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*ON THE COVER: Top, Nevada Air Guard C-130 flies over France during the Allied Forge exercise. Bottom, Spc. Napaul Cavazos of the 100th Quartermaster Unit competes in the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match in August.
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FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

By Col. Zachary Doser, Army Guard Chief of Staff



1 team, 1 fight: Full-time staff exists to support traditional Guardsmen

The vast majority of the 4,200 Soldiers and Airmen in the Nevada National Guard are traditional Guardsmen (often referred to as M-Day Soldiers or Airmen) who perform military duties and training one weekend a month and two weeks each year.

Hundreds of full-time Soldiers and Airmen ensure traditional Guardsmen receive the support they need to fulfill their military responsibilities and duties.

Regardless of one's status, the common goal of the entire force is to provide exemplary service to our state and country.

The relationship between the traditional force and full-time force is – and should remain – one of respect, camaraderie and cohesion. As members of one team, we combine the collective talents, leadership and resources of this organization to take on any fight.

As the Nevada Army Guard chief of staff, I've asked my personal staff and the full-time staff at the company, battalion and brigade level to analyze each decision

with the question in mind: "How does this decision benefit or impact traditional Soldiers and Airmen?"

I request this analysis to emphasize the point the full-time force exists to support traditional Guardsmen and, without M-day Soldiers and Airmen, the need for the full-time force does not exist.

A strong relationship between traditional Guardsmen and the full-time force is indispensable to the success of the organization as we serve the nation's citizens.

The long history of the Nevada National Guard spans 153 years from its early days as a state militia in 1861 to today's operational war-fighting force that serves at the behest of both the president and the governor.

The achievements and accomplishments of the Nevada Guard would not have been possible without traditional Soldiers and Airmen putting their lives on hold one weekend each month and two full weeks each year to contribute to

national and state causes.

The support and assistance of traditional Guardsmen by the full-time force of military professionals who have voluntarily chosen military service as their full-time occupation is requisite. The full-time force will ensure ALL Soldiers, regardless of duty status, receive training opportunities and resources, are properly fed and housed, and are paid in a timely manner.

It is the traditional Guardsmen who fill the ranks of our state's mobilized units and who comprise the majority of the force who fights our nation's wars, responds to state emergencies, and participates in major military exercises. The full-time force only sets the conditions for success for the units comprised of traditional Guardsmen.

We are all Soldiers and Airmen serving our state and nation. When it comes to duty status, it's not "us and them." Rather, it's "we" who serve as one team, one fight. ■

CHIEF OF STAFF: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION KEY FOR ARMY, DETECTIVE WORK



Photo by Maj. Dennis Fournier
Nevada Army Guard Chief of Staff Col. Zachary Doser, right, awards Reno Police Officer German Rodriguez the State Commendation Medal in January. When not performing military duties, Doser is a detective in the Reno Police Department.

By Staff Sgt. Emerson Marcus
106th Public Affairs Detachment

STEAD — The skills needed to be a successful Army chief of staff closely parallel the attributes required to be an effective police detective, says Nevada Army Guard Col. Zachary Doser. Doser, 50, has been the Army Guard's chief of staff since May after taking leave from his civilian job as a Reno Police Department detective.

"As with detective work, the chief of staff position entails effectively talking to people," Doser said. "It is all about rapport building and communication and putting the pieces of this big puzzle together."

Effective communication skills are

crucial in both occupations, said Doser, who oversees the day-to-day operations of the Nevada Army Guard on behalf of commander Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan. He is also responsible for informing subordinate commanders on the general's guidance and goals.

One of Doser's goals is to improve communications between unit commanders and their enlisted Soldiers.

"I constantly hear about Soldiers who don't get information from their full-time staff. This is a problem I can and will ensure is rectified," said Doser, a Reno resident.

To improve their broadcast of information, Doser said commanders must use new communication tools, including social media, to connect with today's generation



FROM SENIOR ENLISTED LEADERSHIP

By Chief Master Sgt. William Moore, 152nd Airlift Wing

Guard Association Membership Makes Simple Sense

As the senior enlisted Airman in the 152nd Airlift Wing, I am often posed the question: Why should I part with my hard-earned money to become a member of the National Guard Association of the United States or the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States?

The answer is simple: These associations are crucial components in the fight to maintain a relevant and strong National Guard.

Increased reliance on the National Guard to quickly respond to world and state crises underscores the need for a strong National Guard. It's critical the National Guard sustains the resources it needs to recruit, train and retain its Soldiers and Airmen while also maintaining its equipment, facilities and personnel. The best way to ensure all of these necessities are retained is to support a strong EANGUS and NGAUS.

These associations draw political and financial strength from the 54 National Guard states and territories and combine their clout to ensure the National Guard receives a proportional share of the military's resources. The strength of these associations stems from the number of Guardsmen who are members. The total membership numbers are the factor that ultimately gives the associations their legislative sway and influence.

Here are a few examples of what your local association chapters have acquired or are in the process of attaining for you as a Guardsman:

- State tuition waiver and book reimbursement
- Free tuition for surviving Guard dependents at Nevada secondary schools

NGAUS & ENGAUS NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased drill pay for unit training assemblies
- Retired pay at age 60
- Buyback options for early retirement
- Expanded exchange and commissary privileges
- Veterans Administration home loan program
- Available-space travel on Government aircraft
- TRICARE Reserve Select health care insurance
- National grant and scholarship programs
- Montgomery G.I. educational benefits
- Post-9/11 G.I. educational benefits
- National Guard seat at Joint Chiefs of Staff table

- Annual Nevada EANGUS scholarship opportunities
 - Assembly Bill No. 420: Secures personal information when filing a Release from Active Duty report (DD214) with a county clerk
 - AB 420: In conjunction with federal law, prevents a Guardsman from being terminated for attending drill
 - AB 420: Prevents civil action against a Guardsman while attending training
 - AB 420: Gives active Guardsman five points for state of Nevada employment applications
- Some milestones achieved during the 2013 Nevada Legislation session included:
- Veteran status noted on Nevada driver's license and identification cards
 - State of Nevada veteran status attained with six years of military service
 - Support of the Nevada Fallen Soldier Memorial at the Capitol
 - Increase in military leave days from 15 to



39 for certain government employees

- Implementation of the Stolen Valor Act (a gross misdemeanor for the misrepresentation of military service)
- Recognition of the Nevada Enlisted Association of the National Guard in the Nevada Revised Statutes

Here are the associations' stated goals for both the upcoming state and federal legislative sessions:

- Vehicle registration tax exemptions for Guardsmen
 - Cessation of technician furloughs
 - Early retirement options at age 55
 - No increase to TRICARE health insurance deductibles
 - Prevent the Department of Defense from eliminating TRICARE Prime health insurance
 - Stop the Air Force from making arbitrary cuts to the Air National Guard do the same for the Army National Guard if the Army proceeds with cuts
 - Acquire federal government Veteran status for Title 32 Guardsman
- Again, the strength of these associations relies both on our state as well as our national memberships totals.

So do you really need to join one of the National Guard associations to keep your current and future benefits?

My answer is a very clear and simple "Yes." For info, call Moore at (775) 788-9498. ■

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of Soldiers and Airmen in the Nevada Guard.

"The days of putting a drill letter in the mail are gone," Doser said. "The organization must use social media to get information to the force."

Doser emphasized the notion full-time staff need to remember who comprises their customer base.

"The full-time staff exists to support traditional Guardsmen," Doser said. "More than 90 percent of the force is composed of Soldiers and Airmen who drill one weekend

a month. Support for them certainly should be the primary focus of my staff."

Although he's worked primarily in civilian law enforcement since the late 1990s, Doser recently spent time as a chief of staff for another military organization. During his deployment to Afghanistan in 2008-2009, Doser was the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command East chief of staff and oversaw a joint staff of 3,500 personnel.

After returning from the deployment, Doser recorded stints as the commander of the 140th Military Police Detachment and the 17th Sustainment Brigade.

While the chief of staff, Doser will remain

on a leave of absence from his detective job, a position he's held since 2006. Doser initially joined the RPD in 1998 as an officer.

Doser earned his bachelor's degree in physical geography from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1986. His early career goal was to become a cartographer for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Now, his goals are squarely focused on the Nevada Army Guard.

"My goal as the chief of staff is to make sure leaders get the support they need to accomplish their unit's mission and take care of the organization's most valued resource – its Soldiers," Doser said. ■

DROP ZONE



Photo by Capt. Jason Yuhasz, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – The aircraft crash removal team from the Nevada Air Guard’s 152nd Maintenance Squadron frees a U.S. Navy C-2 Greyhound stuck in the asphalt at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport in June. After several hours, the team that included firefighters from the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, dislodged the aircraft and transported it to a commercial business’s parking area. “The situation provided a great opportunity to put our training to use. It was a combined effort, helping out a sister service,” said Staff Sgt. Jeff Mello, the incident commander for the civil engineer firefighters.



Photo courtesy Herzfeld family

GARDNERVILLE – Jack Herzfeld, 15, right, receives a National Guard camelback backpack from Joint Force Headquarters 2nd Lt. Jacob Sanford following a day of target shooting in Douglas County in August. Herzfeld, who has Duchenne’s Muscular Dystrophy, requested a Nevada Army Guard Soldier check out his accuracy on his custom Ruger 10/22 and Sanford was eager to see the teen’s marksmanship skills. “Jack proved to be a crack shot and soon worked his way through all the targets, decimating apples, watermelon and cantaloupe in turn,” Sanford said. Herzfeld also received a University of Nevada, Reno, ROTC Ranger Challenge t-shirt from his cousin, 2nd Lt. Michael Colyer of Lima Troop, 1-221st Cavalry.

HAWTHORNE – Sgt. 1st Class Philip Risi, left, receives his Governors Twenty tab from Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks following The Adjutant General’s Marksmanship Contest in August. Only the top 20 finishers in the contest earned coveted Governors Twenty tabs that distinguish the top-20 sharpshooters in the state. Risi finished 10th overall in the event that included 71 of the Nevada Guard’s top marksmen, including seven Airmen. Staff Sgt Frank Nash of the 485th Military Police Company won the event for the second time. To see the complete list of the recipients of the Governors Twenty tab, turn to page 23.



Photo by Sgt 1st Class Erick Studenicka

VOLK FIELD, WIS. - Senior Airman Kristen Hill, left, and Airman 1st Class Paul Longworth from the Nevada Air National Guard 152nd Medical Group hone their medical lab skills while working in field conditions during the National Guard PATRIOT 2014 exercise at Volk Field, Wis., in July. Air and Army National Guard and reserve units teamed with multiple local, state, and national organizations to practice and assess their emergency response capabilities during the midwestern exercise.



Photo by Tech Sgt Eric Ritter, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Photo by Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks, 17th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

CAMP DODGE, IOWA - Pfc. Kelcy Bennett, a human resource specialist with the 17th Sustainment Brigade's Support Operations section, works to create an overlay of a fictional area of operations during the 17th SB's annual training. The 17th SB participated in the largest simulated logistics exercise ever held at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Nevada Air Guard pilot Capt. Daniel Shure of the 192nd Airlift Squadron prepares for takeoff from Pope Field en route to Corsica, France, in support of Allied Forge 2014. The exercise, led by the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in conjunction with the 152nd and 165th Air National Guard Airlift Wings, was the first exercise designed to enhance bilateral capabilities between the United States and the French 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Erica Knight, 4th Combat Camera Squadron

152nd Airlift Wing Supports Allied Forge, Marks D-day's 70th Anniversary

By Capt. Jason Yuhasz
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE, France – Seven decades after American troops stormed the shores of Europe to turn the tide of World War II, 50 Airmen from the Nevada Air Guard supported the Allied Forge military exercise and D-Day memorial flyover in late spring that marked the 70th anniversary of the Allied forces' invasion of France. For most Americans, D-Day is a term synonymous with June 6, 1944 – the day the western allies landed in Normandy and initiated their effort to liberate mainland Europe from Nazi occupation.

In addition to commemorating one of World War II's most famous battles, Allied Forge was also the first-ever interoperability exercise designed to enhance bilateral capabilities between the United States and the French 2nd Foreign Legion Parachute Regiment.

The Allied Forge and the D-Day commemoration missions provided an opportunity for Nevada Airmen to improve their military job skills, work in an international atmosphere with coalition partners, and recognize the World War II generation of troops who fought valiantly on foreign shores.

"The 20-day mission validated the readiness of the unit and provided realistic planning, tactics, techniques and procedural opportunities," said Col. Karl Stark, the commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing.

Prior to the D-Day memorial flights, the 152nd Airlift Wing began its European tour by participating in Allied Forge, a multinational interoperability exercise based in Corsica, France.

During the exercise, Nevada and Georgia Air Guard C-130s transported American, British and French paratroopers on training missions. Jumpmasters from the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division directed jumps by French Foreign Legion, British and American paratroopers. The exercise concluded with the French, American and British paratroopers exchanging jump wings.

At the conclusion of the exercise, aircraft and personnel from the 152nd moved their operations to Royal Air Force station Mildenhall in Suffolk, England. Once at RAF Mildenhall, the 152nd executed regular flights between Mildenhall and Cherbourg, France.

While at Mildenhall, 152nd personnel had the chance to tour some of the invasion beaches and memorials in France. There was



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Erica Knight, 4th Combat Camera
Senior Airman Katherine Dew performs landing gear maintenance in England during Allied Forge.

also time for a trip to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer. The 170-acre cemetery contains the graves of 9,387 U.S. troops. Most of those interred at the Normandy cemetery lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations.

Near the end of the exercise, 152nd personnel prepared for the high point of their time in Mildenhall – the D-day memorial flyover on June 8. During the flyover, more than 700 paratroopers leaped from 14 different aircraft over Sainte-Mère-Église, France. The air wings from Reno and Savannah, Ga., were the only Air Guard participants in the international event. The paratroopers included French, British, American and German troops.

The paratroopers landed in and around the Iron Mike Drop Zone near Sainte-Mère-Église. The zone derives its name today from the statue of 'Iron Mike,' a likeness of a U.S. paratrooper that serves as a French memorial to the airborne troopers killed in the liberation of France. The Iron Mike zone was the site of the original drops for the U.S. Army's 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment on D-Day.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Erica Knight, 4th Combat Camera

Lt. Col. Caesar Garduno prepares for a C-130 take off from St. John's, Newfoundland, in support of Allied Forge 2014.



Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division load into a Nevada Air National Guard C-130 in Corsica, France, during the Allied Forge exercise in June. The exercise was the first designed to enhance bilateral capabilities between the United States and the French 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment.

Photo by Capt. Jason Yuhasz, 152nd Airlift Wing

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After the drops and a ceremony at the Iron Mike statue, airborne troops marched into the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, the first French town liberated on D-Day during the allies' Operation Overlord invasion of Europe. The 152nd provided aircrew personnel to support the event and the ground and in the air.

The consensus among 152nd Airmen was the mission to Europe was an unforgettable, momentous experience.

"Working with service members from other nations was an incredible opportunity," said 2nd Lt. Lewis Roberts, the 192nd Airlift Squadron's executive officer for the Allied Forge exercise. "It's was an incredible honor to be a part of this historic event."

"I'm proud of our involvement in supporting this historical event that highlighted both the professionalism and tactical capability of the High Rollers," Stark said. ■

D-Day term likely originated in World War I

In the United States, the term D-Day is usually associated with June 6, 1944, and the allied invasion on the northwestern coast of France that historic day.

According to author Stephen Ambrose, the term was actually used by the Army decades earlier.

In his book "June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II," Ambrose writes that Time magazine reported on June 12, 1944, that "as far as the U.S. Army can determine, the first use of D for Day, H for Hour, was in field order No. 8 for the 1st Army, American Expeditionary Forces, issued on Sept. 20, 1918, which read: "The 1st Army will attack at H-Hour on D-Day with the object of forcing

the evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient."

Few people today realize two allied military operations were underway on D-Day.

The smaller of the two operations, Neptune, aimed to establish an allied foothold in France. Neptune was a part of the overarching Operation Overlord, which was the allies' plan to liberate Europe.

The two operations are commonly linked to D-Day and the term has become synonymous with the invasion of continental Europe by the armed forces of the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

- Capt. Jason Yuhasz, 152nd Airlift Wing

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION HOT TOPICS AT ANNUAL NEVADA GUARD CELEBRATION

By Sgt. Walter Lowell
17th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – Polynesian fire dancers were only one of the attractions that helped fuel the excitement surrounding the Nevada National Guard's second annual Diversity Day held at the Las Vegas Readiness Center.

Diversity Day is an annual celebration of culture and inclusion that highlights the various cultures and lifestyles that comprise the Nevada Guard's military and civilian personnel.

Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen mingled with other civilian and military guests while enjoying ethnic cuisine and learning about various cultures, ethnicities, sexual orientations and disabilities at informational booths.

Polynesian culture was predominantly featured during this year's event so attendees could learn more about the culture of Tonga. Tonga and the Nevada National Guard became partners in the National Guard's State Partnership Program in April.

Tahitian and Polynesian dancers and musicians from the Tevakanui Cultural and Performing Arts Center enthralled the crowd with their performances. The live entertainment culminated with a fire spinning dance required to be performed by Tongan males before they are considered warriors.

Maj. Christy Hales, the Nevada Guard's director of military family support services, helped organize the event that placed the spotlight on Tonga.

"This was a great opportunity to introduce the Nevada Guard's new partner during our Diversity Day," Hales said. "The event brought an understanding of the culture of the island nation."

Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks was present to help celebrate the diversity of the Nevada Guard, which he said contributes to the strength of the organization.

"Everybody has his or her own uniqueness. You have to embrace that uniqueness and include it as part of the DNA of the organization," Burks said.

Col. Vernon Scarbrough, the commander of the 17th Sustainment Brigade, echoed Burks' sentiment.

"Having a diverse team helps an organization come up with fresh and innovative ideas," Scarbrough said.

The cultural and lifestyle booths were constructed by southern Nevada Air and Army Guard units. The cultural and lifestyle themes included: American Indian; Asian/Chinese; German; Brazilian; Irish; Italian; Argentine; Women; African-American; Greek; Mexican; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual; Religion, Disabilities and Tongan/Fijian. Attendees voted for their favorite booth and first place went to the Argentine booth hosted by the 150th Maintenance Company.

This year marked the first time the event included a Lesbian, Gay,



Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell, 17th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs
A fire dancer from the Tevakanui Cultural and Performing Arts Center performs during the second annual Diversity and Inclusion Day celebration at the Las Vegas Readiness Center in August. The entertainment focused on Polynesian cultures to salute the newly formed partnership between the Nevada National Guard and the Kingdom of Tonga.

Bisexual and Transsexual informational booth. The booth was constructed by Pfc. Monserrat Romo from Headquarters Company, 17th Sustainment Brigade. Romo said she was motivated to construct the LGBT booth as a sign of support for her sister and her sister's partner.

"Diversity is about individuals coming together despite their differences and working with commonality of purpose to achieve the goals of an organization," Romo said. ■



Photo by Sgt. Ken McCormick, Joint Force Headquarters
Recruiting and Retention Battalion Sgt. 1st Class Lemuel Iniguez displays his Polynesian dance moves during Diversity and Inclusion Day.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Getten

Brig. Gen. Tau'aika 'Uta'atu, Tonga's top military official, boards a Nevada Army Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in Stead for an aerial tour of Northern Nevada on Aug. 19. 'Uta'atu made his first visit to the Silver State this summer to learn about Nevada Guard resources and assets.

TONGAN DELEGATION IMPRESSED WITH NEVADA GUARD, SILVER STATE

By Staff Sgt. Mike Getten
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

RENO – Like millions of other first-time visitors to the Silver State before him, Brig. Gen. Tau'aika 'Uta'atu, Tonga's top military official, gained a new appreciation for Nevada's people and resources on his initial visit to Nevada. The general made his first trip to Nevada under the auspice of the National Guard's State Partnership Program in August.

"I'm very impressed with Nevada," 'Uta'atu said following an Army aviation orientation flight. "I'm amazed by the facilities we have seen and all the people we've encountered, ranging from the hotel staff to the Nevada Guard leadership to the Soldiers we've met."

'Uta'atu's delegation included Lt. Col. Lord Ve'ehala and Sr. Warrant Officer Pakofe Kava. They toured Nevada Guard facilities, met with Gov. Brian Sandoval's staff, and spent several hours with Reno-based Tongan community leaders during the northern Nevada portion of their trip.

In September, the Nevada Guard sent a delegation to Tonga.

The Nevada Guard and Tonga entered into their State Partnership Program agreement in April. The pact is the newest official relationship

in the program, a Department of Defense function that links a state's National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial agreement.

Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, Nevada's Adjutant General, said Nevada is an ideal partner for Tonga because both face similar challenges.

"Nevada and Tonga both have population centers separated by vast expanses of land or water," Burks said "In a contingency situation, we both must overcome similar difficulties created by the vast areas between our population centers."

The early exchanges between the two parties will focus on plans for future training exchanges.

Both generals agreed the partnership is gaining momentum.

"In the beginning phase of this partnership we are looking at 6-8 exchanges per year," Burks said. "We aim to focus on medical, legal, enlisted development, engineering, environmental and renewable energy exchanges in the future as well as joint military exercises, too."

"We are only limited by our imaginations on how we can expand this partnership in the future."

"I hope the momentum continues," 'Uta'atu said. "I envision many opportunities for us to work together, not only for us in the military, but for all Tongans and Nevadans." ■

Battle, football fields shaped Vinatieri brothers career paths

By Staff Sgt. Emerson Marcus
106th Public Affairs Detachment

CARSON CITY — An obscure, 148-year-old decision by an infamous American general shaped the course of history for both the Nevada National Guard and the National Football League.

Before the battle of Little Bighorn, Maj. Gen. George Custer ordered the 7th Cavalry Regiment's 16-member band to stay on a supply steamboat on the Powder River.

Had the band been present for Custer's Last Stand, the regiment's bandmaster, Felix Vinatieri, may have died and forever altered sports and military annals. His great-great grandson, Adam Vinatieri, would not have kicked the game-winning field goals in two Super Bowls and Maj. Beau Vinatieri, Adam's younger brother, would not be the Nevada Army Guard 17th Sustainment Brigade's personnel officer.

Today, the Vinatieri brothers realize how a distant moment in history shaped their lives and how lucky they are to work in the sports and military arenas — professions both siblings admire and respect.

SIBLINGS DRAWN TO SPORTS, SERVICE

After Felix Vinatieri's close call with Custer's battlefield defeat in the Montana Territory, he settled in South Dakota after leaving military service.

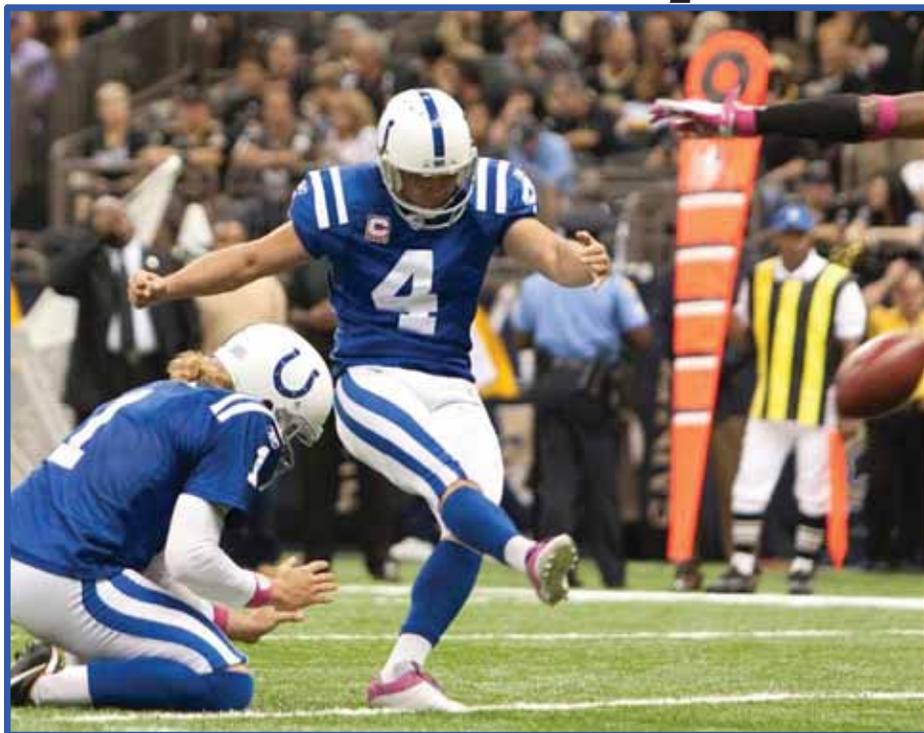
"After Little Bighorn, he was discharged in South Dakota," said Beau Vinatieri, 34.

A century later, Beau and Adam Vinatieri were raised in the Mount Rushmore state, where they grew up with an affinity for sports and service.

"The younger kids attended everything," said their mother, Judy Vinatieri. "The kids would sometimes sleep on bleachers because we went everywhere for sporting events. Beau was a big supporter of his older brothers (Adam and Chad Vinatieri) from a young age. He looked up to his brothers."

Although all three brothers played sports, Adam was the only one who became a professional athlete. Soccer remains a passion for Beau, who recently won two adult league indoor soccer championships this spring on a 30-and-over team with other Nevada Guardsmen in Las Vegas.

"Beau was a bit different than his siblings — a little mischievous — and that is reflected today in Beau's sharp wit and knack for a



Indianapolis Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri is the first NFL kicker to collect four Super Bowl rings. Photo courtesy Colts.com

well-timed joke," Judy said.

After high school, Beau's parents told him he would have to pay for at least part of his college education at Black Hills State University. He chose to join the college's ROTC program in order to defray the cost of his studies.

"My husband (Paul Vinatieri) was in ROTC when he was going to college, and it really helped when we had two kids," Judy said. "We discussed it with Beau and he decided it was a good way to go."

MUTUAL RESPECT

During Veteran's Day weekend in 2012, Adam Vinatieri's current team, the Indianapolis Colts, released a team program that featured stories honoring members of the military.

One story quoted Adam's appreciation of his brother's and father's Army service. Paul retired as a U.S. Army captain in the 1970s.

"People sometimes say, 'You guys are such heroes. You do so much on the field. You're going to battle this Sunday,'" Adam, 41, said in the article. "They all mean well, I love fans and I don't want to say what they tell us is a cliché, but it's not the same as military service."

"We're relatively safe. There may be injuries, but we're not in it with guns, shooting

and having the potential of lives lost," he said. "There is risk in what we do, but it is not the same thing, not even close."

"It shows (my brother's) commitment to our country," said Adam, who is entering the 19th season of his NFL career this year. "His service is very important to our family."

Beau, one of four Vinatieri siblings, moved to Las Vegas and entered the Nevada National Guard in 2003 shortly after his graduation from Black Hills State University. His wife, Michelle, landed a job as a teacher in Las Vegas.

In 2010, he deployed with the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion to Afghanistan after a stint in the 150th Maintenance Company.

Despite his busy military schedule, Beau attended the five Super Bowls his brother played in, four with the Patriots in 1996, 2001, 2003, 2004 and one with the Colts in 2006. Adam is the first kicker to win four Super Bowl rings.

Beau knows the pressures of placekicking personally. He kicked for the Black Hills State University football team and the Rapid City Red Dogs, an arena football team, before he joined the Nevada National Guard.

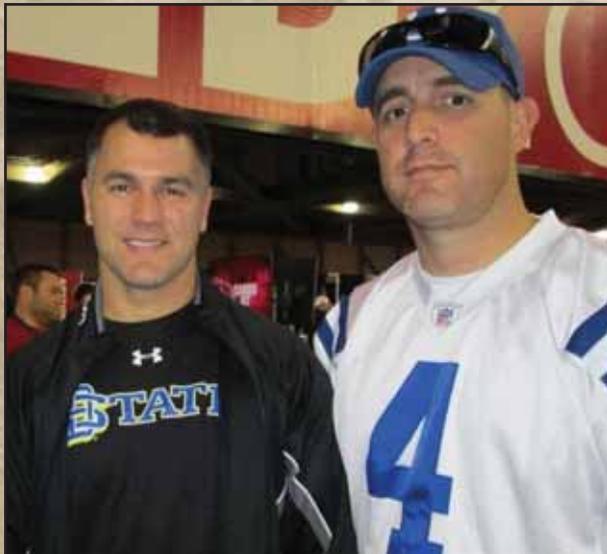
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Adam Vinatieri

Indianapolis Colts, Kicker, No. 4



Height: 6-0
Weight: 209
Age: 41
College: South Dakota State
Hometown: Rapid City, S.D.
Experience: 19 NFL seasons
Field goals made/attempted: 448/540
(Through Sept. 1, 2014)



Nevada Army Guard Maj. Beau Vinatieri, left, the personnel officer for the 17th Sustainment Brigade, meets up with his brother, Indianapolis Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, at a recent event. Adam Vinatieri is the first NFL kicker to win four Super Bowl rings. Photo courtesy Vinatieri family



Maj. Beau Vinatieri is the personnel officer for the 17th Sustainment Brigade. Before he began his military career with the Nevada Army Guard, Vinatieri was the placekicker for Black Hills State University and connected on seven field goals for the Yellow Jackets in 2000. Photo courtesy Vinatieri family

VINATIERIS FOREVER LINKED TO CUSTER'S LAST BAND



Felix Villiet Vinatieri (1834-1891), the great-great grandfather of Adam and Beau Vinatieri, was one of the most musically talented – and perhaps luckiest – Soldiers in history.

At the age of 25 in 1859, Felix and his sister Emmelia migrated to America from Italy. Two years later, Felix enlisted as a musician with the 16th Regiment of Massachusetts in Boston. He reenlisted in 1867 as an infantry musician with the 22nd Infantry at Fort Columbus, N.Y. He was sent west by the Army and discharged in 1870 at Fort Sully in the Dakota Territory and he settled in the town of Yankton and married his wife, Anna.

At about the same time, the Army sent Gen. George Armstrong Custer's 7th Regiment of Cavalry to explore the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory. The regiment was assigned to duty at Fort Abraham Lincoln near Bismarck.

While on its way to Bismarck, the regiment stopped and camped for several weeks in Yankton. With Custer were 800 troops, 700 horses and 202 mules as well as hundreds of family members.

During their encampment in Yankton, a ball was held in honor of the

general and his officers. The leader of the band that night was a lithe, trim, 39-year-old Italian named Felix Vinatieri, who led the band with gusto. Custer thought the music sophisticated for a wilderness town and asked to meet the band leader and offered him the position of chief musician. Vinatieri soon enlisted for a 3-year period as bandleader of the 7th Cavalry.

On June 26, 1876, Custer and 276 of his men were killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn, Mont. The 16 members of the band were spared because Custer had ordered Vinatieri and the band to remain on the supply steamboat, Far West, on the Powder River. The boat became a floating hospital with all of the band members becoming medics. The steamboat retreated to Dakota Territory and made the nearly 1,000-mile journey in just 54 hours.

Vinatieri was discharged from the Army on December 18, 1876, at Fort Abraham Lincoln and he received a notation for good conduct. The family returned to Yankton and he eventually re-organized a band and served as its director from 1886-1891.

According to the New York Times, "Custer's Last Band," a collection of Felix Vinatieri's cavalry marches, was recorded by an orchestra in California about a decade ago.

"I listen to that CD and can't quite get over the fact that it's my granddad's music," Adam Vinatieri said after the release.

-Text and photo courtesy National Music Museum

NEVADA AIR GUARD FEMALE AVIATORS FLY INTO HISTORY

By Staff Sgt. Melinda Mier
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – Six Airmen from the Nevada Air National Guard made history when they teamed to become the first all-female air crew to fly a tactical training mission this summer.

The crew, all from the 192nd Operations Squadron of the 152nd Airlift Wing, included pilot Maj. Hillary Moynihan, co-pilot Capt. Brooke Magee, navigator 1st. Lt. Merridy Stephenson, loadmaster Master Sgt. Kathleen Backlund, flight engineer Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Cronin and loadmaster Staff Sgt. Jana Morales.

The crew completed an airdrop training

mission that replicated a real-world sortie that included transporting and delivering simulated pallets.

It was entirely by chance that the assigned crew was all female. No one noted the history-making aspect of the mission until an Airman mentioned the uniqueness of the all-female crew.

Col. Kyle Reid, the 192nd Operations Group commander, downplayed the fact the crew was comprised entirely of female Airmen.

“I expect all my officers and enlisted Airmen to complete the mission every day and whether they are male or female actually makes no difference to me,” Reid said. “They went out and completed a mission just like I



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melinda Mier, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
The Nevada Air Guard's history-making all-female flight crew included, from left to right: flight engineer Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Cronin; loadmaster Staff Sgt. Jana Morales; pilot Maj. Hillary Moynihan; co-pilot Capt. Brooke Magee; navigator 1st. Lt. Merridy Stephenson; and, front, loadmaster Master Sgt. Kathleen Backlund.

expect. It just happened to be an all female crew.”

Backlund graduated from the Air Force's loadmaster school in 1999 and has been in the unit ever since. She said she hoped the crew could serve as a role model for other females.

“It shows young women that, no matter what, you can do cool things,” Backlund said. Cronin spent four years on active duty as a munitions specialist, enlisted in the Nevada Air Guard as a crew chief in 2008, and became a flight engineer in 2013.

Cronin echoed Backlund's sentiment.

“I think being a role model as a female flyer is a big deal,” Cronin said. “It's probably the best part of being involved in all of this.”

The camaraderie and personal history the crewmembers share goes back several years. Moynihan, who has been flying since 2001, has been friends with Backlund for 17 years.

Magee, a former enlisted crew chief, has been with the 192nd for 16 years and has been a co-pilot since 2007. Stephenson is also a prior enlisted Airman and just returned to the 192nd after graduating from C-130 navigator school.

Moynihan summed up her thoughts on the flight.

“We are all friends and it just happened to work out that way,” she said. “I think we're all very proud to have been a part of this historical moment.” ■

Photo by Staff Sgt. Melinda Mier, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
The first all-female flight crew returns upon the completion of their mission this summer at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. From left to right were loadmaster Master Sgt. Kathleen Backlund, flight engineer Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Cronin, co-pilot Capt. Brooke Magee, navigator 1st. Lt. Merridy Stephenson, loadmaster Staff Sgt. Jana Morales and pilot Maj. Hillary Moynihan.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: NEVADA GUARD'S 1ST INTEL SENSOR WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR COURSE STUDENT GRADUATES

By Maj. Dennis Fournier
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – There was no shortage of emotion, especially relief, when Nevada Air Guard Maj. Brian Gunderson received his weapons instructor patch from the U.S. Air Force Weapons School in a formal graduation ceremony at Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino. The commencement marked the end of more than five months of rigorous training for the Nevada Air Guard's first Intelligence Sensor Weapons Instructor Course graduate.

Gunderson is the first Nevada Air Guard intelligence officer to graduate from ISWIC and is one of only two Nevada Airmen who wears a weapons school patch. The other is C-130 navigator Maj. Ricardo Bravo, who transferred into the Nevada Air Guard from active duty after passing the weapons instructor course.

Gunderson was nominated for the program more than two years ago by Air Guard leadership to attend the course that graduates advisors and problem solvers who lead the Air Force and enable it to integrate its combat power seamlessly with the other military services.

"Without question, this is the biggest accomplishment of my military career," Gunderson said. "I'm very thankful my commander and senior leadership had the confidence in me to push for my admission in the course. I plan to use my training and new

network to enhance mission operations."

The goal of the course is to train students to become tactical experts in their combat specialty while also learning the art of battle-space dominance. Battle-space dominance is the ability to create an overmatch in combat power in any domain, whether air, land, sea, space or cyberspace.

Weapons school graduates are extensively familiar with all Air Force and Department of Defense assets and know how those resources can be employed in concert to achieve synergistic results.

The weapons school is demanding. Seldom does a class graduate the same number of students that enter the curriculum. Gunderson's class started with 12 students; nine received their patch.

"The course is not for the faint-hearted," said Maj. Andrew St. Jean, the assistant director of operations for the 19th Weapons Squadron. "The washout rate is approximately 25 percent. Students can't expect to be successful without putting in long hours, having thick skin and demonstrating a high level of comprehension."

Typical days for weapons school students include early mornings that begin with intense studies and preparation for a mission that can continue for hours. After a mission de-brief by instructors, students make corrections to their material and re-brief. The reward for the successful completion of a mission is a quick



Photo by Maj. Dennis Fournier, JFHQ Public Affairs
Maj. Brian Gunderson, left, receives a diploma from Col. Adrian Spain, the commandant of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, in Las Vegas.

meal and then a return to the classroom for more mission preparation and rehearsal.

"The first week of the course, I got a total of 11 hours of sleep," said Gunderson, the director of operations for the 152nd Intelligence Squadron. "It was grueling. The course humbled me and opened my eyes to new military capabilities and new ways of finding solutions to tactical problems."

Like the other graduates of the course, Gunderson will return to his home unit, the 152nd, and serve as the squadron's weapons and tactics officer who leads combat missions and provides senior leaders tactical, operational and strategic advice. ■

7 AIRMEN RECOGNIZED WITH ORDER OF NEVADA AWARDS

By Staff Sgt. Melinda Mier
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – Seven Nevada Air National Guard Airmen were awarded the Order of Nevada here in August. The recipients were: Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry, Cols. Mitch Sperling and John Week, and Chief Master Sgts. Evelyn Anderson, Joseph Martini, James Warner and Michael Drisdale.

The Order of Nevada is reserved for Guardsmen who have contributed 25 years of meritorious service to the United States military. Twenty of the 25 years of service must have been performed in the Nevada National Guard. Regulations also state the service must be of great responsibility, be clearly exceptional, and be completed with distinction.

Individual highlights were noted, including:

Berry was recognized for his work as an

education officer, mission support flight commander and Air National Guard diversity program officer. He was also recognized for his exemplary work while helping with personnel activations in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001.

Sperling received his award for his work with the safety program, his stint as a pilot, and his efforts on behalf of the Nevada Military Department Human Resource Office.

Week received his award for his innovative changes and improvement of supply and maintenance processes as well as his determination and resourcefulness.

Anderson's award was for the myriad contributions she made to the Nevada Military Department throughout her career. She developed many processes that ensured members of Nevada's Joint Force Headquarters received optimal service.

Martini was acknowledged for his initiative

and effort as the maintenance group production control supervisor. He was also recognized for his flawless performance as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the largest deployment contingency in Nevada Air Guard history.

Warner received his Order of Nevada for helping the Nevada Air Guard become the No. 1 Tactical Reconnaissance Group within the RF-4C community in the 1990s. He was also instrumental in refining the isochronal process for the 152nd Maintenance Group.

Drisdale received his award for helping the quality assurance office score a 100 percent on its logistics compliance assessment inspection. The perfect score marked a first for the 152nd Airlift Wing.

The Order of Nevada is named for former Nevada Adjutant General retired Maj. Gen. Drennan Clark, who was Nevada's Adjutant General from 1986-2000. ■



Seen here in 2008, retired Lt. Col. Steve Ranson believed his 28 years of service in the National Army Guard would clearly make him a military veteran. Much to his chagrin, however, the federal government considers him a military retiree and not a veteran. For Guardsmen, acquiring veteran status can be complicated and confusing.

Photo courtesy Lt. Col. (Ret.) Steve Ranson

VETERAN STATUS NO CINCH FOR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

*By Staff Sgt. Mike Getten
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs*

CARSON CITY – After 28 years of Nevada Army Guard service, retired Lt. Col. Steve Ranson was confident he was a military veteran.

But only a few short weeks from his retirement in 2008, he was crestfallen when he discovered he would be considered a retired military Soldier and not a veteran by the federal government.

“I discovered the difference in status only after it was too late to do anything about it,” said Ranson, now the editor for the Lahontan Valley News in Fallon. “I consider it a slap in the face. All Soldiers put on the same uniform, train to the same standard and are equally dedicated to defending this country.”

Veteran status is desirable for retirees because many substantial benefits, especially access to the Veterans Administration health care system, are available for most veterans but not all military retirees.

Ranson’s disappointment with his retirement status underscores the fact that, although unceasing National Guard combat deployments of more than 90 consecutive days during the past decade has given thousands of Guard Soldiers and Airmen automatic veteran status, thousands of other Guardsmen will never attain veteran status despite the fact they completed their enlistment term or retired from the National Guard. And as combat deployment opportunities dwindle, the chance for Guard Soldiers and Airmen to gain veteran status will decrease.

According to Ranson’s personal calculations, a traditional National Guardsman who retires after 20 years of Guard duty spends more time in uniform than an active duty service member who serves the minimum enlistment time, two years, that gives the member veteran status.

“I totaled up the number of traditional days I served and it was the equivalent of about eight years. An active duty member need only serve two years to become a veteran,” Ranson said. “The federal government is one of very few organizations that doesn’t recognize National Guard retirees as veterans.”

There are many ways a National Guardsman or reservist can attain veteran status. Outside of a combat deployment, the most common way for a service member to gain veteran status is to be placed on active duty for more than 180 days for a reason other than training

(basic training and military schools are strictly training periods for Guardsmen).

Ranson said training time for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen should count as active duty time.

“The active duty component constantly trains and that training counts toward accumulated active duty time. Guardsmen training in the same schools alongside their active duty counterparts don’t accrue the same amount of time served,” Ranson said.

According to Carmen Rank, the Nevada Guard’s transition assistance advisor, it’s crucial for Guardsmen to retain all of their service records.

“After you have separated and require assistance, it will be hard to compile required documents,” said Rank, who served 22 years in the Nevada Army Guard.

Rank said Guardsmen should enroll in military web sites that archive service records. The sites will assist in a broad spectrum of topics ranging from job searches to burial site information.

“Enrollment is not automatic and every Soldier and Airman, no matter how long they have been in, should log-in and maintain their records,” Rank said. “No one will do it for you.”

Rank said even the shortest-term Guardsmen is eligible for post-military benefits even if they don’t attain veteran status.

“It is important to realize that every Guard member will receive some benefits. Even the Soldier or Airman who decides they don’t like the military and gets out after just one enlistment can receive assistance for their transition back to civilian life,” Rank said. “The verification of military experience and training helps identify and confirm a service member’s skills, experience and abilities in the civilian employment arena.”

There are many exceptions and special circumstances that add to the complexity of veteran status determination. For example, Soldiers and Airmen permanently injured during training may receive veteran status. The final determination of eligibility is made by the VA on a case-by-case basis.

Despite his disagreeable retired military status with the federal government, Ranson said he’s proud of his 28 years of Guard duty and he finds solace in the fact the majority of other organizations use the term veterans when referring to retired military Soldiers and Airmen.

“I am thankful the state of Nevada and the majority of other organizations do recognize National Guard retirees as veterans,” Ranson said. ■

CAREER POINTS NOW EQUAL RETIREMENT \$\$\$\$\$ LATER

By Capt. Andrew Simbeck
106th Public Affairs Detachment

CARSON CITY – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 38,387 points during his National Basketball Association career to ensure himself an easy retirement and a spot in the hall of fame.

But how many points does a Guardsman need to score to ensure a comfortable post-military career retirement? And what does a Soldier or Airman do to record points?

Sgt. 1st Class James Lathrop often heard those questions during his recent stint as the Nevada Army Guard's retirement points accounting manager.

"Retirement points are a large factor in determining retirement pay for Guard members," Lathrop said. "The more points earned throughout a career, the more retirement pay received."

According to Lathrop, a Guard member must tally a minimum of 50 points for a satisfactory year of reserve military service and then must accrue a minimum of 20 satisfactory years for retirement pay eligibility. Most Guardsmen become eligible for retirement pay at age 60.

Usually, Guard members earn about 78 points in a year: 15 points for Guard membership, 15 points for attending 15 days of annual training and 48 points for attending unit training assemblies. UTAs are blocks of training conducted during inactive duty training weekends, often referred to as drills. Normally, units conduct four UTAs on a two-day drill weekend.

Additional points can also be gained by attending school in a paid duty status or by performing duties on orders in either a paid or non-paid status.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Dupree, a Nevada Air Guard customer support sergeant, said the Air Guard retirement point accrual system is very similar to the Army Guard's accounting.

Lathrop said he often reminds Soldiers they can earn retirement points by taking self development courses through the Army Correspondence Course Program. He stressed these courses differ from the mandatory, structured self development courses for enlisted soldiers.

Lathrop said self development courses can count toward a Soldier's 130-point maximum tally for annual inactive duty training points.

The Air National Guard does not have a similar program, Dupree said.

Although attendance at every uniformed training assembly and annual training day are not required for a satisfactory year, enlisted Soldiers and Airmen who do not perform any type of duty over the course of 12 UTAs risk transfer into the Inactive National Guard or discharge and do not accrue credit toward retirement.

Lathrop's simple advice to ensure maximum retirement points: attend all training events and schools; complete self development courses; volunteer for additional duties in both pay and non-pay statuses and carefully check annual statements for accuracy.

Soldiers can visit <http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/> to determine estimated retirement pay by using the benefit calculator tool. (For example, a 48-year-old sergeant first class retiring today with 1,560 points could expect to receive \$535 per month upon reaching age 60.)



Photo by Sgt. Michael Orton, 106th Public Affairs Detachment
Sgt. 1st Class Sonya Stevens, left, the Nevada Army Guard's retirement points manager, reviews a retirement packet with Staff Sgt. Mike Getten of the 106th Public Affairs Detachment in Carson City. The number of points a Soldier or Airmen accrues during their National Guard career helps determine a Guardsman's monthly retirement pay.

RETIREMENT POINTS COMPILATION CHART

Activity	Retirement Points	Time Period
Active Duty	1	Day
Annual Training	1	Day
Military School	1	Day
Inactive Duty Training	1	1 per 4 hour block
Inactive Duty Funeral Honor	1	Day
Legal Duties, Medical Duties	1	1 each 2 hour block (max 2 points per day)
National Guard Membership	15	Annual Year End
Army correspondence courses	1	3 credit hours
Duty in non-pay status	1	2 hours (max 1 point per day)

• List not inclusive

Airmen can visit <https://gum.crm.csd.disa.mil/app/processes/form/fn/vdb> To enroll in a self development course, Soldiers should contact their unit's training sergeant. Courses can be accessed through the "ATRRS-Student Center" button in the "My Training Folder" in Army Knowledge Online.

Sgt. 1st Class Sonya Stevens replaced Lathrop in July as the Nevada Army Guard's retirement points accounting manager. For assistance, call (775) 887-7361. ■

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DESPITE LOOMING BUDGET CUTS, LUCRATIVE ARMY GUARD REENLISTMENT BONUSES PREVAIL

By Lt. Col. Joanne Farris
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

CARSON CITY – Uncle Sam still wants you!

Despite the fact severe military budget cuts are certain and the war in Afghanistan winding down, lucrative retention bonuses are still available for the majority of Nevada Army National Guard Soldiers who reenlist regardless of their military occupation.

“The vast majority of traditional National Guard Soldiers who extend in a timely manner for three or six years receive a substantial bonus,” said Sgt. Christopher Cargill, a retention sergeant for the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. “Soldiers who commit to a 6-year extension within the 91-365 day window prior to the end of their enlistment receive a \$10,000 bonus. Soldiers who extend for three years receive a \$5,000 bonus.”

Enlisting within the specific 91-365 day window is crucial for bonus eligibility, Cargill said, because Soldiers who extend with less than 91 days remaining on their existing contract receive no bonus money. All reenlisting Soldiers who extend for three or six years receive either a promotional tomahawk or gym bag regardless of their signing window.

Cargill noted Soldiers eligible for reenlistment bonuses must meet certain criteria.

(See the Reenlistment Criteria chart on page 17)

National Guard reenlistment bonuses remain in place despite budget cuts in order to stabilize the National Guard’s attrition loss rate, said 1st Lt. Richard Gilberti, the Recruiting and Retention Battalion’s executive officer. Gilberti said 650 Soldiers transitioned out of the Nevada Army Guard alone in 2013, about 20 percent of the state’s 3,100 Guard Soldiers.

“Six hundred and fifty Soldiers – that equates to losing a battalion of Soldiers in just one year,” Gilberti said. “When Soldiers leave the organization, we lose their experience, education and leadership. Those attributes are critical in maintaining a superior force. It’s much more cost effective to pay a skilled, experienced Soldier a \$10,000 bonus than to pay for a brand new Soldier’s initial basic and military occupation training.”

Through the end of June, the Nevada Army Guard’s attrition loss rate was 15.9 percent, well below the National Guard Bureau’s stated goal of less than 20 percent in each of the 54 states, territories and District of Columbia. Gilberti said Nevada’s attrition percentage is 34th among the 54 NGB geographical boundaries and is primarily a reflection of the Silver State’s transitory population.

“We have a very high number of interstate and interservice transfers moving into and out of Las Vegas each year,” Gilberti said. “Often times, a Guardsmen or active-duty Soldier may vacation in southern Nevada, decide to move there, and then relocate in a few years.”

Gilberti noted the Nevada Army Guard offers more than just financial compensation for its Soldiers and those additional benefits should be considered as an ETS date approaches. Some of the benefits Guard Soldiers receive in addition to their paycheck include: eligibility for medical, dental, and life insurance; access to morale, welfare, and family support programs; and unlimited entry into military commissaries and post exchanges for subsidized shopping.

Cargill said the Recruiting and Retention Battalion staff gives all



Photo courtesy Army Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion Administered by Lt. Col. Randy Lau, left, Staff Sgt. Crisa Obregon takes the oath of reenlistment in the Nevada Army Guard in July. Despite the fact severe military budget cuts are certain and the war in Afghanistan winding down, lucrative retention bonuses are still available for the majority of Nevada Army Guard Soldiers who reenlist regardless of their military occupation. Many Airmen are also eligible for reenlistment bonuses.

Soldiers plenty of time to consider their reenlistment and works closely with Soldiers to guide them on their military career path.

“The Recruiting and Retention staff identifies Soldiers who are 15 months away from their ETS date and confers with them about their military goals,” Cargill said. “In many cases, Soldiers are tired of their current job and need a new position or military occupational skill. I can work with the Soldier and the units to arrange a fresh career path.

“It’s about re-energizing the Soldier and prioritizing what aspects of the National Guard appeal to them.”

In addition to all of the benefits and bonuses, Cargill said Soldiers may want to reenlist just to avoid any future hassles with military re-entry requirements, including increasingly stringent regulations concerning tattoos.

“It’s absolutely worth it to reenlist now, and not just for the bonus money,” Cargill said. “If you leave the National Guard and then want to come back, you will have to go through the new re-entry standards that include a strict tattoo policy.” ■

Nevada Air Guard Reenlistment Bonuses Available In 33 Specialties

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

CARSON CITY – Airmen in 33 Air Force critical career fields are eligible for substantial reenlistment bonuses, according to Nevada Air Guard retention sergeant Master Sgt. Jonathan Baker.

Airmen in the critical career fields with the requisite Air Force Specialty Code will receive \$15,000 reenlistment bonus for a 6-year extension. (Recipients will receive \$7,500 upon signing their extension and the additional \$7,500 after three more years of service.) Personnel who extend for three years will receive a \$7,500 bonus.

Baker stressed Airmen must be in one of the fields deemed critical by the Air Force to receive a bonus.

“Not all will receive a bonus for reenlisting,” Baker said. “One must be in one of the nationally critical areas of necessity. Otherwise, there is no bonus for reenlistment.”

Baker said the most critical fields in the Air Guard include: navigators, security forces personnel, intelligence operations personnel, flight engineers and maintenance personnel, especially sheet metal workers. Call the Air Guard Retention Office at (775) 788-4543 for the complete list of critical occupations.

Baker said the Nevada Air Guard’s retention rate is about 90 percent, commensurate with the National Guard Bureau’s stated goal of a 90 percent retention rate in every state and territory.

As of mid-July, there were 21 vacant enlisted job positions in the Nevada Air Guard. For information on any vacancies or bonuses, call (775) 527-7742. ■



Photo courtesy 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Palmer of the 152nd Airlift Wing extends her enlistment contract in the Nevada Air Guard. Substantial reenlistment bonuses are available in 33 Air Force critical career fields.

REENLISTMENT CRITERIA

ELIGIBLE SOLDIERS MUST BE:

- *Sergeant first class or below in rank with less than 13 years time in service at time of expiration of term of service (ETS)*
- *Traditional drilling Soldiers, not an Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Soldier or full-time federal technician*
- *A primary position holder not in overstrength or excess status*
- *Not assigned to the Regional Training Institute or Recruit Sustainment Program*
- *Military Occupation Specialty-duty qualified unless lack of qualification is due to unit reorganization, inactivation or deployment*



EXPANDED AGREEMENT MAY LEAD TO STEAD CENTER CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS

*By Staff Sgt. Emerson Marcus
106th Public Affairs Detachment*

STEAD – Master Sgt. Benjamin Green says operating the current, undersized field maintenance shop at the Nevada Army Guard's Harry Reid Training Center in Stead is similar to running a car dealership out of a home garage.

That challenging situation is expected to change, though, following the recent finalization of the expanded lease agreement between the Nevada Army Guard and the Reno-Tahoe Airport authority, which oversees operations at the Reno-Stead Airport. The lease agreement is set to increase the Nevada Guard's area at the airport from 45 to 108 acres and likely allow for future construction on the site.

The lease agreement is for at least 30 years with two, 10-year extension options. That length of time is long enough for the Nevada Guard to gain federal construction funds, officials said, and alleviate the cramped conditions at the field maintenance shop with a new building.

The master plan for the Nevada Guard's center, drawn in 2002, includes additional

training and aviation buildings, but the proposed \$8 million maintenance shop is first on the docket, said Lt. Col. Clayton Chappell, the state's construction, facilities and management officer.

"It's going to make a world of a difference," Green said. "It all boils down to size of the shop compared to amount of equipment the shop supports. We support 17 units."

The new shop will be about three times larger than the current shop and will include a computer lab for units to input Standard Army Maintenance System data and streamline that process, Green said.

The expanded lease adds an additional 63 acres to the HRTC, primarily to the west and south of the current center boundaries. The total first-year cost of the lease and joint-use agreement is about \$47,000 and the cost will be adjusted each subsequent year.

Most importantly for the Nevada Guard, the agreement gets the ball rolling on environmental assessments and likely future construction efforts, officials said.

"The state will contribute funds and manpower for some design, site preparation and project management," Chappell said. "Construction is going to be 100 percent federally funded."

As part of the agreement, the airport authority will maintain the road that leads to the center, said Capt. Brian Hunsaker, the state's plans and programs branch chief.

"The National Guard Bureau has already approved construction of the maintenance shop, which is now waiting final authorization in the 2017 Congressional budget," Hunsaker said.

Other HRTC projects, including additional facilities and expanded parking, are also in the works. Those proposals are awaiting approval from the National Guard Bureau and won't occur until at least 2021, Hunsaker said.

The city of Reno first leased its Stead land to the Nevada Army Guard in 1977. A new lease in 1984 expanded the plot from nine to 15 acres. The current 45-acre lease began 1994, three years before construction of the Washoe County Readiness Center building at HRTC in 1997, said Claire Clift, the real property manager for the Nevada Army National Guard.

The need for the improvements and expansion stems from the increasing numbers of personnel and equipment housed at the HRTC. Since 2001, the number of Soldiers in the Nevada Guard has increased from 1,900 Soldiers to about 3,100. ■



Photo by Spc. James Pierce, 106th Public Affairs Detachment
Pfc. David Gardiner, a wheeled vehicle mechanic who works at the field maintenance shop at the Harry Reid Training Center in Stead, checks the transmission fluid of a Humvee in June. A recently signed lease agreement agreed upon between the Nevada Army Guard and the Reno-Tahoe Airport authority will increase the Nevada Guard's area at the Reno-Stead Airport from 45 to 108 acres and likely allow for future construction on the site, including a new field maintenance shop.

National Guard Set To Continue Remedial Investigation Of Old Yerington Training Site



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

The National Guard is set to continue its ongoing remedial investigation of the debris at the Nevada Army Guard's obsolete Yerington Training Site this year. Once the restoration of the site is complete, the land is likely to be deeded to the city of Yerington.

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

YERINGTON – The National Guard Bureau is set to continue its remedial investigation of a 5,800-acre obsolete Army Guard training site near Yerington, Nevada National Guard officials said in August at the Lyon County Board of Commissioners meeting. The National Guard Bureau administers and provides oversight of the 54 National Guard States (including the District of Columbia) and territories.

The remedial investigation focuses on an undeveloped portion of Lyon County that was previously the Army Guard's Yerington Training Site. The area was used by the Nevada National Guard for field and drivers training as well as a bivouac site. The Nevada Guard has not conducted training or activities there since the site was closed in the late 1990s.

The remedial investigation is the third step

in the overall restoration of the land, which is about 4 miles east of Yerington and runs north to south adjacent to White Mountain and Black Mountain. The majority of the land is Bureau of Land Management-managed; some of the land is owned by a mining company and other private parties.

The Yerington restoration project began in July 2005 with a preliminary assessment that was completed in 2008. At that time, it was determined that the site qualified for the Military Munitions Response Program and additional inspections were required. During the secondary site inspection step of the restoration, some debris from training grenades was found in addition to empty flare tubes and small arms shell casings. Soil analysis revealed no munitions-related contamination. That inspection phase was completed in 2011.

The goal of the current remedial investigation is to determine the type and distribution of

munitions and related debris at the site. The remedial investigation is likely to continue through 2016. If future remedial actions are deemed necessary, a feasibility study will occur and be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Although the overall effect of the military training on the site was likely minor, Nevada Guard officials said they are eager to return the area to its original condition.

"The restoration project at the Yerington Training Site demonstrates the National Guard's commitment to responsible environmental stewardship, regardless of the amount of time that's passed since the National Guard used the land," said Maj. Doug McEldowney, the Nevada Army Guard's facilities maintenance manager.

McEldowney said that, once the entire restoration project concludes and the site is returned to its original condition, the land will likely be deeded to the city of Yerington. ■

Civilian Awards



Nevada Air Guard's Thompson recognized by NAACP

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

CARSON CITY – Nevada Air Guard Senior Master Sgt. Torry Thompson distinguished himself from the roughly 110,000 Airmen in the entire Air National Guard to receive the 2014 Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award from the NAACP in Las Vegas.

The Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award is presented annually to one service member from each branch of the military and one Department of Defense civilian. The award is named for the former civil rights activist and leader of the NAACP who led many of the successful civil rights campaigns in America during the 1960s.

The award recognizes military service members and Department of Defense civilian employees who have supported the DoD's mission or overseas contingency operations and whose service epitomize the qualities and core values of their respective military branch. Recipients also enthusiastically support the civil rights movement in the armed forces and federal civilian workforce.

Thompson, the superintendent in the state headquarters military personnel management office, represented the entire Air National Guard when receiving his award, which was presented during the 2014 Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Awards portion of the NAACP's 105th annual Convention. Including Thompson, only eight people received the award.

Thompson is also the State Diversity Initiatives Coordinator for the Nevada Military Department. Thompson is the first Airmen in the Nevada Guard and only Air National Guardsman in the nation who serves as both a non-commissioned officer and State Diversity Initiatives Coordinator.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Rebecca Palmer, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
Senior Master Sgt. Torry Thompson, center, receives the Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award from NAACP officials during the NAACP's 39th annual Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Awards Luncheon in Las Vegas.

"It was very humbling to be nominated. I was excited to represent the Air National Guard and the state," said Thompson, who resides in Reno. "I'm pleased to work in a state where the adjutant general has made diversity a priority."

According to the NAACP, Thompson distinguished himself in 2013 by providing outstanding service and commitment in developing the Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity Education program for the 152nd Airlift Wing. He also assisted in the development of the base diversity policy that formulated the Commander's Wing Diversity Policy. He also was instrumental in starting the George W. Porter Tuskegee Airmen

Chapter in Reno and currently he serves as the chapter's president.

Thompson, 38, is a native of Alexandria, La., and a 1993 graduate of McQueen High School in Reno. He joined the Nevada Air Guard in 1994 and has recorded 20 years of military service.

In addition to the state headquarters, Thompson has served in the Nevada Air Guard with the 152nd Reconnaissance Group Command Post, the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and 152nd Mission Support Group. In 2006-2007, he was the first sergeant for the 152nd Mission Support Group. In June 2007, he transferred to the Nevada Air Guard's state headquarters. ■

Nevada Guard State Chaplain blessed with Distinguished Service Award

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

CARSON CITY – Although he's the first to admit it's unlikely he'll ever be officially declared a saint, a conclave of military clergy canonized Nevada Army Guard Maj. Harold Woomer Jr. with the Military Chaplains Association's Distinguished Service Award on May 14 in San Diego.

Woomer, 43, was the lone Army reserve-component chaplain recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the association this year and he's the first chaplain in Nevada Army Guard history to receive the accolade. Woomer has been the Nevada Guard's full-time state chaplain since 2007 and is responsible for the religious welfare of 4,200 Nevada Guard service members and their family members.

"I am very blessed to be recognized with the award," said Woomer, a Reno resident. "It has been very rewarding and satisfying to minister to Nevada Army Guard Soldiers and Airmen and it is very fulfilling to represent the state as the recipient of the award."

The Military Chaplains Association is a professional support and service organization comprised of hundreds of clergy who are serving or previously served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Department of Veterans Affairs and Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. Founded in 1925, the MCA is dedicated to the religious freedom and spiritual well-being of armed forces service members, veterans and their families.

Woomer, who was nominated by the Army Chief of Chaplains, received the award during the annual MCA National Institute meeting. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the ministry excellence of select chaplains in the middle of their respective careers.

According to the MCA, Woomer received the Distinguished Service Award in part for his work on the "Nevada Grow Your Own" Chaplain Corps program that's seen Nevada Army Guard's clergy corps increase from two to 11 staffers and near 100 percent of its authorized strength.

Woomer also began the Nevada Guard's Chaplain Candidate Coaching Program that allows candidates to practice their ministry and staff officer skills through simulated training. In the program, candidates receive



Photo courtesy Military Chaplains Association
Maj. Harold Woomer Jr., center, the Nevada Guard's state chaplain, receives the Military Chaplains Association's Distinguished Service Award in San Diego, Calif., from members of the association's executive committee. Woomer, 43, was the lone Army reserve-component chaplain recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the association this year and he's the first chaplain in Nevada Army Guard history to receive the accolade. Woomer has been the Nevada Guard full-time state chaplain since 2007.

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monthly counseling designed to support their professional growth.

Recently, Woomer partnered with the Family Programs Office of Suicide Prevention to conduct Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for Soldiers, Airmen, family members and community volunteers. As a result of this training, the Nevada Guard now has 20 "Safe Talk" instructors capable of conducting suicide intervention training. Subsequently, Gov. Brian Sandoval appointed Woomer to the Governor's Veterans Suicide Prevention Council.

The MCA award also noted Woomer's exemplary service during his stint as the chaplain for the 1/221st Armored Reconnaissance Squadron in Afghanistan in 2009-2010 while the 720-Soldier squadron supported 11 Provincial Reconstruction Teams in far-flung locations.

"It's evident Chaplain Woomer takes the time to know his team well, encourages them and develops their potential," said Ed Brogan, president of the MCA.

A United Methodist pastor since 1995, Woomer first enlisted in the military in 2003 as a specialist in the 63rd Regional Support Command Headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. After serving in several nonclerical military jobs such as light-wheeled mechanic, Woomer eventually commissioned in the Chaplains Corps. He joined the Nevada Army Guard in 2006 as the chaplain for the 992nd Troop Command in Las Vegas.

For information on the state chaplain's office, call (775) 887-7249. ■

ARMY GUARD, NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION TEAM UP IN NEW PARTNERSHIP

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

CARSON CITY – The Nevada Army National Guard has teamed with the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to become one of the association’s partners for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The NIAA is the non-profit organization of secondary schools in Nevada that acts as the governing body of high school athletics and activities.

The Nevada Army Guard is one of the NIAA’s general corporate partners along with the Nevada Dairy Council and Lifetouch Photography this school year. General corporate partners support the NIAA with \$10,000 for the designation. The Nevada Army Guard is the first military organization to enter into a partnership with the NIAA.

“We’re excited to receive this opportunity to support Nevada schools’ athletic programs,” said Capt. Lydon Grossi of the Nevada Army Guard’s Recruiting and Retention Battalion. “We welcome the chance to increase our involvement in local communities.”

As a general corporate partner, the Nevada Army Guard will receive signage and publication advertising space and Guard representatives can attend NIAA meetings, banquets and special events. Also, the Army Guard may place informational booths at NIAA events.

NIAA assistant director Donnie Nelson said the pairing of the NIAA and Army Guard would allow high school athletes to learn about various opportunities to continue their secondary education.

“The focus of the partnership is to inform young men and women on how they could carry on their education at the college level and actually get paid for it by committing to Guard education programs,” Nelson said.

Also, Nelson said Army Guard Soldiers could potentially attend NIAA sanctioned practices and present military curriculum concerning theories and techniques on training and fitness.

The NIAA title sponsor for the 2014-2015 is Station Casinos. Station Casinos supported the NIAA with \$75,000 for its designation. Other



Photo courtesy Dave Price, Gardnerville Record Courier
High school athletes from Churchill County and North Tahoe high schools compete in a Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association-sanctioned track meet at Douglas County High School last spring. The Nevada Army Guard will team with the NIAA as a general corporate partner for the 2014-2015 academic year.

primary regional sponsors include Southern Nevada Toyota Dealers in southern Nevada and Les Schwab Tire Centers in northern Nevada.

Information on every 2014-2015 sponsor is available at www.niaa.com. ■



Staf Sgt. Ronald Gogan, left, encourages Roman Lawlor, an outside linebacker with the Spanish Springs High football team, during the Nevada Guard’s Fitness Challenge held at the Cougars’ practice field on Aug. 29.

Photo by Sgt. Michael Orton, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

485TH'S NASH ON TARGET DURING ADJUTANT GENERAL'S MARKSMANSHIP MATCH

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

HAWTHORNE – Consider yourself fortunate if you find yourself sharing a foxhole during combat with Nevada Army Guard Staff Sgt. Frank Nash.

After narrowly claiming the title at the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match contested here Aug. 1-3, the 24-year-old military policeman is considered the top marksman in the Nevada National Guard.

Nash, of the 485th Military Police Company based in Reno, cumulatively outshot 70 other competitors in four events to win the contest with 712 total points. Sgt. Christopher Bushey was second with 692 points and Sgt. Roumel Arrozal was third with 689 points.

Nash didn't win any of the four individual events contested during the three-day event, but he remained consistent throughout the contest with a sixth in the reflexive pistol event, a sixth in the reflexive rifle event, a second in the rifle excellence in competition event and a fourth in the pistol EIC.

Bushey actually won the pistol EIC and the pistol reflexive fire events, but he could not score enough points in the rifle events to overcome Nash.

It was the second victory for Nash in the Adjutant General's match, who also claimed the title in 2010. Nash was deployed in 2011, the last time the event was held.

Nash, a native of Truckee, Calif., said there were no secrets to solid marksmanship.

"It's all about executing the proper fundamentals of shooting," said Nash, who works for a general contractor in Reno.

The top 20 finishers in the contest earned coveted Governors Twenty tabs that distinguish the top-20 marksmen in the state. Brig. Gen. Bill Burks presented the tabs to the top-20 finishers. The tab is roughly equivalent of the President's Hundred Tab that denotes the 100 top-scoring military and civilian shooters in the President's Pistol and Rifle matches.

Seven Airmen and two female Soldiers were among the 71 entrants in the match.

Match coordinator Master Sgt. Preston Eaton said he was pleased with the number of participants in the event, considering the match had not been contested for three years. The match was not contested in 2012 or 2013 primarily due to deployments and funding issues.

"Seventy-one entrants is the record for the match," Eaton said. "The contest was important because it determined who wears the Governors Twenty tab and these results help decide who the Nevada Guard will send to future regional and national marksmanship contests." ■



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs
Staff Sgt. Frank Nash of the 485th Military Police Company based in Reno shoots during the pistol excellence in competition event during the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match in Hawthorne. Nash outshot 70 other competitors to claim first place in the event that also determined who could wear Governors Twenty marksmanship tabs.

2014 Nevada Guard Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match

Aug. 1-3 at Hawthorne Army Depot

Overall Top-20 (Governors Twenty Tab recipients): 1, Staff Sgt. Frank Nash, 712 points. 2, Sgt. Chris Bushey, 692. 3, Sgt. Roumel Arrozal, 689. 4, Staff Sgt. William Wills, 677. 5, Cpl. Dennis Farmer, 667. 6, Sgt. Robert Dallenbach, 647. 7, Staff Sgt. Ryan Ketzbeau, 643. 8, Sgt. 1st Class Jason Fincher, 640. 9, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Alves, 638. 10, Sgt. 1st Class Philip Risi, 635. 11, Sgt. Oswald Sanchez, 631. 12, Spc. Zachariah Ziese, 630. 13, Maj. Samuel Bonner, 627. 14, Staff Sgt. Dan Borden, 626. 15, Spc. Eric Lundin, 625. 16, Staff Sgt. Thomas Cinkovich, 619. 17, Staff Sgt. Wes Brockmann, 614. 18, Staff Sgt. James Jackson, 601. 19, Spc. Landon Wynar, 598. 20, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Jerrell, 598.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Pistol Excellence in Competition

1, Bushey, 145. 2, Ketzbeau, 143. 3, Oswald, 141.

Pistol Reflexive Fire

1, Bushey, 198. 2, Sanchez, 195. 3, Ketzbeau, 193.

Rifle Excellence in Competition

1, Arrozal, 198. 2, Nash, 197. 3, Borden, 186.

Rifle Reflexive Fire

1, Cinkovich, 199. 2, Ketzbeau, 198. 3, Alves, 196.

Deployment Roundup



Two 306th Military Intelligence Battalion King Air 300 aircraft await departure for missions over Afghanistan in August at Bagram Airfield. About 15 Nevada Guard Soldiers are attached to the battalion. Photo by Staff Sgt. Craig Kenison. 306th Military Intelligence Battalion

DETACHMENT 45 LANDS IN AFGHANISTAN

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The Nevada Army Guard’s lone fixed-wing aviation unit – Detachment 45, Operational Support Airlift – landed here in June and has already recorded more than 2,000 hours of flight time aloft over the combat zone performing aerial surveillance and combat support. As of early September, the unit had reported no injuries or serious incidents.

The small unit of about 15 Soldiers was assimilated into the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion upon its arrival and the aviators are now flying King Air 300 aircraft, a deviation from the unit’s usual C-12V Beech Super King aircraft.

“Like all deployments, sometimes it’s really exciting and sometimes it’s really boring,” said Staff Sgt. Craig Kenison from northern Afghanistan’s largest airfield. “But whether we are doing a boring or exciting mission, we all realize the information we are gathering is important, required information needed for ground troops.”

Kenison said an average night entails two, 3-4 hour flights that often include overwatch for ground troops in contact with insurgents and intelligence gathering for future missions. The unit flies at night at a high altitude to mitigate the potential of ground-to-air attacks.

“We are holding up well,” Kenison said. “It’s the aircraft that are getting pushed to

work hard; they have been flown a lot during this conflict.”

Kenison said it is an interesting time to be stationed at Bagram Airfield. With the withdrawal of the majority of American troops from Afghanistan set to occur in the near future, a record number of Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines are now housed on Bagram.

“We expect 60,000 troops on this base later this year,” Kenison said.

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757TH DEPARTS FOR PEACEKEEPING MISSION

RENO – The Headquarter Company of the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion departed in September for its predeployment training at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., in advance of its peacekeeping mission along the Israeli-Egyptian border.

The mission includes about 50 of the unit’s Soldiers. The unit will support the U.S. contingent assigned to the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping force on the Sinai Peninsula. The 757th will be reflagged as Headquarters Company, 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion while abroad.

The company is set to provide command, control, administration and logistics support to the battalion as well as many services to the allied forces. Services will include a chaplain, U.S. military postal services, mortuary affairs services, and ammunition and explosive

storage.

The mission of the MFO is to supervise the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and prevent any violation of its terms.

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SOLDIERS, STUDENTS RETURN FROM AFRICA TRIP

CARSON CITY – Six Nevada Army Guard Soldiers were among the National Guard cadre who teamed with dozens of college students this summer to participate in the Army ROTC’s Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program trip to Cape Verde. The Army ROTC’s CULP program provides opportunities for future Army leaders to travel abroad, teach English, and spend about a month immersed in a foreign country’s culture.

The Nevada Army Guard Soldiers served as escorts for the students and ensured their safety and timely instruction. Sgt 1st Class Rachel Mira of Joint Force Headquarters was one of the escorts

“The trip immersed the cadets into the Cape Verde culture and the country and the program is set-up to help them be confident leaders when or if they deploy overseas as an Army officer,” Mira said.

Cape Verde is an island country of 10 islands with a population of about 500,000 located about 350 miles off the coast of western Africa. ■



AWARDS • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

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Meritorious Service Medal



LTC Kristian Kirkland 991st Aviation Troop Cmd
 SFC Frank Laspina C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 SFC Lord Alvarade 1864th Trans Co
 MSG John Bogdan 17th Sustainment Bde
 1SG Edward Franco B Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 1SG Darren Green K Trp, 1/221 Cavalry
 1SG Alan Hennig 150th Maint Co
 LTC Mary Devine HHC, 422nd Signal Co
 CSM Mark Rogers 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 COL Enrique De La Paz JFHQ NVARNG
 CPT John Atkins 92nd Civil Spt Team
 MSG Dennis Larocca 17th Sustainment Bde
 SGT Jeffrey Smith 17th Sustainment Bde
 SSG Deborah Vavala 17th Sustainment Bde
 MAJ Nicholas Chavez NVARNG Rec Ret Bn
 COL Brenda Griffith NVARNG Medical Det
 SSG Douglas Moore 17th Sustainment Bde
 SFC Elias Perez NVARNG Rec Ret Bn
 COL Bartley O'Toole HQ NVANG
 COL David Sullivan HQ NVANG
 Lt Col William Cameron 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Lt Col Pierce Tucker HQ NVANG
 CMSgt Robin Mocabee 152nd Airlift Wg
 SMSgt Clinton Dudley 152nd Force Spt Sqdn
 MSgt Angie Green 152nd Force Spt Sqdn
 MSgt Richard Hays 152nd Communications Fit
 SPC Cherice Stormfeltz 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 SSG Mark Herbert 150th Maint Co
 SSG Brent Peden 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn

Air Force Commendation Medal



Lt Col Caesar Garduno 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Capt Thomas Dorsett 152nd Operations Grp
 Capt Daniel Shure 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Chestin Adaog 232d Operations Sqdn
 TSgt Daniel Sanchez 232d Operations Sqdn
 TSgt Christina Zuniga 152nd Airlift Wg

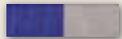
Air Force Achievement Medal



Lt Col Koby Harding 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Maj Jeffrey Bellato 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Capt Carly Durham 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 Capt Shawn O'Leary 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 Capt Michael Steward 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Capt Eduardo Trelles 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 1Lt Barron Brooks 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 MSgt Steven Snyder 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 MSgt Walen Kevin 152nd Operations Spt Sqdn
 MSgt Plunkett Shawn 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 MSgt Houchens Todd 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 MSgt Tracy Woodfolk 152nd Airlift Wing
 TSgt Sherdean Brisendine 152nd Force Spt Sqdn
 TSgt William Boekenoogen 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 TSgt Smith Lyle 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 SSgt Adam Willett 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SSgt Donny Cook 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SSgt Jonathan Ewers 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Kelsey Durbin 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SSgt Desaree Viera 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SrA Cole Bates 152nd Intelligence Sqdn

SrA Michael Johnson 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SrA Zane Walker 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SrA Alexander Millar 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 SrA Stewart Erin 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 SrA Vick Alanna 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 SrA Tuia Seth 152nd Operations Spt Sqdn
 SrA Jeffrey Stelle 152nd Intelligence Sqdn

Order of Nevada



Col John Week HQ NVANG
 Col Michael Williams HQ NVANG
 CMSgt Joseph Martiini 152nd Maintenance Grp
 CMSgt Evelyn Anderson HQ NVANG
 CMSgt Robin Mocabee 192 Airlift Sqdn
 CMSgt Robert Benton 152nd Maintenance Grp
 MSgt Richard Hays 152nd Communications Fit
 CMSgt Michael Drisdale 152nd Medical Sqdn

Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



Col Jeffrey Burkett 152nd Airlift Wing
 Col David Sullivan HQ NVANG

Nevada Medal of Merit



Capt Jennelle Kimsey 152nd Force Spt Sqdn

Nevada State Commendation Medal



PFC David Gardiner 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 MSgt David McNeely 152nd Security Forces Sqdn

Nevada Overseas Deployment Ribbon



Col Barbara Morrow 152nd Msn Support Grp

Adjutant General's Outstanding Graduate Award



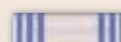
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 PFC Joshua Brown Recruit Sust Co
 PFC Kellon Davis Recruit Sust Co
 PFC Eric Fontanilla Recruit Sust Co
 PV2 Andrea Holloway Recruit Sust Co
 PVT Guillermo Maldonado Recruit Sust Co
 PFC William Steibel Recruit Sust Co
 PV2 Joseph Jones Recruit Sust Co
 PVT Michael Dominique Recruit Sust Co
 1LT Richard Gilberti NVARNG Rec Ret Bn
 SSG Juan Ruvalcaba HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn

Nevada First Sergeant Ribbon



1SG Don Gable 1/189th Aviation
 1SG Julio Guerrero HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 1SG Elizabeth Liemandt HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn

Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



MSgt Jason Silverhardt 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn

Nevada Honor Guard Ribbon



CMSgt Gregory Bartlett 152nd Communications Fit
 MSgt Yantzy Arnell 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
 MSgt Susan Connell 152nd Airlift Wing
 TSgt Jose Escobar 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 TSgt Thomas Henson 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 TSgt Mark Magee 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
 TSgt Jauires Sosa 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SrA Tory Eldridge 152nd Communications
 FitSrA Billy Johnson 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
 SrA Brian Skach 152nd Communications Fit
 SrA Melissa Turner 152nd Medical Sqdn

PROMOTIONS

COL/Col

Eric Wishart JFHQ NVARNG

LTC/Lt Col

Neil Oscarson JFHQ NVARNG
 Randy Lau NVARNG Rec Ret Bn

MAJ/Maj

Todd Hine 17th Sustainment Bde
 Jon Minnich 17th Sustainment Bde
 Andrew Wagner 991st Aviation Troop Cmd
 Laura Boldry JFHQ NVARNG
 Alesha Perez JFHQ NVARNG
 Brian Hunsaker Camp Stead Training Center

CPT/Capt

Liberty Reyes 150th Maint Co
 Nicholas Benites 17th Sustainment Bde
 Christopher Jones 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 David Freeland HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
 Geraldine Reyes NVARNG Medical Det
 Tiffany Tatum HQ NVANG

2LT/2nd Lt

Adrian Fune 240th Engineer Co
 Allison Harvey C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 Joed Ruth HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
 Michael Colyer L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
 Brian Bullian NVARNG Medical Det

CW4

Nicholas Grant Det 45 Oper Spt Airlift

CW2

Jeffrey Steere 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Etrik Eddy JFHQ NVARNG
 Hermes Yen JFHQ NVARNG

W01

Gregory Backus 17th Sustainment Bde
 Geoffrey Chrisman B Co, 3/140th Aviation
 Sean Reiter HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn

PROMOTIONS

SGM/CMSGt

David Gonzales152d Intelligence Sqdn
Craig Wells152d Operations Spt Sqdn
Larry Balko152d Force Support Sqdn
Linda Simons152d Logistic Readiness Sqdn

1SG/MSG/SMSGt

Dale Mills152d Intelligence Sqdn
Daniel Nicholson152d Intelligence Sqdn
Michelle Anderson152d Intelligence Sqdn

SFC/MSgt

Heather Ibarra100th Quartermaster Co
Philip Snow100th Quartermaster Co
Catherine Benson17th Sustainment Bde
William Dixon17th Sustainment Bde
Aric Garza17th Sustainment Bde
David Micciche17th Sustainment Bde
Francis Mones17th Sustainment Bde
Terrence Vaughan240th Engineer Co
Robert Blanco3665th Ordnance Co
Mark BryantB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
William DonahueB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Ernest Myers JrB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Don Small JrC Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Robert SpicerC Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Arnold SchmidtHHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Kevin Vogt485th MP Co
Scott Smith757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Arthur Mckeller777th Forward Support Co
Justin Harris92nd Civil Spt Team
David Rosado150th Maint Co
Jeremiah Thompson150th Maint Co
Brandon CopleyI Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Karim KhaldyI Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
April Apo152d Security Force Support Sqdn
Brice Chruuch152d Intelligence Sqdn
Christopher Sipes232d Operations Support Sqdn
Daniel Ohara152d Security Force Support Sqdn
Mark Lediard152d Security Force Support Sqdn
Michael Faulkenberry152d Aircraft Maintenance Sqdn
Michelle Cochran152d Logistic Readiness Sqdn

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William Hawkins1/168th MEDEVAC
Shane Klestinski106th Public Affairs Det
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Ruben Lozano150th Maint Co
Patrick Duffy17th Sustainment Bde
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Chanel Fermin1864th Trans Co
Jose Torresgonzalez1864th Trans Co
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Ryan TylerC Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Austin SmithHHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
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Jeremy Murphy485th MP Co
Frank Nash485th MP Co
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Jose Espinoza72nd MP Co
Ryan Ketzbeau72nd MP Co
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Monica Marks757th Combat Sust Spt Bn

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Juan Sanchezjuarez757TH CS HHC COMBAT REAR
Daniel Ransom777th Forward Support Co
Christian Kessler92nd Civil Spt Team
Michael Xavier150th Maint Co
Douglas Braithwaite593rd Trans Co
Craig KenisonDet 45 Oper Spt Airlift
Arameus BerkleyJFHQ NVARNG
Corey ChinnK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
John Foley JrK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Allen MarshallL Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Justin BanfieldNVARNG Rec Ret Bn
Robert DiehlNVARNG Rec Ret Bn
Gregory KrizmanichNVARNG Rec Ret Bn
Michael Sekerak152d Maintenance Grp
Paul Torrianni152d Aircraft Maintenance Sqdn
Thomas Kinney152d Maintenance Sqdn
Chris Rittenbach152d Communications Flight
David Colburn152d Communications Flight
Jade Hunter152d Force Support Sqdn
Jon Cumings152d Intelligence Sqdn
Lori Bagley152d Medical Grp
Nathan Trapp152d Security Forces Sqdn

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Cornelius Cranston1/168th MEDEVAC
Brodie Lynch1/168th MEDEVAC
Nels Hansen1/189TH Aviation Co
Jeffery Fiske1/189th Aviation Co
Joshua Bowen100th Quartermaster Co
Joshua Giordano100th Quartermaster Co
Carissa Oculito100th Quartermaster Co
Sean Phillipson100th Quartermaster Co
Michael Orton106th Public Affairs Det
Rainier Frost137th MP Det
Matthew Ruedas Jr137th MP Det
Anthony Thomas137th MP Det
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Jesse Dillon150th Maint Co
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Mark GonzalesB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Michael HallB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Anthony HardyB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Clifford OehmkeB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Michael StraightB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Kelsi WashingtonB Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Brandon BraunworthC Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Nathan GroverC Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Corey MetzkerC Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
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Samantha Perry485th MP Co
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Bobby Riley593rd Trans Co
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Tyson Hawkins609th Engineer Co
Joshua Killinger609th Engineer Co
Peter Motell609th Engineer Co
Lars Nielsen609th Engineer Co
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Alan Potter72nd MP Co
Daniel Moore72nd MP Co
Chelsea Cruz72nd MP Co
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Jonathan Franklin757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Nathaniel Hill757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Christopher Moll757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Jessica Weaver757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Ryan Gillmore777th Engineer Det
Laura Arteaga777th Forward Support Co
Ronald Chadwick777th Forward Support Co
Viseth Duon777th Forward Support Co
Earl Felder777th Forward Support Co
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Lucky Lo777th Forward Support Co
Nicholas Mapes777th Forward Support Co
Kerry Marriott777th Forward Support Co
Richard Martinez777th Forward Support Co
Matthew Scarine777th Forward Support Co
Juan Solis777th Forward Support Co
Douglas Zamora92nd Civil Spt Team
Kenneth Wheeler991st Aviation Troop Cmd
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Anthony Botsford150th Maint Co
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Andrew PetersenHHT, 1/221st Cavalry
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Dior DanielsI Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Saxton LeeI Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Christina HolmJFHQ NVARNG
Samuel AlamedawainK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Richard DeitrickK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Sean GilmartinK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Eric NewsonK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Ian NiechajK Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Nathan GarnicaL Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Stefen MartinezL Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Joshua BalesNVARNG Medical Det
Melissa WalkerNVARNG Medical Det
Allison MangosingCamp Stead Training Center
Robert Parker152d Maintenance Sqdn
Scott Dangel152d Maintenance Sqdn
Cassandra Kenyon152d Maintenance Sqdn
Melissa Turner152d Maintenance Sqdn
Jonathan Rampton152d Maintenance Sqdn
Robert Brown152d Maintenance Sqdn
Donald Speth152d Maintenance Sqdn
Torrey Eldridge152d Maintenance Sqdn
Jeffrey Stelle152d Maintenance Sqdn
Nichole Landers152d Maintenance Sqdn
Jessica Reed152d Maintenance Sqdn
Rusty Scovel152d Maintenance Sqdn

ACCESSIONS

Andrew Silvaroli	1/168th MEDEVAC	Brooke Timothy	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Junrey Pancho	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Everett Alfrey	1/189th Aviation Co	Christopher Martin	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Michael Barnhart	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Joseph Page	1/189th Aviation Co	David Crowley III	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Shane Webber	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Nicholas Fusco	1/189th Aviation Co	Eric Vanbeuge	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Anthony Marchand	JFHQ NVARNG
Seamus Redmond	1/189th Aviation Co	Paige Timothy	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Etrik Eddy	JFHQ NVARNG
Arjay Cordero	1/189th Aviation Co	Kimberly Threlkeld	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	David Logan	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Carmelita Fenton	1/189th Aviation Co	Alexander Simpson	HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Gabriel Irenze	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
April Diliberto	100th Quartermaster Co	Roseann Mcguinness	HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Lawrence Villezcas	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Areanna Dominguez	100th Quartermaster Co	Jacob Vanbeuge	485th MP Co	Luis Arteagavaras	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Barbara Santana	100th Quartermaster Co	Jazmin Rubalcavaparedes	485th MP Co	Paul Lewis	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Chermayne Lewis	100th Quartermaster Co	Kenneth Short	485th MP Co	Bernardo Medinaavilez	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Devin Dishari	100th Quartermaster Co	Martha Sison	485th MP Co	Eden Bradford	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Jessica Mondragon	100th Quartermaster Co	Nicholas Solano	485th MP Co	Jared Libby	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Karlton Schlöthauer	100th Quartermaster Co	Serrell Smokey	485th MP Co	Marlon Aguilargaldamez	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Quinton Ivory	100th Quartermaster Co	John Adams	609th Engineer Co	Sidney Romero	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Savannah Michener	100th Quartermaster Co	Matthew Hornback	609th Engineer Co	Alix Huntsman	NVARNG Medical Det
Silvia Parrasolis	100th Quartermaster Co	Tristan Lopez	609th Engineer Co	Cody Mitchell	NVARNG Medical Det
Leacherlyn Alejandro	137th MP Det	Adam Eck	72nd MP Co	Dana Jacobsen	152nd Maint Grp
Randolph McGeorge	137th MP Det	Adriana Gutierrez	72nd MP Co	Chad Moritmore	152nd Maint Sqdn
Robert Branch	150th Maint Co	David Feltner	72nd MP Co	James Reeser	152nd Intelligence Sqdn
Zachary Konecne	150th Maint Co	Erick Vasquez	72nd MP Co	Maxwell Dodd	152nd Airlift Wing
Antonio Hymon	HHC, 17th Sust Bde	Leeann Spencer	72nd MP Co	Balraj Kullar	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Kristean Heggem	HHC, 17th Sust Bde	Mariah Morikawa	72nd MP Co	Diego Urias Paz	152nd Intelligence Sqdn
Rachael Byington	HHC, 17th Sust Bde	Mariah Mendoza	72nd MP Co	Tyler Casey	152nd Intelligence Sqdn
Schlyler Brown	HHC, 17th Sust Bde	Raquel Lara	72nd MP Co	Caleena Anderson	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Shakeem Tobas	HHC, 17th Sust Bde	Christopher Dutton	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn	Joseph Protexter	232nd Operations Sqdn
Shauna Patterson	HHC, 17th Sust Bde	Colins Parsons	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn	Jessica Park	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Benjamin Kosior	1864th Trans Co	Amberly Watson	777th Forward Spt Co	Rachael Gibson	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
David Vineyard	1864th Trans Co	Andrea Maria	777th Forward Spt Co	Brian Cronin	152nd Maint Sqdn
James Luzano	1864th Trans Co	Brandon Stone	777th Forward Spt Co	Fredrick Beer	152nd Operations Sqdn
Jarvis Jackson	1864th Trans Co	Colin Millerphares	777th Forward Spt Co	Cynthia Zamora	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Staphany Soto	1864th Trans Co	Corey Gordon	777th Forward Spt Co	Joseph Mulvihill	152nd Maint Sqdn
Cody Cruz	240th Engineer Co	Curtis Bender	777th Forward Spt Co	Karla Ward	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Daisy Mejiaramirez	240th Engineer Co	Elizabeth Dunn	777th Forward Spt Co		
Dillon Peterson	240th Engineer Co	Ivandave Mayor	777th Forward Spt Co		
Emmanuel Mendez	240th Engineer Co	John Hunter	777th Forward Spt Co		
Fernando Rubio	240th Engineer Co	Michael Campuzano	777th Forward Spt Co		
James Haines Jr	240th Engineer Co	Shane Wright	777th Forward Spt Co		
Jason Pavon	240th Engineer Co	Edward Teylan	150th Maint Co		
Joshua Jimenez	240th Engineer Co	Kylee Buhmanhill	150th Maint Co		
Mateo Solorzano	240th Engineer Co	Dylan Nielsen	593rd Trans Co		
Sajida Durmohammad	240th Engineer Co	Felicia Harris	593rd Trans Co		
Toshiki Kondo	240th Engineer Co	Grant Muzzio	593rd Trans Co		
James Larson	277th Engineer Plt	Mara Underwood	593rd Trans Co		
Luis Vazquez	3/140th Aviation Det	Hans Schmid	593rd Trans Co		
Benjamin Nelson	3665th Ordnance Co	Arturo Quezadatachiquin	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry		
Brenden Tucker	3665th Ordnance Co	Brandon Colobong	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry		
Matthew Kumpe	3665th Ordnance Co	Bryce Moser	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry		
Ulises Pierluissi	3665th Ordnance Co	Braden Placencia	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry		
Marcos Moreno	B Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	Brandon Justice	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry		

RETIREMENTS

MSG Live Tau	JFHQ NVARNG
SFC Robert Pool	150th Maint Co
SSG Del Dennis	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
SGT Jeffrey Smith	17th Sustainment Bde
Lt Col Allan Renwick	152d Maint Grp
TSgt David Abell	152d Maint Sqdn
SSgt William Barclay	152d Maint Sqdn
SSgt John Lopez	152d Aircraft Maint Sqdn
MSgt Anthony Malson	152d Maint Grp
TSgt Joel Deroughey	152d Communication Flt
CMSgt Robin Mocabee	152d Operations Sqdn
Col David Sullivan	HQ NVANG
MSgt Michael Peck	152d Civil Engineer Sqdn

(Vinatieri brothers, Continued from page 10)

“For the most part, fans just see a kicker when he gets up to kick. But for us, growing up as kickers as well as supporting Adam, we know what it means,” Beau said. “We know what it means to kick a game-winning field goal.”

After watching his brother win his first Super Bowl in 2001 against the St. Louis Rams just weeks after booting the game-winning kick in the snow against the Oakland Raiders in the legendary Tuck Rule Game, South Dakota newspapers described Beau as Adam’s biggest fan, “stressed” and “on the edge of his seat” for each kick.

The Rapid City Journal reported that their mother, Judy, said Beau was “kind of a mess” and “spent some time ‘hooting and hollering’ at

the television.”

“When he kicked the first field goal against the Rams, it was such a great moment,” Beau said. “Everyone was so excited.”

Distant celebrity followed the field goals.

“Even in Las Vegas, I get people who ask, ‘You’re not related to that kicker, are you?’ I say, ‘He’s my big brother,’ Beau said. “It’s definitely a conversation starter.”

Today, Beau has two boys of his own, Jeau and Keaul, who enjoy their own brotherly bond and continue the legacy of Felix Vinatieri, albeit far west of South Dakota.

“Las Vegas just fits me and my family,” Beau said. ■

MARKSMANSHIP BLAST FROM LONG-AGO PAST

CO. F. 1ST REG'T NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD. CARSON NEVADA.



Long before the Adjutant General's Marksmanship contest began in the 1970s (see related story page 23), Nevada Guardsmen tested their marksmanship skills.

As recorded in this company photo from late 1890s, the Nevada Guard's Company F., 1st Regiment competed with Company F. from Oroville, Calif., in off-hand (standing, unsupported) shooting matches on 200-yard targets. The Carson City company scored 981 points on April 2, 1893, and 981 points on April 9, 1895, but, alas, it's lost in history whether those tallies topped Company F.'s Golden State rivals.

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SILVER

NEVADA

GOLD

1st Nevada State Flag
1905