second in an international event in Istanbul, Turkey, in July.

Teamed with a British soldier and a German soldier, Raitter claimed a silver medal in the international team category of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers military pentathlon competition. He was the only American to earn a podium spot.

"We were second-to-last going into the last day, but we were able to make up ground in the orienteering event on the last day," said Raitter about his team's come-from-behind move against 15 other teams in the category.

The three-day competition included rifle and pistol shooting on day one, land and water obstacle courses on day two and an orienteering, or land navigation event, on day three.

NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka



Staff Sgt. John George serves up some of C Company's famous jalapeño cornbread during the Connelly competition.
Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

422nd cooks up winning recipe for regional Connelly competition

LAS VEGAS – The field food service staff of the Nevada Army Guard's Charlie Company, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion received notification Aug. 18 that it had won the Region 7 Connelly Excellence in Food Service Competition in the field kitchen category. The unit is now set to compete in the national Connelly competition in Las Vegas Nov. 8.

The Connelly program was established in 1968 to recognize excellence in Army food service. The award is named after the late Philip Connelly, former president of competition co-sponsor International Food Executives Association.

Nevada placed second in the national competition twice but has never produced a national champion. After sampling the competition meal prepared Aug. 2, food services officer Chief Warrant Officer Keith Mackie said Charlie Company will be in the hunt for the national title.

"If this crew does everything right, on

time, it's going to happen," Mackie said. "This is our best field feeding team in the state."

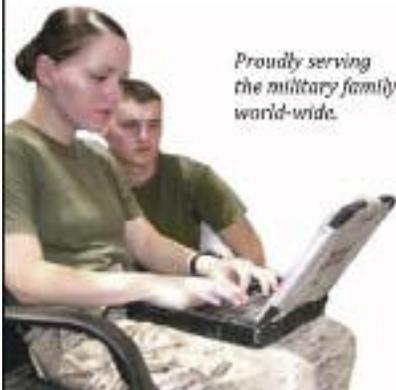
Competing in the field kitchen category meant Charlie Company had to serve at least 50 soldiers who were armed (carrying M-16s and wearing load-bearing equipment) and made a tactical approach to the feeding area. The meal was judged by evaluators from Bowhead Logistics Division, a military contracting company based in Virginia. Soldiers who received special mention from Bowhead for their effort during the competition included Staff Sgt. John George, Sgt. Patrick Graham, Sgt. Dawn Hunt, Sgt. Allen Sosnick, Spc. Hugh Haugen, Spc. Michael Brand and Pfc. Aaron Wild.

Raiders host Army Guard soldiers at home opener

The Oakland Raiders and two northern Nevada Veterans of Foreign War posts played host to about 30 Nevada Army National Guard soldiers and their families for the Raiders' home opener in September against the Denver Broncos. Prior to the game, the

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group was given a tour by staffer Paul Engl around the Raiders' training facility. The three Lombardi trophies the Raiders have earned in their history were on display and gave the soldiers some great photo opportunities.

After the visit to the training camp, the soldiers made their way to McAfee Stadium, home of the Raiders. A luxury box was available for the group thanks to support from the VFW posts and David Basham. Everyone was treated to the special services available in the luxury boxes.

During the game the soldiers were visited by several former players, including Phil Villapiano and Rod Sherman. The players made it a point to thank everyone for their military service. The only thing that could have made the experience any better would have been a Raiders victory, but the Broncos prevailed, 41-14.

G-RAP suspended for airmen, retirees

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) for the Air National Guard has been suspended temporarily because of the Air Guard's inability to provide the necessary verification systems and also due to a hold in additional program funding. There are no changes for the Army Guard's G-RAP program.

No new nominations will be accepted into the Air program. Furthermore, all accessions (enlistments/oaths) occurring after Oct. 13, 2008, will not be payable through G-RAP, regardless of the nomination date. However, if the ANG provides the necessary funding and verification systems, the program will be reactivated, and an account can be reviewed for a payment if it is imminent. As a Recruiting Assistant, if you have an accession that has occurred on or prior to Oct. 13, 2008, once verification of this data has been received, your account will be reviewed for the first payment. If you have not received a final payment for an accession that occurred on or prior to Oct. 13, (BMT/AMS shipment for Non-Prior Service Airmen, or 90-day affiliation for a Prior Service Airman), once this data has been received and verified, your account will be reviewed for the final payment.

Docupak hopes this is only a temporary interruption to the Air Guard's G-RAP, but cannot guarantee continued program activity will be available at a future date. Please direct all questions and concerns to Docupak at (866) 566-2472 or grap@docupak.com <http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com/air/grap@docupak.com>.

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Command Sgt. (Ret.) Walter Willson



Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Walter Willson is ready for another day driving veterans to their medical appointments in a Disabled American Veterans van. Willson has helped the DAV to raise funds to purchase 10 vans to assist veterans with their transportation needs.

Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Walter Willson, 69, often seems just as busy today assisting northern Nevada organizations as he was during the six years he was the Nevada Army Guard's state command sergeant major from 1984-1990.

There are barely enough days in the week for Willson to schedule time for each of his organizations. In addition to being the state commander of the Disabled American Veterans, he's a former president of the Carson City Lions Club, a volunteer at the Carson City Senior Center, and he's a member of the American Legion Post 4. In his spare time, he assists widows and widowers with the process of receiving their military-spouse benefits.

Willson estimates he volunteers 10 hours per week to his various interests. When he serves as a volunteer driver for the DAV, however, his day may run from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"Some weeks, I would have to say I might be busier than when I was sergeant major," said Willson, who also works about 10 hours per week in the Nevada National Guard family support office in Carson City. "Often, I get a lot of calls at home. You have to get things done promptly when they need to be done."

Since retiring from the Guard in 1999, Willson's passion has been assisting a variety of veterans

groups, especially the Disabled American Veterans organization. He is proud of the fact that during his time with the organization, he's helped the DAV secure enough donations to purchase 10 large vans. Worth about \$15,000 apiece, the vans are purchased by the DAV and then given to the Veterans Administration. Maintained by the VA and driven by volunteers, the vans are then used for free transportation for veterans to medical appointments.

"Most of these veterans have no other way to get to the hospital," Willson said.

Willson noted that with the purchase of the vehicles by the DAV, free van transportation for veterans is now available in Carson City, Gardnerville, Winnemucca, Fallon, Yerington, Hawthorne and the entire Las Vegas metropolitan area. Most of the donations for the vans came from individuals and ranged from a nickel to hundreds of dollars.

Willson said there's no finish line when it comes to volunteering. "It keeps you young to help out others," Willson said. "As long as I feel good and my health is good, I'll continue. You meet a lot of good people when you volunteer. Military veterans are like a brotherhood. Veterans helping veterans – that's what our motto is."

For information on how to assist the DAV or to inquire about free van transportation, call Willson at (775) 530-7351. ■

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 MAJ Joanne Farris 421st RTI
 MSG Michael Spaulding 992nd Troop Cmd

Army Commendation Medal



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 TSgt Thomas Hansen 152nd Mission Spt Grp

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