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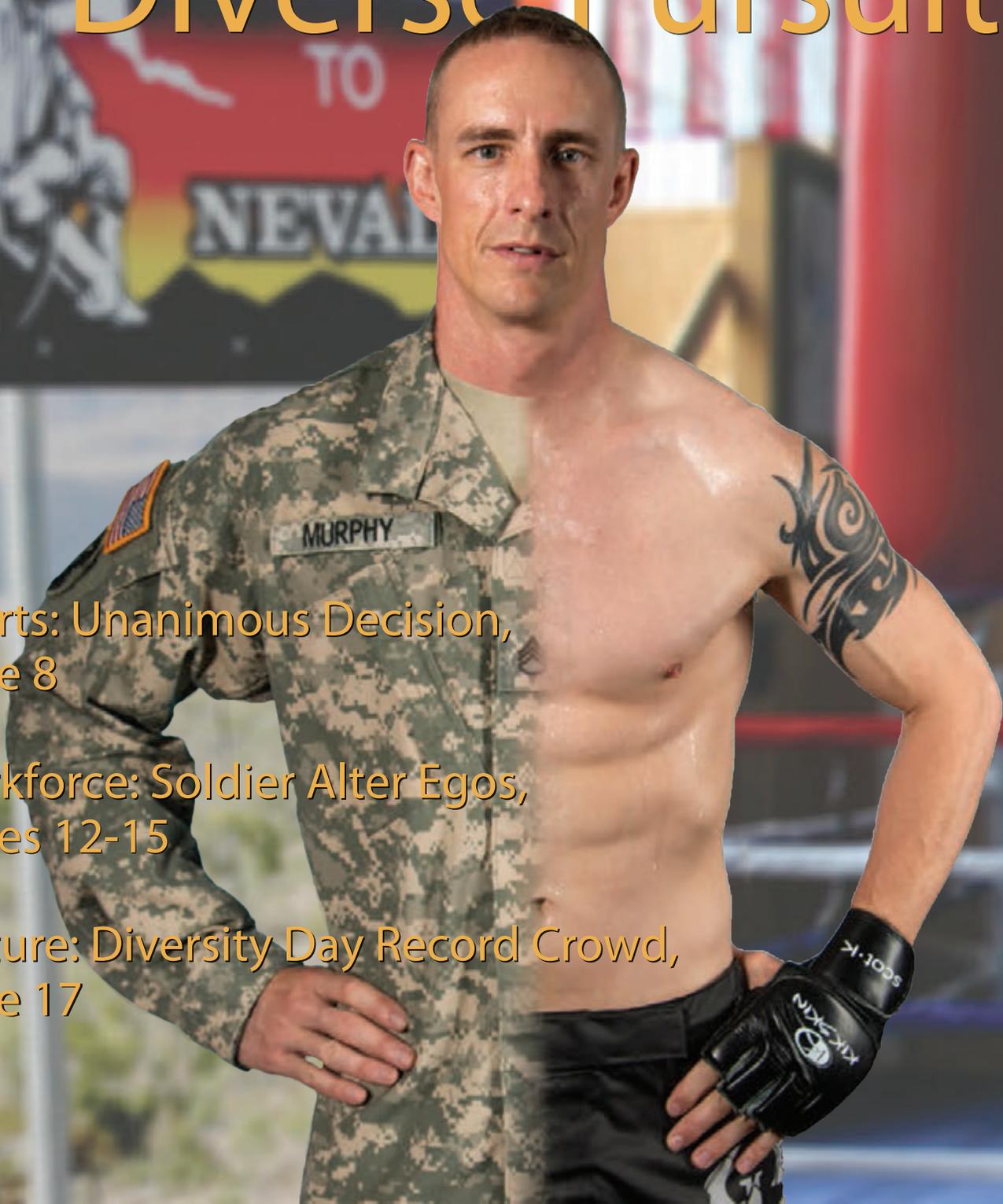


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ON THE COVER: Staff Sgt. Jeremy Murphy, of the 485th Military Police Company, is both a Soldier and a mixed martial arts fighter.

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FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

By Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki, Senior Enlisted Leader



Now's the time to get the word out on impending Army Guard changes

CARSON CITY – Change is inevitable in the Army and happens all the time. The ways we communicate and convey these changes to our Soldiers also continually changes. I encourage leaders to develop several means of communication, including the latest social media tools as well as face-to-face conversations, to inform Soldiers about changes within the Army National Guard.

Three widespread changes that will comprehensively affect every Soldier include the new Army uniform, the new Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Reporting system and the NCO Professional Development System. These changes will be fully implemented by Jan. 1, 2016, but parts of these changes have already begun.

Uniform updates

Two new Army uniform changes are currently being introduced to the force: the Army Physical Fitness Uniform and the Army Combat Uniform Operational Camouflage Pattern. The APFU is available for purchase now and new Soldiers received the uniform last spring.

Soldiers can purchase an optional APFU made of a different material than the issued version and can mix the optional and issued APFU pieces. The new APFU now requires the wear of the black fleece cap, as opposed to the green fleece cap worn with the Individual Physical Fitness Uniform. Soldiers will not mix any part of the current IPFU with the new APFU.

The wear out date for the IPFU is Sept. 30, 2017, and the mandatory possession date for the new APFU is Oct. 1, 2017. Officers and Active Guard Reserve Soldiers are required to purchase the new APFU before Oct. 1, 2017.

Enlisted technicians and traditional Guard Soldiers will be issued the new APFU prior to Oct. 1, 2017. For specific guidance, leaders should refer to All Army Activities 016/2015 at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-183442>.

The Army will transition to the new ACU-OCF uniform from July 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2019, with mandatory possession on Oct. 1, 2019. The new ACU-OCF uniform is currently available for purchase and wear. New Soldiers will be issued the uniform starting Jan. 1, 2016. Officers and AGRs will be required to purchase the new ACU-OCF uniform before Oct. 1, 2019. Enlisted technicians and traditional Guard Soldiers will be issued the new ACU-OCF uniform prior to Oct. 1, 2019.

During the transition to the new uniform,

Soldiers can wear the ACU-OCF and the Operation Enduring Freedom-Camouflage Pattern. Soldiers will be able to mix only the OEF-CP and the ACU-OCF T-shirts, belts and boots until Sept. 30, 2019. After that, the only authorized uniform will be the ACU-OCF.

Undoubtedly, Soldiers will see a mixture of Organizational Clothing and Equipment during the next four years. Soldiers can wear any type of OCIE with the three types of uniforms but cannot mix the OCIE itself. All components of the OCIE ensembles must be of the same camouflage pattern. For information on the changes and what will be allowed the next four years, leaders should refer to the OCP pocket guide at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-215024>.

Commanders and first sergeants have the authority to set the uniform requirements for formations, but no Soldier should be pressured into buying new uniforms. By the second quarter of 2017, not all Soldiers in formation will be wearing the same uniform.

New NCOER forms

All NCOERs with a thru date on or after Jan. 1, 2016, will be completed on the new NCOER forms. The new NCOER is actually three new NCOER documents that correlate to three levels of leader-

ship – Direct (E-5), Organizational (E-6 – E-8) and Strategic (E-9). All three NCOER types and the NCOER Counseling Support form satisfy the leadership requirements model found in Army Doctrine and Training Planning 6-22.

An NCOER support form initiated by the rated NCO at the beginning of the rating period will provide the rater with goals and expectations. The rater will assess the NCO's performance and the senior rater will assess the NCO's potential to serve at the next higher grade.

For E-5s to E-8s, the rater will still assess with bullet comments, but the senior rater will now use a narrative format. The rater and senior rater for E-9s will also provide comments in the narrative format.

Senior raters will only be able to "top block" 24 percent of the NCOs they rate. The NCOER support form and the NCOER will be completed by the NCO, rater, senior rater, and reviewer in an online system called the Evaluation Entry System.

Leaders ensure traditional Guard Soldiers have card readers for their computers and are able to access web Outlook email. The state has conducted training for AGRs in Las Vegas and send two NCOs to Human Resources Command evaluation training. The trained Soldiers then led "train the trainer" *(continued next page)*



Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniform Design Changes

Upper Sleeve Pocket



Upper Sleeve Pocket
Remove hook and loop closure
Add zipper closure
Change Friend or Foe cover

Cargo Pocket



Cargo Pocket
Remove cord and barrel lock

Lower Leg Pocket



Lower Leg Pocket Flap
Remove hook and loop closure
Add one button closure



Changes:

- Army Combat Uniform
- Army Combat Uniform-Alternate

Mandarin Collar
Remove hook and loop closure
Remove mandarin collar flap extension
Replace with fold down collar design

Upper Sleeve Pocket
Increase pocket length by one inch

Elbow Patch
Remove internal elbow pads
Remove hook and loop from elbow patches
Retain double fabric reinforcement at elbow

Sleeve Pen Pocket
Reduce pen pocket channels from three to two

Trouser Waistband
Remove drawstring (ACU)

Knee Patch
Remove internal knee pads
Remove hook and loop from knee patches
Retain double fabric reinforcement at knee

R3SP program enhances physical, psychological fitness

By Staff Sgt. Eric Head
Resiliency Program Coordinator

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada Guard’s Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention program, commonly referred to as the R3SP program, entails three major subjects: resilience, suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention. The overarching goal of the Nevada R3SP team is to reduce risk within the Nevada National Guard by providing Soldiers, Airmen and their families with training to enhance their physical and psychological fitness.

The R3SP annually conducts Resilience Training Assistant (RTA) classes, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, and Ask, Care, Escort (ACE) Suicide-Intervention courses.

Resilience program

The resilience program develops and improves the coping skills each Soldier, Airman, family member or civilian has learned throughout life, with its main focus on facing life’s challenges and bouncing back from adversity.

Resilience skills are taught throughout the year and broach 14 skill sets including positive thinking, goal setting, communication and energy management. Each Nevada Army Guard unit has one Soldier who is designated as a Master Resilience Trainer (MRT) who conducts resiliency skill training.

In addition to MRTs, 10 percent of a unit’s



Soldiers are Resilience Training Assistants. RTAs attend a three-day training class conducted by R3SP staff so they can assist the unit MRT during training. Their acquired skills can then be passed on to Soldiers, family and friends.

Suicide prevention

Suicide prevention is unarguably a difficult topic of conversation. Even more difficult is the discussion of a recent suicide. A goal of the

Nevada Guard’s Suicide Prevention program staff is to converse about suicide prevention with as many Soldiers, Airmen and family members as possible. It’s not an easy task but it does raise awareness about the topic.

The suicide prevention staff passionately believes the loss of one person to suicide is one too many. The suicide staff does everything possible to raise prevention awareness and decrease

attempts.

The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention classes educate students on recognizing and intervening in a variety of scenarios. R3SP staff offer the training year-round.

Substance abuse prevention

The goal of the Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention program is to improve the readiness and resiliency of Soldiers, Airmen and families through prevention education and training, risk reduction, deterrence, screening and self-assessment, targeted intervention and rehabilitation.

The Nevada Guard has two substance abuse prevention staffers, including Alcohol and Drug Control Officer Kevin Johnson and Prevention Coordinator Sarah Powell.



Johnson coordinates all substance abuse and risk reduction activities, assists commanders in identifying and referring Soldiers with known or possible substance abuse issues, and monitors and evaluates referral, separation and completion rates.

Powell provides units with prevention training and administers the unit risk inventory to all units.

The two are subject matter experts for the SAP program and are a resource for Soldiers and commanders with any questions and concerns.

Regardless of your situation, feel free to contact the R3SP program team at any time. ■

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evaluation classes in northern Nevada.

Now, it is each unit’s responsibility to train their troops before the Jan. 1, 2016, implementation date using trained leaders.

The updated regulation and pamphlet is due for release in the first quarter of fiscal year 2016. Leaders can find specific training guidance at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-198626>.

Education system revamp

The Noncommissioned Officer Education System is changing to the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System. Major changes include: renaming the Warrior Leader Course the Basic Leader Course and adding the Master Leader Course for master sergeants. Also, master sergeants must complete Structured Self Development 5 after MLC and sergeants major must finish Structured Self Development 6 after the Sergeants Major Course.

Other initiatives include: ranking NCOs against their peers while in Professional Military Education courses, the creation of electronic job books, and linking promotions to the NCOPDS.

For example, Soldiers who have not completed

their required SSD for their current grade will either be bypassed on the Enlisted Promotion System list or not be allowed to board for their next grade.

Once selected and assigned to a higher grade, a Soldier will not be promoted until he/she completes the required education level for their future grade. Leaders should review Headquarters Department of the Army Exercise Order 236-15 at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-213998> and Army Directive 2015-31 at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-219060>.

Season of change

New uniforms, new NCOERs and the new NCOPDS equate to a lot of simultaneous change. Technology gives us the ability to broadcast all of this change quickly and widely, but it is crucial for leaders to talk with their Soldiers and personally inform them of upcoming changes and then verify the information was received and understood.

Communication is the key to any successful operation and the best communication is face to face, especially when counseling Soldiers. Let’s embrace these changes and work toward bettering our organization. ■

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CARSON CITY— Gov. Brian Sandoval, left, and Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan participate in the fourth annual Remembrance Run to honor the victims of the Carson City International House of Pancakes shooting in 2011. The 5-kilometer run began at the IHOP restaurant in Carson City and ended at the Nevada National Guard's Office of the Adjutant General, tracing the route that the victims would have used to return from a meeting that morning four years ago.



Photo courtesy of Continuous Process Improvement Office

RENO— Students from the Nevada and Oregon National Guards pose for a graduation photo from the Nevada Guard's first-ever Lean Six Sigma black belt course. The course is upon a high level Lean Six Sigma curriculum enabling the graduates to improve enterprise level process within and organization.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters

RENO - Chief Warrant Officer Glen Spadin is mobbed by his wife Maja and their six children during a surprise family reunion on Military Night at the Reno Rodeo this summer. Just 15 hours earlier, Spadin had concluded his deployment to Afghanistan and had arrived in Nevada. Maja and the children were guests of the Reno Rodeo when Spadin made his surprise showing in the middle of the arena. More than 9,000 people saw the reunion in person and images of the reunion appeared nationwide the following day.



Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell 17th Sustainment Brigade

LAS VEGAS— Soldiers with the Nevada Army Guard present the colors with the Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson Fire Department during the singing of the national anthem at the start of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas football game in September.



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HAWTHORNE - Spc. Michael Searcy of the 485th Military Police Company shoots for a Governors Twenty tab during the pistol portion of the annual Adjutant General's Marksmanship Contest in Hawthorne in August. Searcy finished 39th out of the 90 shooters who met to determine the state's top marksmen. First Lt. Robert Hoffman of the 240th Engineer Company won the competition. For complete results, see page 26.



CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico – How did you spend your summer? Second Lt. Jessie Miller, with the Nevada Army Guard's Medical Detachment, caught a 240-pound marlin during her summer vacation in Mexico.



Photo courtesy 2nd Lt. Jessie Miller

KABUL, Afghanistan - Gen. John F. Campbell, commander of NATO International Security Assistance Forces in Afghanistan visits with the 72nd Military Police Company Soldiers. Chalk 2 of the 72nd touched down in Afghanistan late this summer, while Chalk 1 returned to Nevada in September.

Photo courtesy 72nd MP Co

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga - Lt. Col. Edward Cousineau, the Nevada Air Guard staff judge advocate, gives a briefing during a State Partnership Program exchange between the kingdom of Tonga and Nevada. Cousineau was one of several Nevada Guardsmen who traveled to Tonga to share knowledge and information regarding legal proceedings.

Photo courtesy Nevada Guard International Affairs Office



DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Senior Airmen Phil Tissier, a civil engineer with the 152nd Airlift Wing, poses for a photo with his girlfriend Aug. 1 at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport upon his return from deployment in southwest Asia.

Air Guard wraps up busy summer deployment season

Staff reports

RENO – The fast pace of a spring and summer chock full of Air Guard foreign operations finally slowed in early autumn after the majority of deployed Airmen returned to the Silver State from overseas missions.

Three members of the 152nd Force Support Squadron returned from an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia after a nine-month deployment supporting food service, lodging and recreation activities.

In Kuwait, nearly 100 High Rollers spent the summer providing aircraft for a variety of Air Mobility Command missions in Southwest Asia while overseeing logistical operations. The Airmen returned in late October.

In the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, a half dozen Airmen deployed to al-Udeid Air Base, Qatar, earlier this year to dig wells, build shade structures and pour concrete to improve the quality of life on the air base. Three others participated in the Pacific Angel humanitarian assistance and disaster response exercise in Papua New Guinea in early summer. Staff sergeants John Baughn, Alex Estrada and Alex Peden helped rehabilitate three schools and two medical facilities in

the Goroka Highlands Province. The Airmen were lauded by the organization's lead engineering planner for their resiliency and motivation.

Also, a handful of Mustangs from the 232nd Operations Squadron at Creech Air Force Base returned home in September after performing MQ-1 and MQ-9 operations in Afghanistan and Kuwait. This heavily-tasked unit has successfully completed nearly year-round deployment for the past several years.

DET. 45, 757TH BATTALION RETURN; 72ND MPS ROTATE; 17TH, 137TH, 422ND PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE

RENO – The Nevada Army Guard welcomed home two units from foreign deployments, saw one unit rotate its personnel and continued to assist three other units as they prepared for deployments to Asia and Africa.

Detachment 45, Operation Support Airlift, and the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion returned home to Nevada from Afghanistan and Egypt respectively in August.

Set to return in April, Det 45's deployment

was extended for three months because of the demand for its intelligence gathering and reconnaissance assets. The unit recorded more than 10,000 flight hours over Afghanistan with no serious incidents.

The 757th provided command and control for five units as well as logistical support to more than 1,800 troops in 28 remote locations throughout the Sinai Peninsula while deployed.

A rotation of about 30 Soldiers with the 72nd Military Police Company returned from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in September and were replaced in theater by another 30 of them. The 72nd's primary mission in Afghanistan is to provide security details for principal personnel and key leaders.

The 137th Military Police Company is set to deploy late in 2015, where they will put their force protection and investigative skills to use in Afghanistan.

The 17th Sustainment Brigade and the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion continue to prepare for their upcoming deployments in 2016. More than 250 of the 17th Soldiers are scheduled to deploy to Kuwait, and the 422nd is slated to send troops to three disparate foreign locales: Kuwait, the Horn of Africa and Qatar. ■

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters



Ineligible for Purple Heart, helicopter pilot now set to receive Defense of Freedom medal

RENO – Although he was transporting military personnel and cargo across Afghanistan when an insurgent's AK-47 round shattered his femur and pelvis in April 2013, helicopter pilot Chief Warrant Officer 2 Roger Capps was ineligible for a Purple Heart because he was working as a civilian.

Even though the 1/189th Aviation pilot won't receive a military medal for the injuries he suffered then while working for Columbia Helicopters, he is now set to receive an extremely rare award for a Nevadan: The Defense of Freedom medal. The medal is awarded by the Secretary of Defense to acknowledge civilian employees killed or wounded while supporting the Department of Defense.

Hundreds of Defense of Freedom Medals have been awarded nationwide since its inception after the events of 9/11, but few Nevadans have received the award. State Archivist Jeff Kintop said Capps is likely to become only the second Silver State resident to receive the award, the other being Romeo Sebastian of Las Vegas who received it in 2005.

Columbia Helicopter spokesman Dan Sweet said the Oregon-based aviation company submitted the documentation for Capps' Defense of Freedom medal in January 2014. No employee of Columbia Helicopters, the nation's only civilian operator of the commercial models of CH-47 Chinook and CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters, has ever received a Defense of Freedom medal.

"It's just a matter of time," Sweet said. "I don't believe there's any reason to believe he won't receive the medal."

Capps, who was a traditional lieutenant colonel in 2013, said he was unaware of the decoration until recently and added he won't hold his breath waiting for the Secretary of the Army to forward his medal.

"I had no idea that type of medal even existed," said Capps. "Hopefully, I'll still be in the Army Guard by the time it arrives."

Regardless the time it takes to receive the award, it's unlikely the even-keeled Capps will get too upset. Even when discussing the injuries that caused him to endure four operations left him with a permanent limp, Capps remains unperturbed by his apparent bad luck and does not dwell on the fact that the round that struck him was a 1-in-1,000 shot that found a rare opening in his helicopter's bullet-proof flooring.

"In reality, I was very lucky. If you're going to get shot, do it my way," Capps said. "The

bullet missed my femoral artery, I received immediate first aid in the back of the helicopter and was only 15 minutes away from the Army trauma center in Ghazni. In fact, it was our original destination. The doctors were ready and knew the extent of my injuries even before I arrived."

The incident probably lengthened Capps' career in the Nevada Guard. While recuperating, Capps reevaluated his military career path and decided to emphasize his piloting skills. Capps resigned his commission and transferred to the warrant officer corps in May. Despite his impeded gait, he is now a fully-deployable Soldier who can likely continue to pilot Chinook helicopters for the Army Guard for 14 more years. No one questions his Soldiering skills; he just earned a Governors Twenty tab in August for his marksmanship ability.

"Absolutely, it has worked out great to receive the opportunity to transition from a commissioned officer to a warrant officer," said Capps, a Sparks native who lives near the Army Aviation Support Facility in north Reno. "Now, I'm still viable and can contribute to the state and Army Guard."

"I move a little slower these days and running is out of the question. But I can still do my job, fly and remain a part of the organization."

State Army Aviation Officer Maj. Matt Jonkey said the Nevada Army Guard is lucky to have Capps in its ranks, regardless his



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Roger Capps inspects a Nevada Army Guard Ch-47 Chinook helicopter in advance of a flight in August. Capps, who was shot while working as a civilian in Afghanistan in 2013, has been nominated for the Defense of Freedom medal.

rank.

"Roger has a skill set that extends far beyond his flying abilities," Jonkey said. "The fact he is willing to be a warrant officer after attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel displays his devotion to the organization."

Capps' harrowing incident in Afghanistan in 2013 was not his first in the beleaguered country. His tumultuous relationship with insurgents in Afghanistan dates back more than a decade. In 2005, he was the commander of D Company, 113th Aviation (the precursor of the 1/189th), when one of its Chinook helicopters with the call sign "Mustang 22" was shot down in southwestern Afghanistan. Five Soldiers were killed, including Nevada Guardsmen Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Flynn, 36, and Sgt. Patrick Stewart, 35.

"It's something I'll never forget," said Capps, who earned his commission through the University of Nevada, Reno's, ROTC program. **(continued on page 28)**



DEFENSE OF FREEDOM MEDAL

Soldier's future looks bright, despite being black and blue post fight



Above: Staff Sgt. Jeremy Murphy's arm is raised in victory after defeating Akili Bean in an amateur mixed martial arts fight on June 27 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. Murphy won the fight, which was his first, by unanimous decision after three rounds. **Below:** Staff Sgt. Jeremy Murphy pummels Akili Bean during their MMA fight. Photos by Mike LaGrange

By Sgt. Mike Orton
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – Growing up in Bend, Ore., Staff Sgt. Jeremy Murphy dreamed of fighting in the ring in front of cheering fans. This past summer, Murphy's dream came true when he stepped into the ring to face Akili Bean in an amateur lightweight mixed martial arts fight at the Grand Sierra Resort.

Murphy, a squad leader in the Nevada Army Guard's 485th Military Police Company, won by unanimous decision after three, hard-fought rounds.

Murphy's journey into MMA began as a wrestler at La Pine High School in La Pine, Ore. He won 12 tournaments and still holds his high school record for most wins — 33 in a single season.

Murphy went on to become the head wrestling coach at Summit High in Bend, Ore. His love of competition drove him to practice judo, which eventually led him to train in mixed martial arts, he said.

"More than anything, I enjoy that MMA is a one-on-one sport in which you and your teammates push each other during training in order to prepare for individual success," Murphy said.

Murphy joined the Nevada Army Guard in 2007 as a military police



officer and deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 with the 485th.

"I was a very successful wrestler. I won three company-level combatives tournaments and one all-uniformed-services combatives tournament in Afghanistan," Murphy said. "I also won gold at the Charles Gracie Invitational Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament in Lathrop, Calif."

Murphy credits military combatives and training as a noncommissioned officer for increasing his drive to participate outside military competitions and for his success inside the ring.

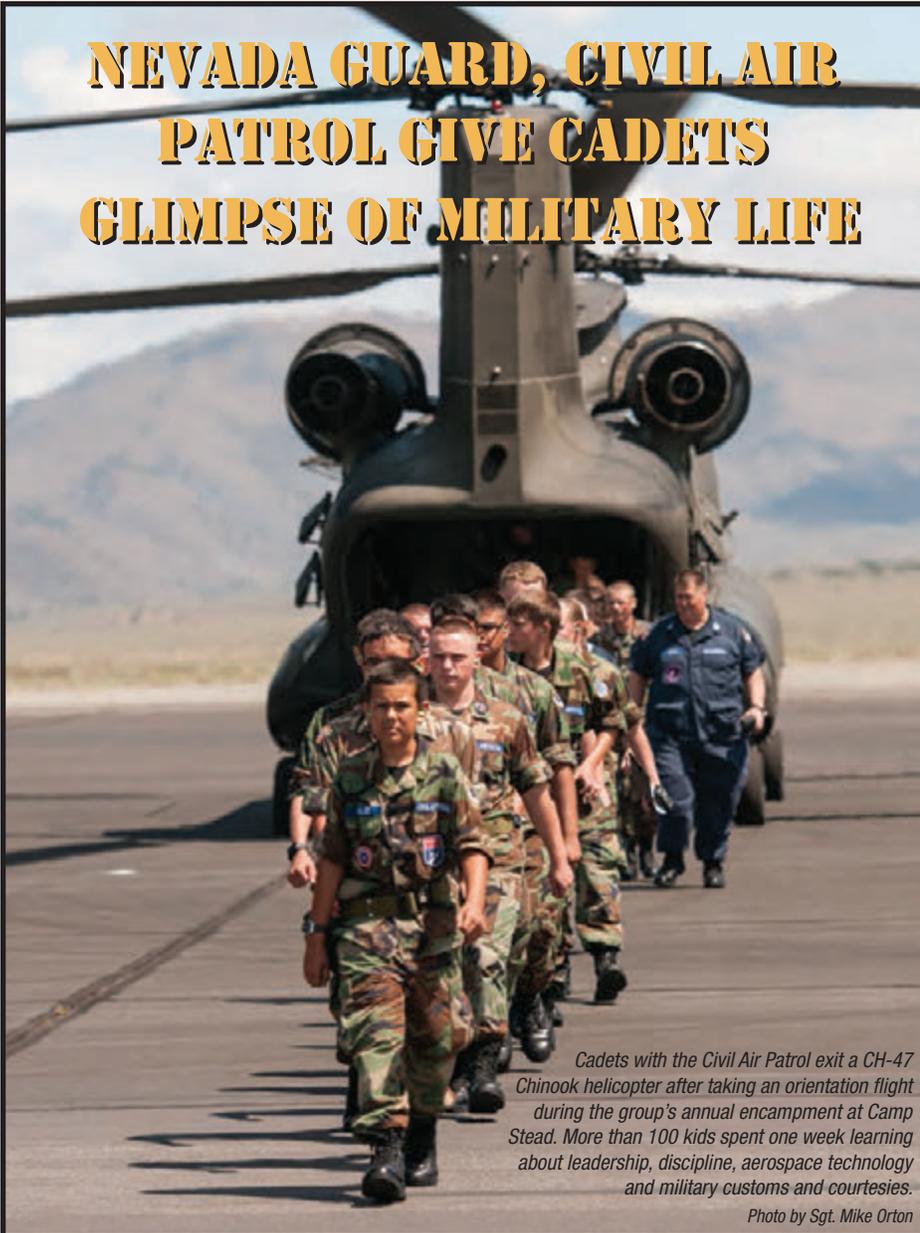
"After deployment, I started training at the Charles Gracie Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy under Gary Grate," Murphy said. "I always had an interest in MMA and finally approached my instructor and joined the Tonkin Fighting Team in addition to BJJ training."

Murphy trains two to three times a week in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai kickboxing, and at least once a week in MMA, he said. He dropped almost 15 pounds of weight to qualify for the lightweight division for his first MMA fight, a move that cost him energy and stamina — and could have cost him the win.

"It definitely took a toll on how quickly I became fatigued," Murphy said.

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NEVADA GUARD, CIVIL AIR PATROL GIVE CADETS GLIMPSE OF MILITARY LIFE



Cadets with the Civil Air Patrol exit a CH-47 Chinook helicopter after taking an orientation flight during the group's annual encampment at Camp Stead. More than 100 kids spent one week learning about leadership, discipline, aerospace technology and military customs and courtesies.

Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton

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RENO – The Reno Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron and the Nevada National Guard gave 105 boys and girls a glimpse of military life in July during the squadron's annual encampment at Camp Stead.

For nearly 75 years, the Civil Air Patrol has served the American public as an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. It is a federally-funded, non-profit, volunteer organization that focuses on aviation and features the largest fleet of Cessna airplanes in the world, said Eric Henry, the commander of the squadron.

The CAP was formed on Dec. 1, 1941, by veteran World War I pilots who wanted to serve in World War II but couldn't enlist, Henry said. Their mission as CAP volunteers was to locate submarines and U-boats along the Atlantic and

Pacific coasts. The volunteer pilots, flying Cessna airplanes armed with torpedoes, eventually sank two of Hitler's U-boats, Henry said.

The CAP has three primary missions: cadet programs, emergency services and aerospace technology education, Henry said. Two of the three missions, cadet programs and aerospace education, were featured during the encampment, which was held for the fourth consecutive year at Camp Stead.

"Basically, this encampment is a boot camp of sorts for these kids, who range in age from 12-18," Henry said. "We have a support staff of cadets and senior members, but this encampment is an entirely cadet-run program."

The Nevada Air and Army Guard gave the cadets the chance to fly in C-130 Hercules airplanes and CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters during orientations flights. The Army Guard also hosted the encampment

AT A GLANCE

The Civil Air Patrol was founded one week prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. On May 26, 1948, Congress passed Public Law 557, officially making the CAP an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. The group was under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Corps during World War II, where it logged more than 500,000 flight hours, saving hundreds of crash victims. Today, CAP has three primary goals: cadet programs, aerospace education and emergency services.

and its Soldiers were happy to mentor possible future Army Guard Soldiers, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scott Taylor, a pilot with 168th Aviation (MEDEVAC).

"It's important the Civil Air Patrol is interacting with the Nevada Guard," Taylor said. "We are able to display what we do as a military and show what they are capable of if they join the military. This encampment provides a look into the future of what they could possibly do to help secure our nation's freedom."

Many cadets attending this year's encampment were from out of state. Conner Sheldon, who began attending the Stead CAP encampment in 2013, hailed from Magalia, Calif. He and his mother, Cindi, were participating in this year's event as staff members. Cindi was a senior cadre member with the encampment's cadet programs and professional development courses.

"It's been a really great leadership program for my son," Cindi Sheldon said. "It's helped develop his maturity. We are from California, but we come here because he has had such a good experience the last two years at this encampment."

Cadet Lt. Col. James Grindstaff V, the cadet executive officer for the encampment, said he wants to join the military. He graduated from Nevada State High in Henderson and has completed a year of ROTC at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he is studying architecture. He is interested in becoming a combat engineer or possibly a pilot with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

"This encampment gives cadets a little taste of basic training," Grindstaff, 17, said. "Obviously, it is not quite as intense, but we try to give them a sense of what military life can be like."

All CAP staff members are volunteers, must pass an FBI background check and complete child protection training. Membership is \$31 per year for cadets and \$63 for senior members.

"I truly believe this is the premier program within the United States for our youth to learn discipline, moral development, aerospace education, leadership, customs, courtesies and what our country is all about," Henry said. ■

For information on the Civil Air Patrol,

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Never Forgotten



Nancy Cometa-Fontana, middle, gets her first look at the display dedication in honor of her son at the Las Vegas Readiness Center in July.

Spc. Anthony Cometa stands next to his mom after graduating Army Basic Combat Training just months before his deployment to Iraq in 2004.

*Photos by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
File photos courtesy Cometa family*

A decade after 1st Global War on Terrorism casualty, Nevada Guard keeps its pledge: 'Never Forget'

By Staff Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS — Nancy Cometa-Fontana made a deal with her son, Spc. Anthony Cometa, while he was deployed to Iraq in 2005.

"I promised Tony that if he came home for Christmas I would be there when his unit (the 1864th Transportation Company, Nevada National Guard) returned as a group from deployment," Cometa-Fontana said.

Upon the unit's return in 2005, Soldiers hugged Cometa-Fontana and expressed their appreciation as she handed them T-shirts reading: "Spc. Anthony S. Cometa You Are Not Forgotten."

Her son wasn't among the returning Soldiers.

Cometa died one day after his 21st birthday on June 16, 2005 manning a Humvee machine gun turret and providing convoy support. His vehicle lost control rounding a turn and flipped. Two other Nevada Guardsmen were injured, but survived the crash. Cometa was pronounced dead while being transported to a field hospital in Kuwait.

He was the first Nevada Guardsman killed serving in the Global War on Terrorism. In 2013, the Nevada Guard named the field maintenance complex at the Las Vegas Readiness Center after Cometa.

In July, now a decade after her son's death, Cometa-Fontana, of Rochester, N.Y., visited the complex for the first time.

More than 20 active and former unit members shared stories during her visit of the facility grounds, reminiscing about her son's love of guitar and his "unforgettable laugh."

"After 10 years, I'm just so proud and amazed that you all are still honoring him," Cometa-Fontana said.

'It was surreal'

Cometa's battle buddy, Patrick Brunson, works in Texas and couldn't be at the Las Vegas Readiness Center for Cometa-Fontana's visit in July, but he called her while she was there and keeps in touch with her often, he said. Cometa-Fontana gave Brunson her son's Bronze Star Medal during her son's funeral, which still hangs in Brunson's home in Texas as a daily reminder of his friend

Cometa moved to Las Vegas in 1999 to live

with his dad and met Brunson that same year as students at Green Valley High before Cometa left for his senior year at Silverado High.

They played in the same band and eventually joined the Nevada Army Guard together in 2003.

"We wanted signing bonuses to get more music equipment," Brunson said with a laugh.

They even joined the same unit: the 1864th. "Sure enough we get back (from training) and (then) 1st Sgt. (Jared) Kopacki said we were getting deployed," Brunson said. "We found out during our first drill."

"(Cometa) was a very relaxed type of person during the deployment," said Brunson, who left the Army in 2013 as a staff sergeant and now works in Texas as a precious metals broker for U.S. Money Reserve. "He was always playing guitar or bass or messing with music on his computer. That's what we did on our downtime. It was the only thing that kept our mind off all the other stuff going on."

During a deployment Christmas event in Kuwait, a band playing for the troops invited Cometa, Brunson and fellow friend, Spc. Jared Bryan, on stage.

"They jammed for a few hours," said Sgt. 1st Class David Ramage, who deployed with Cometa and Brunson. "The whole unit was there for a few hours listening to them play. We were there during Christmas and we were all kind of bummed out, but it was a good morale builder."

Cometa drove more than 13,000 miles on 16 missions while deployed.

"There was never a mission he turned down," said Lt. Col. Neil Oscarson, Cometa's commander in Iraq.

"He was always the first to volunteer. We could always count on his service without reservation or hesitation," Oscarson said.

Cometa navigated some of the most dangerous roads in Iraq, his leadership said, but he always maintained an easy-going demeanor.

"He laughed at everything," Brunson said. "That's why everybody liked him. He was a fun guy to be around. Never negative. Always positive. That's why it was surreal when the incident happened. No one could believe it was him."

The 'Pact'

Cometa-Fontana has wanted to visit the maintenance complex named after her son since its dedication in 2013. The recent visit came after she planned a trip to Las Vegas with her 15-year-old son, Matthew Fontana, Cometa's brother. Both shed tears upon seeing Cometa's photo at the entrance of the Las Vegas Readiness Center.

She said emotions from the loss of her son still felt raw, but she said she felt blessed his legacy lives on. She described the visit as "bittersweet, but more sweet than bitter."

Cometa-Fontana shared a story about the deal she made her son to attend his unit's return ceremony in Las Vegas in 2005.

"I'd tell him I'd be there (at the end-of-deployment ceremony) if he was home for Christmas when he returned," she said. "We had a pact."

During Christmas in 2005, six months after her son died, she heard the doorbell ring at

her home in New York.

"I had just called everyone to sit down for dinner," she said. "I said, 'Who is at my door?' I asked my mother-in-law to grab the front door and there wasn't anyone there. So I went to the side door thinking someone came in through the garage. No one was there

Command, in 2005. "This is important. We must never forget."

Two months after Cometa's death, a rocket-propelled grenade struck the fuel tank of a Chinook helicopter in Afghanistan, killing Nevada Guard Chief Warrant Officer 3 John M. Flynn, of Sparks, and Sgt. Patrick D. Stewart, of Fernley. Also killed in the crash were two Oregon Army National Guardsman and an active duty Soldier.

In a three-month span in 2005, three Nevada Guard Soldiers died while on deployments to southwest Asia.

In the decade since, dozens of Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen have received Purple Heart Medals for injuries overseas, but none have died.

"There was a strong sense that the worst parts of war were hitting home," said Air Guard Maj. April Conway, the Nevada National Guard's public affairs officer in 2005. "We'd seen our Soldiers and Airmen deploy and go through terrible circumstances, but before Spc. Cometa died, we could at least say the absolute worst hadn't touched us."

In the years after, Soldiers explored ways to honor the fallen, said Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki, the Nevada Guard's State Command Sergeant Major and senior enlisted leader. Kopacki was the first sergeant for the 1864th when Cometa deployed in 2005.

"It's not easy getting a building named after someone," Kopacki said. "It

literally takes an act of Congress. But the state owns complexes. So that's why we were able to name the maintenance shop complex after Anthony."

A memorial has also been dedicated to Flynn, Stewart and three killed Soldiers in the crew of Mustang 22 at the Nevada Guard Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead.

"It's important to remember the Soldiers," De La Paz said. "But it's also important to remember them for their mothers and fathers. We've lost fellow soldiers. They've lost children." ■



Top Left: Cometa-Fontana hugs her son, Matthew, during their visit to the Las Vegas Readiness Center this summer. Bottom left: Specialists Jared Bryan, left, and Patrick Brunson attend the funeral of Spc. Anthony Cometa in 2004. Right: Nancy-Cometa Fontana speaks with Nevada Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki during her visit to the Las Vegas Readiness Center's Anthony Cometa Field Maintenance Shop in July.



Anthony Cometa

either.

"I had that overwhelming feeling. I know it was my son. He was with us for Christmas."

A lasting legacy

A large, cutout photo of Cometa sits behind glass in Nevada National Guard facilities in Las Vegas and Carson City — a constant reminder of his sacrifice.

"His legacy transcends the whole state," said Col. Enrique De La Paz, who served as Cometa's battalion commander, 992nd Troop



Cpl. Cristian Cale, an EOD technician in the 3665th Ordnance Company, dons a bomb suit while training with inert explosives at the Hawthorne Army Depot in July.

Diverse Soldiers' backgrounds meld into common passion for demolition

*Story and photos by Sgt. Walter Lowell
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HAWTHORNE — Despite disparate backgrounds, the Soldiers in the youngest unit in the Nevada Army National Guard, the 3665th Ordnance Company headquartered in Las Vegas, continue to mature and mesh nicely. The unit's explosive ordnance disposal Soldiers are experts in locating, identifying, defusing and disposing of explosive hazards, including improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction and unexploded ordnance.

The 2-year-old unit spent its annual training this summer here at the U.S. Army Depot located about 130 miles southeast of Reno. Renowned for its ability to train Soldiers on the proper handling of explosive devices, the unit spent its training time assisting on the depot's artillery range and several other training sites.



Spc. Caleb Campbell displays an inert mortar round while clearing a range during a training exercise at the Hawthorne Army Depot. Campbell transitioned to the Army after an initial stint in the Air Force.



Spc. Jessica Done of the 3665th Ordnance Company identifies shell fragments found on a mortar range at Hawthorne Army Depot during the unit's annual training in July.

The unit's Soldiers come from a diverse background but all have a passion for the EOD field, exemplified by the fact 39 months of training are required to become a full-fledged EOD Soldier. The Soldiers' paths to the unit reflect their diverse backgrounds:

– **Cpl. Cristian Cale** is set to be a team leader and is a recent graduate of the Army's EOD school. An ex-Marine and current University of Nevada, Reno, student, Cale transferred from the 609th Engineer Company

and has a background with ordnance clearance after graduating with honors from the Army's engineer explosive ordnance clearance agent course in 2010.

"I looked to see if there were any EOD units (recruiting), but unfortunately EOD was pretty full," Cale said.

He finally received the opportunity to join the newly-formed 3665th in 2013 and is training to become a team leader.

Cale said EOD school entails "long days and

high levels of stress."

"If you do not have the mental flexibility to adapt to new situations, you will self-destruct," he said.

– **Spc. Caleb Campbell** is also set for EOD school. He is a graduate of Bowling Green State University in northern Ohio where he attended ROTC and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force in 2006. He attained the rank of captain while stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas and left the Air Force in 2010.

While residing in Las Vegas, Campbell became interested in joining the Nevada Army Guard after reading an article published in Battle Born magazine about the state's new EOD unit.

"I saw that article, I read it, I went back to the recruiter and said, 'I want EOD,'" said Campbell, an Afghanistan veteran. "(The recruiter) was a little skeptical and said, 'Everybody I sent there was turned away, but I'll put your name in.'"

He was accepted and attended Army Basic Training in May 2014, finishing an honor graduate.

Campbell, who has a medical background, carried a first aid bag while the unit cleared potentially live unexploded ordnance at one of Hawthorne's mortar ranges during annual training. He also taught valuable first aid classes to the unit's Soldiers.

Campbell will attend EOD school later this year and his goal is to become an EOD team leader.

– **Spc. Jessica Done** has been with the unit for almost two years. She served in Afghanistan from 2011-2012 with the 485th Military Police Company.

She went to a class to learn about the EOD field and before long, she was in the ranks of the 3665th.

"I thought it was going to be a seminar," Done said about unknowingly attending an EOD try-out. "They gave me a packet and I started filling it out."

"Then we went and did the bomb suit test," she said with a laugh. "I didn't know we were going to do that either."

Done interviewed with the first sergeant and the unit's commanding officer, Capt. Nick Agle, and transferred to the unit. She's set to attend EOD school and become a fully-certified EOD Soldier later this year.

"When she graduates, she will be the first female EOD technician in the Nevada Army National Guard," said Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Nelson, the 3665th's acting first sergeant.

"It feels very surreal," Done said. "My family is very proud of me." ■

CITIZEN-SOLDIER ALTER EGOS REVEAL DIVERSE OCCUPATIONS

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Shane Klestinski
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When comparing National Guard and active duty Soldiers, occupational diversity is a major difference – and perhaps advantage. When Nevada Guard Soldiers aren't training, their civilian employment often makes them very visible in their respective local communities, usually in an occupation that doesn't mirror their military job. The civilian jobs of Guardsmen are diverse, just like the communities where they reside. ■



Cadet Daniel Galli, 21, holds his M-16A2 rifle at an alternate ready position at the Bravo 19 firing range near Fallon, Nev. He serves in the Nevada Army Guard as a military policeman but hopes to become an infantry officer after his graduation from the University of Nevada, Reno.



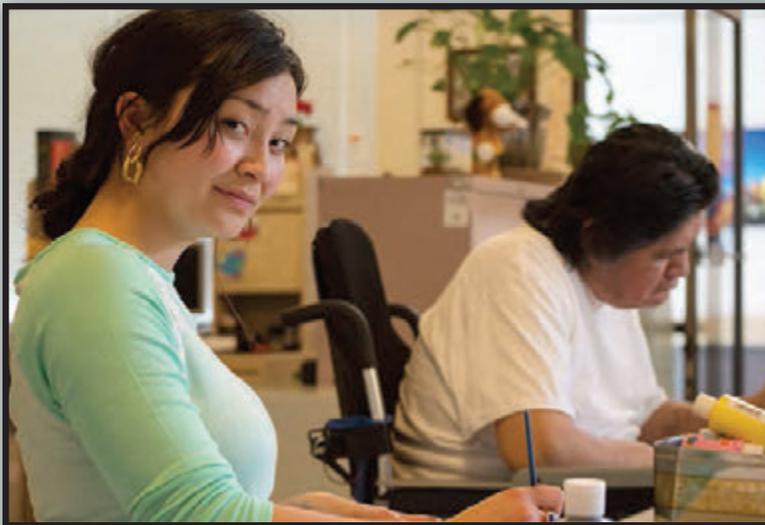
Galli serves a cup of coffee at Starbucks in the Joe Crowley Student Union at the University of Nevada, Reno, while working as a barista. He is a political science/sociology double major who hails from Morgan Hill, Calif.



Combat engineer Cpl. Kevin Tumbaga, 31, of Reno, keeps close watch on his sector of fire while in a defensive position at the Freedom Ranges in Hawthorne while Sgt. Chris Bushey maintains rear security. In addition to demolition, combat engineers also practice various infantry tactics.



Tumbaga jokes during a counseling session with John, one of his clients. As a behavioral interventionist, Tumbaga teaches basic life and social skills to autistic children and teens.



Prior to her acceptance at the U.S. Army Military Academy, Canak was an expressive art workshop facilitator for extended care patients. She encouraged patients to use their artistic creativity for fun and for therapeutic benefits.

At her military job, intelligence analyst Pfc. Lisa Canak, 20, of Reno, receives and processes incoming reports, determines the significance and reliability of information and then integrates new information with current intelligence holdings.



Signal battalion completes \$32 million upgrade



Satellite Transportable Terminals belonging to the Nevada Army Guard's 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion sit in a row during the Warfighter Information Network – Tactical communication upgrade process. The upgrades cost \$32 million and the process took more than nine months to complete. Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton

*By Sgt. Mike Orton
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RENO – Just in time for its upcoming deployments, the Nevada Army Guard's 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion recently completed a \$32 million equipment upgrade for the Warfighter Information Network – Tactical. The process entailed nine months of planning, installations, validations and training.

The system upgrades reduce the amount of equipment required to support that network by one third while increasing the network's speed and capability, said Capt. Matt Johnson, the 422nd ESB training officer and Bravo Company commander.

The upgrades include new software and hardware such as servers, firewalls and routers that will reduce the size, weight and power required to operate network systems, Johnson said.

"A lot of our upgraded equipment has gone to virtualization, which is new to the military but not really to the private sector," Johnson said. "It is a huge improvement over what we've been doing. Everything can now run at correct speeds and we can support more users at those

higher speeds."

The 422nd is set for multiple deployments next year to the Horn of Africa, Kuwait and Qatar. The WIN-T upgrades are not in conjunction with the deployment requests, but will make the 422nd Soldiers much more effective while in theater, said battalion executive officer Maj. Jerome Guerrero.

WIN-T is the Army's tactical communications network that allows Guard, Reserve and active duty troops to call, teleconference and search the Internet in theater. Since 2004, WIN-T has supported 94 percent of the Army's entire tactical network.

Upgrades to the WIN-T is implemented in three phases and the ultimate goal is for signal units to provide fully-functional communications while on the move. The 422nd is now operating at a level that ensures Guard and Reserve units are compliant with active duty Army requirements while it transitions to the final phases of the upgrade, Johnson said.

"Eventually, we will be able to keep the Internet running while we are charging down the line," Johnson said. "Envision a battlefield commander sitting in his Bradley (Fighting Vehicle), heading out in a convoy, talking on a secure video teleconference and observing the

movements of all of his troops up to the division level. It's a lot harder to hit a moving target. But that's still in the future."

For now, 422nd Soldiers are satisfied the lengthy process is nearing completion and that the upgrades will improve job proficiency, Guerrero said.

The 422nd began collecting all of the unit's equipment requiring the upgrade in a single location in April. One of the biggest issues was a lack of funding, Johnson said.

"When we last did an upgrade about five years ago, we used commercial trucks to move equipment and we stored it all in a warehouse. All that cost about \$1-1.5 million," Johnson said. "For this upgrade, we weren't given that money, so we got creative."

The 422nd used annual training and inactive duty training funds to transport the equipment from the 422nd's companies in Arizona and Las Vegas to its headquarters in Reno. The unit also had to use AT and drill weekends to compensate Soldiers for hundreds of hours spent on the validation process and training on new equipment, Johnson said.

After months of planning, coordination and effort, the unit will be able to hit the ground at full speed when it deploys, Guerrero said. ■

Nevada Guard Diversity Day delivers 'cultural buffet'

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

RENO – The Nevada National Guard's Diversity Day event in September drew a record crowd of more than 450 people at the Nevada Air National Guard Base firehouse in Reno and underscored the state's commitment to create a well-rounded, inclusive workforce.

"It's a cultural buffet for the senses," said Alicia Nyland, the state equal employment manager. "Nevada's (Diversity Day) event has become the standard that other states now emulate."

The third annual Diversity Day featured Polynesian music, Taiko drummers, Irish dancers, 19 food booths and even German beer — non-alcoholic beer, of course. A total of 23 booths represented cultures from around the world, up from 14 the first year in 2013 and 16 in 2014.

"We started planning this in May," said Maj. Christy Hales, the Nevada National Guard's Director for Military Family Support Services. "The biggest obstacle to overcome is getting everyone involved and take ownership. They did awesome. There were no complaints. They did everything we asked for and more."

Many Soldiers staffed booths based on family heritage. Others, as Hales noted, did it for the learning experience. After the vote tally, the Tongan booth won the award for best booth with its Sapasui (noodles), Lu (spinach and corned beef with coconut) and other dishes. It beat Argentina, last year's winner, by one vote. The booth representing Mexico finished third.

The event this year coincided with a visit from military officials of the Kingdom of Tonga, Nevada's State Partnership Program nation.

"We are honored to be here for such a great event," said Brigadier Tupou T. Aleamotu'a, Chief of Defense Staff, Majesty's Armed Forces of Tonga.

Diversity Day is now the biggest joint force event in the Nevada Guard.

This year, members of the Utah Guard visited with the goal of starting their own cultural event there in the future. In past years, members of the California and Colorado state guards have attended.

"Why diversity? That's a question I get asked a lot," Nevada Adjutant



Photo by Tech Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Staff Sgt. Rose Kemp, left, and Staff Sgt. Ana Vega, right, pose for a photo with a Tongan representative during the third annual Diversity Day in September at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. More than 450 people attended the event, the most in the event's three-year history.

General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks said. "To be in the military is a privilege; it's not a right. Only about 25 percent of our citizens can actually get into the military. So we can't afford to lose even 1 percent. So diversity and inclusion are extremely important."

Nevada Guard leadership made diversity a key initiative in 2013.

"We've learned that diversity is what helps us meet the goals and objectives we are after," Col. Karl Stark, commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard.

The success of the initiative was evident this week, said Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada's assistant adjutant general who has spearheaded many diversity initiatives at the state and federal level.

"America was founded on the ideal that from many, we are one, a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts," Berry said. "I encourage each Airman, Soldier and American civilian in 2015 to be more inclusive in your thinking, in your relationships, in your mentoring and in your continuous improvement efforts involving yourself and others." ■

Nevada Guard welcomes state partner Tonga, dignitaries from Papua New Guinea and Nauru

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Nevada Joint Headquarters Public Affairs

CARSON CITY – Military officials of the Kingdom of Tonga — Nevada's nation partner in the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program — and senior officials from Papua New Guinea and Nauru met Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, Nevada Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, and other state and military officials in September at the Nevada Capitol.

"This is a great moment for Nevada," Sandoval told the delegates during their visit. "Thank you very much. Please know you always have a friend here. We hope to work together for years to come."

"The partnership works through our continued sharing of information," said Brigadier Tupou Aleamotu'a, chief of defense staff, Majesty's Armed Forces of Tonga.

The State Partnership Program builds cooperative relationships between nations and a state's National Guard. Tonga signed its declaration of partnership with Nevada in 2014. Due to the success of this partnership the embassy and U.S. Pacific Command have requested that the Nevada National Guard host other south Pacific countries Papua New Guinea and Nauru; each sending delegates for the first time last week.

Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Nauru and Nevada face many similar challenges, including: disaster response, climate change and human trafficking. Additionally, these nations share Nevada's unique blend of urban areas in a sea of sparse population.

More than 70 nations worldwide are actively partnered with state National Guards. This low-cost program is administered by the National Guard Bureau, guided by State Department foreign policy goals, and executed by the state adjutants general in support of combatant commander and U.S. Chief of Mission security cooperation objectives and Department of Defense policy goals. ■



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
From left to right, Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, Warrant Officer 1 Taulaki Falesiva, Brig. Tupou Aleamotu'a, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, Nauru Deputy Police Commissioner Antonius Amwano, Papua New Guinea representative Esekia Litur Wenzel and Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki discuss international affairs in Carson City in September.

HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus, Nevada Guard State Historian



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Nev. Guard refurbishes century-old field gun



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

A rare 7.7cm IFK 1896 n/A, or 'new model' field gun, one of less than 100 in North America, sits at the Nevada Guard maintenance shop in Carson City. More than 70 years after it most likely arrived in the Silver State as a gift from the grandson of mining mogul John Mackay to the University of Nevada, Reno, the Nevada Guard is refurbishing the field gun after it narrowly avoided the scrap heap.

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY — A century-old field gun and University of Nevada, Reno, relic recently avoided its demise at a salvage yard thanks to the Nevada National Guard.

Until this year, the German 77 mm light field artillery piece manufactured in the late-1890s and one of less than 100 in North America sat undocumented and rusting for decades in a UNR storage shed.

"I have known that it was there for many years, but it was not until this year that UNR wanted it removed — or they were going to send it to salvage," said Lori Beach, the UNR Army ROTC supply officer.

Beach contacted the Nevada National Guard for assistance. This past spring, the artillery piece — not a cannon because of its spiral grooves inside the barrel for increased accuracy — arrived at the maintenance shop in Carson City for refurbishment and is now a possession of the Nevada Guard.

Research suggests this field gun was donated by the grandson of a celebrated Nevada mining mogul, and became a showpiece at the south entrance of the university behind Morrill Hall for decades.

Decoding history

According to newspaper reports, a gun was originally donated to UNR in 1941 with the same inscription as the field gun sitting in Carson City today: "Ultima Ratio Regis," or "Final Reckoning of Kingdoms," a German field and foot artillery branch motto.

The donator was John W. Mackay II, grandson of John Mackay, one of the four Bonanza Kings of the Comstock whose statue sits on the north end of the UNR quad.

After his death in 1902, John Mackay's son, Clarence Mackay, became one of the university's largest benefactors, donating more than \$2 million to the university from 1906 to 1936. The Mackay School of Mines and home of the Nevada Wolf Pack football team, Mackay Stadium, are just two campus landmarks bearing the family name.

In 1938, Clarence Mackay died, leaving much of the estate to William Mackay II.

In 1941, the Reno Evening Gazette and the Nevada State Journal reported the grandson, and heir of the estate, gifted two artillery pieces to the university: a 75 mm French field gun and a 77 mm German artillery piece.

In Nov. 25, 1941, the Nevada State Journal reported: "The guns ... will be mounted on a

cement platform and will be made one of the showplaces of the campus." Archived photos from the 1950s and as recent as 1985 show a field gun resembling a 77 mm German artillery piece sitting at the university entrance behind Morrill Hall.

Nevada Board of Regents minutes in March of 1941 note that then-UNR President Leon Hartman discussed acquiring a cannon from the Mackay estate providing the university transported it. The cannon is not mentioned in Regents minutes the rest of the year, and the news articles don't note whether the university actually provided transportation.

Determining how the Mackay family obtained it in the first place, though, proves more elusive. There is no mention of the field gun in the family files at the university. The UNR Foundation also said it doesn't have records of the gift.

'Historic value that cannot be quantified'

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ralph Lovett, the senior artillery warrant officer for 29th Infantry Division, Virginia National Guard, specializes in these types of field guns and owns two of the German models. He estimates less than 100 of them exist in North America, with less than a handful registered and capable of firing.

The one sitting in the Carson City maintenance shop is a 7.7cm IFK 1896 n/A, or "new model," Lovett said. It was modified with a recoil mechanism during the first few years of the 20th century to combat the French 75 mm model that included a hydro-pneumatic recoil system.

Lovett said, the German models were generally rebuilt between 1900 and 1905, with only the barrel being unchanged. They saw action in World War I and originally included an engraving of the Kaiser William II crest. According to Lovett, the barrel sleeve was later replaced without the eagle on the crest and now only includes the lettering of the crest. The breach on the Nevada Guard's field gun is dated as 1899. The chassis is dated 1907 and the wheels read 1915.

"With a ground up restoration and completely operational, and registered it should be worth \$25,000 to \$30,000," Lovett said. "Without registration or being operational it still has a great historic value that cannot be quantified."

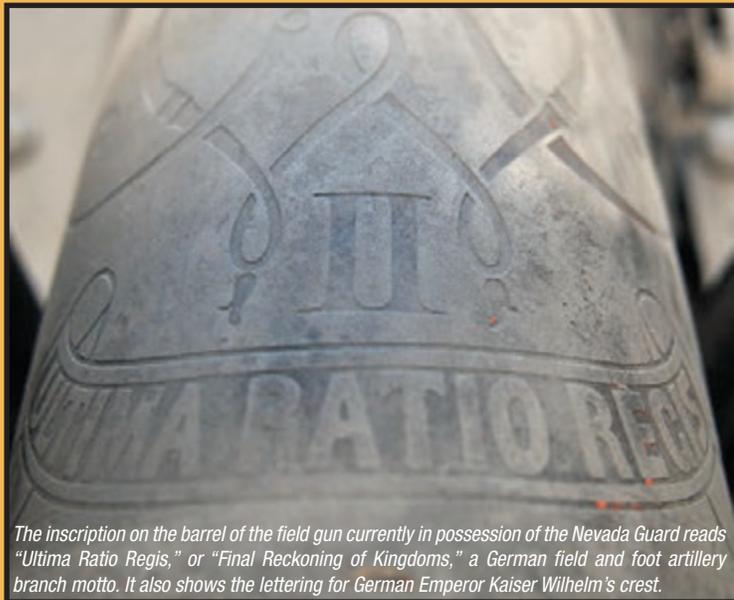
It's not immediately known what the Nevada Guard plans to do with the field gun once maintenance personnel add a green layer of paint to restore it to its original color, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Christopher Wolfe, the senior maintenance technician. Possible display locations include the front of the Office of the Adjutant General, the maintenance shop in Carson City or the Regional Training Institute in Las Vegas.

Staff Sgt. Sean McCoy, a surface maintenance mechanic, has spent more time than anyone in the shop on the refurbishment effort, calling it his side project. The biggest challenge during the restoration was the removal of eight coats of white and blue paint, its UNR colors, he said.

"This may not be interesting to a lot of people, but I like it and wish I could have spent more time working on it," McCoy said. ■



This University of Nevada, Reno, Special Collections photo shows what appears to be the Nevada Guard's field gun sitting outside Morrill Hall in 1985.



The inscription on the barrel of the field gun currently in possession of the Nevada Guard reads "Ultima Ratio Regis," or "Final Reckoning of Kingdoms," a German field and foot artillery branch motto. It also shows the lettering for German Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm's crest.

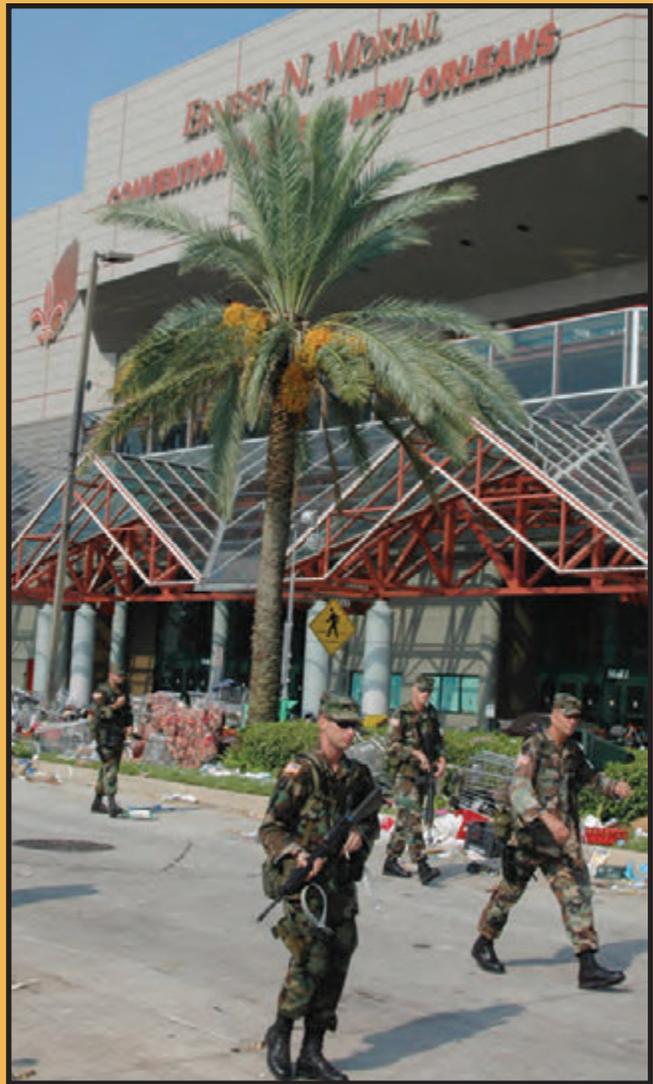


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka.

Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen patrol the Ernest Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La., in 2005.

Katrina, 10 years after

August marked 10 years since Hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural disaster and one of the deadliest hurricanes in American history. More than 300 Nevada Guard Airmen and Soldiers were in Louisiana and Mississippi providing support during the mobilization. Nevada's medical detachments were among the first to arrive to New Orleans on Aug. 31, 2005.

The Army and Air medical detachments formed the 152nd Medical Group. The 72nd Military Police Company arrived in New Orleans on Sept. 2, 2005 to provide security and evacuation assistance throughout the city. The 422nd Signal Battalion also sent several dozen Soldiers to assist with security at the international airport.

"I don't know that any of our Soldiers had any experience with something that was that large, that magnitude," said Nevada Guard Sgt. Maj. Cate Summers. "Dehydration, gunshot wounds, pregnancies, women who were pregnant and were having difficulties. Long days."

— Tech Sgt. Emerson Marcus

A GREAT CATCH, A LIFE SAVED



Night fishing Soldiers rescue Arizona man in fiery car wreck ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Photo courtesy Arizona Army National Guard

Spc. Michael Knight, left, and Sgt. Kyle Stephens, middle, are awarded plaques and coined by the Arizona Army National Guard on July 10. During a late-night catfishing trip, the Soldiers entered a burning vehicle and carried the 35-year-old driver away as authorities arrived.

*By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs*

TUCSON, Ariz. — A car wreck and vehicle blaze quickly turned a middle-of-the-night fishing trip into a fiery life-saving effort for two Nevada Guard Soldiers working a border mission this summer.

Spc. Michael Knight and Sgt. Kyle Stephens, both of Reno, were awarded plaques and coined in July by Arizona National Guard leadership for saving a 35-year-old man from a burning vehicle at about 2:30 a.m. June 1 in northwest Tucson.

“We were told at night, that’s when the catfish bite,” Knight, a Lakota mechanic with B Company, 3/140th Aviation, said when asked why he was fishing so early in the morning on his day off.

Knight and Stephens are two of a handful of Nevada Guard Soldiers who supported the southwest border mission providing aerial detection and monitoring support for U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Soldiers arrived in Arizona in May and returned in Sept.

“We were sitting next to the water (at Sweetwater Wetlands Park) and we saw a flash of light by the road,” Knight said.

After the vehicle crashed into a power pole, Stephens ran to the blaze as Knight drove to the scene. Both arrived at about the same time, less

than a minute after hearing the single-vehicle crash, Stephens said.

“At first we didn’t know it was a car,” Stephens said. “We just saw the flash from the power lines being knocked down.”

Ronaldo de la Ree, the injured driver, was alone in the vehicle with his feet positioned in the passenger seat and his upper body against the steering wheel, according to a Tucson Police Department report.

“The occupant was alert but not responsive to the questions I gave him...he sustained lacerations to his face, possible broken left wrist and right arm,” Stephens wrote in a Tucson Police Department report on June 1.

As Knight phoned dispatch, Stephens moved the driver from the vehicle while flames grew and power lines sagged dangerously close to the vehicle.

When Tucson police arrived, they moved the driver away from the car just as the vehicle fire grew larger. The driver was hospitalized with serious but non-life-threatening injuries, police said. He could not be reached for comment, but is recovering, according to authorities.

“Most people don’t hear about people fishing 2:30 in the morning, but down here that is the norm,” said Sgt. 1st Class Chuck McGould, an Arizona National Guard Soldier and



Spc. Michael Knight



Sgt. Kyle Stephens

the non-commissioned officer in charge of the southwest border mission. “But had they (Knight and Stephens) not been there, who knows when that guy would have been found?”

In their recommendation for the Soldier’s Medal award, the Arizona National Guard wrote: “Shortly after the two soldier’s actions the car became engulfed in flames. Had it not been for Sgt. Stephens’ and Spc. Knight’s quick and fearless decision making, the driver would surely have succumbed to the fire.”

The Soldier’s Medal is given to Soldiers who “distinguish himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy” and “must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life,” according to U.S. Army regulation. The medal is awaiting approval, McGould said.

“I’m just surprised this all happened,” Stephens said. “Really. We were just fishing. We didn’t expect this at all.” ■

Airman's initiative sprouts interest in Reno base's community garden

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – It's not quite enchanted.

And it's certainly less of a secret than most gardens, especially with recent attention from an Air Force video production firm.

Since May, the community plot at the Nevada Air Guard Base in Reno has sprouted interest in gardening – and herbs, zucchini, squash, tomatoes, corn, peas, peppers, cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupe, lavender, basil and sage — thanks mainly to the initiative of Airman 1st Class Kristine Wiley.

"I wanted to start (a community garden) on base because we are here all the time anyway," Wiley said. "It's a work in progress."

That "work in progress" recently got the attention of a video crew with "Ready Airman," an official production of the Air National Guard Community Action Information Board that produces videos and online media content focused on Air Guardsmen. A video crew from Colorado visited the Reno base in July to produce a video on the garden. Although they didn't definitively say it was the only base garden in the nation, they did say it was the only one they had discovered.

The agricultural allotment sits just west of the base firehouse with 10 raised plant beds, three ground beds and other gardening materials.

Wiley said she proposed the plan for the garden in a manner similar to the preparation of a resume package for a job. She researched items needed and best procedures before presenting her plan to the base's leadership.

The base allocated \$1,000 for the project and a volunteer master gardener from the University of Nevada, Reno, Cooperative Extension provided advice.

"We received so much help in the community," Wiley said.

Pamela Van Hoozer, a master gardener with the UNR Cooperative Extension, has worked on the garden with Wiley and other Nevada Guard Airmen.

"Having the community garden here at the Nevada Air Guard base is a perfect fit, because we are always looking for people motivated and excited about gardening," Hoozer said.

"It's (the Nevada Air Guard) a wonderful and receptive organization."

Additionally, the UNR Cooperative Extension will help Airmen trim the property's several fruit trees with the hope they resume fruiting



Photo by Tech Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Airman 1st Class Kristine Wiley, right, works on the Nevada Air National Guard Base community garden with University of Nevada, Reno, Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Pamela Van Hoozer in July. With approval from base leadership, Wiley established a community garden this past summer that houses 10 raised and three ground plant beds just west of the base firehouse.

apples, apricots and peaches, Wiley said. The trees have stopped fruiting in recent years, she said.

Many Airmen on base gardened during the growing season, including Col. Karl Stark, the commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing. Stark lauded Wiley's persistence in convincing leadership to establish the garden. He even used a gardening analogy to stress the importance of the consideration of new ideas by senior officials.

"As the Air National Guard changes, current leaders must grow Airmen and develop future leaders," Stark said. "Here, (with the community garden) what we are trying to do is get out

of the box a little bit and figure out how we do that with today's Airmen."

He added: "This is a really interesting project. In the Air Force, we talk about being 'fit to fight' and use other buzzwords. But this is reality -- you don't have to eat processed food out of a box. Something as simple as this can lead to multiple positive changes to an individual's health." ■

For general or participant information on the base community garden, contact Airman 1st Class Kristine Wiley at Kristine.J.Wiley.mil@mail.mil or 775-354-7901.



Airman 1st Class Kristine Wiley speaks to a video production crew from "Ready Airman" about the Nevada Air Guard Base's community garden in July.

Photo by Tech Sgt. Emerson Marcus



Staff Sgt. Samuel Wright serves food during the 150th Maintenance Company's annual family day gathering at John Mankins Park in Carson City. Wright used Hero 2 Hired to find his current job with the California Department of Corrections.

Hero 2 Hired helps chef's career start cooking again

Story and photo by Sgt. Mike Orton
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

RENO - Last year, Staff Sgt. Samuel Wright, a mess sergeant with the Nevada Army Guard's 150th Maintenance Company, received the unwelcome news that funding for his Active Duty Operational Support orders was cut and he needed to find new employment. Fortunately for Wright, Hero 2 Hired was there to help him land a new job.

Hero 2 Hired is a Department of Defense employment support program that seeks to provide career assistance to Guard and Reserve members, families, retirees and veterans preparing for a civilian career.

Wright, 43, joined the Marines at 21 and has been in the Nevada Guard for the last nine years. Until late 2014 he worked as a cook at Camp Stead where the Nevada Army Guard's 421st Regional Training Institute operated. This spring, the RTI relocated to Las Vegas and now uses the Nellis Air Force Base dining facilities to feed students attending training, eliminating the need

for cooks at Camp Stead.

After his ADOS orders ended, Wright met with Tammy Richardson, a contractor working for Hero 2 Hired, to discuss his options. She helped him go over his résumé and suggested he attend a local job fair coming up, Wright said. Wright went to the fair, where he met officials from the California Department of Corrections.

Shortly after his initial meeting with CDOC, Wright was hired and began training for his new career as cook supervisor. But Wright's degree in criminal justice and his military experience opened another door.

Wright met with the warden of the High Desert State Prison in Susanville, Calif., and was informed he was overqualified for his current position, Wright said. The warden then asked Wright if he was interested in becoming a corrections officer.

"On March 9, I became a cook supervisor. Now, I am three months into the year-long process of becoming a CO (corrections officer)," Wright said. "I've already taken the written exam and physical abilities test, and my initial employ-

ment probationary period is almost over. Once I finish the CO hiring process I will be done with any sort of initial probation and I can hit the ground running."

The process of getting hired in today's job market can be overwhelming and intimidating, Richardson said. But programs like Hero 2 Hired and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon are there to help people overcome the hurdles of finding new employment. They also work with spouses, children and dependents of Guard members.

"My job is to help service members, their dependents, retirees and veterans look for work," Richardson said. "Not too long ago, you walked into a business, shook someone's hand, talked with them face-to-face, handed them a resume and either got the job or didn't. Now, you're one of a giant pool of people applying online for one position. Luckily we have 30 to 40 active employers who are specifically looking to hire military members, and having a military background is a great way to stand out from the crowd."

In Nevada, Employer Support of the Guard and

HELPFUL HINTS FOR JOB SEEKERS

- Do not wait until the last minute to apply
- Have your résumé reviewed by someone else
- Clearly state your experience and accomplishments
- Demonstrate how you meet each requirement on a timeline
- Never assume the hiring board will find the required documents for you
- List all the announcement requirements in your resume before submitting
- Education doesn't count for experience unless stated in job announcement
- Provide current documentation, such as a school diploma or a driver's license, showing the required level of education, experience or certification
- Never assume anyone thinks your qualified because of your Military Occupational Specialty or Air Force Specialty Code
- Ensure your Air Force Report of Individual Person or Army Personal Qualifications Record is accurate and has been downloaded within the specified time required by the job announcement



In Nevada, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, BYRP and H2H conduct job fairs across the state and offer résumé building classes where experts will walk military members through the hiring process, Richardson said. Program officials can introduce applicants to the eBenefits website where they can learn how their military occupational specialty or Air Force specialty code translates to civilian career fields, too.

The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Veteran Employment Program started in October 2014 and has met with more than 300 individuals seeking employment, said Miguel Corzo, the BYRP veteran employment coordinator. The group has helped almost 140 people find employment since they started.

One of the BYRP's goals is to assist all veterans and their dependents with any service that will promote finding employment, Corzo said. Currently, the BYRP is based out of Las Vegas but has employment coordinators in Reno as well.

H2H has also made finding a fulltime job within the Nevada Guard easier, Richardson said. The Nevada Army Guard's human resources office teamed up with Richardson to take some of the confusion out of the Guard's

Active Guard and Reserve and technician hiring processes by publishing a list of the do's and don'ts for applying with the National Guard.

"Sometimes if you've been in the military your entire life, you don't know how to take your military experience and turn it into a civilian career," Richardson said. "So, we encourage senior level officers, noncommissioned officers



and junior enlisted Soldiers to have updated resumes because the atmosphere today in the military is going toward downsizing."

Everyone should have a master résumé, said Bill Sexton, the employer coordinator for the Nevada ESGR. A master résumé needs to include everything a person has done, but when applying for a new job, a person should take away the parts from their master résumé that don't apply

and tailor it for a specific job, Sexton said.

Richardson's husband, Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson, the command sergeant major of the Nevada Army Guard's 17th Sustainment Brigade, currently has three different résumés on file just in case he needs them, she said.

"Without Hero 2 Hired my husband never would have found the job that he has now," said Staff Sgt. Wright's wife, Michelle. "I'm very thankful for the Guard. They've helped us out in a lot of ways and anybody out there who needs a job should look into Hero 2 Hired."

"Soldiers ask if all these different programs the Guard offers actually work," Wright said. "Well, I'm proof it works. Because of that, I will stay in the Guard as long as I can. The Guard is my family." ■

For information regarding the Hero 2 Hired program, call Tammy Richardson at 775-384-5849 or visit: www.h2h.jobs.

For information regarding the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program, call Toni Giddens at 702-632-0551 or 775-220-6994, or visit: www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org.

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"I don't regret cutting weight, but I should not have dehydrated myself for so long. That was my choice and it was a bad one."

Murphy's wife, Madison, has been by his side during his long journey to the MMA ring, nursing her husband's bumps and bruises along the way.

"I really hate watching him get injured. What is worse is knowing I can't do anything to help," Madison said. "I always take care of him, but I also take advantage of his injuries too. It is one of the few times I can actually beat him in a play fight."

Many of Murphy's fellow Guard members

showed up at the fight to support and cheer on their fellow Soldier.

"Watching Murph in his first ever WFC fight was an awesome experience," said Staff Sgt. Savannah Ellis with the Nevada Guard Joint Force Headquarters and coworker of Murphy's. "It was important to support him because he's been such a good friend to me and my family. He's just a great guy and a great Soldier. Way to go Murph!"

The crowd's cheering and energy helped him throughout the fight, Murphy said.

"I was not just fighting for me." Murphy said. "I was fighting for my brothers and sisters in the audience. I desperately did not want to let anyone down. To hear them in the

audience gave me strength when I otherwise may not have had enough."

Murphy finished the fight with two black eyes, a deep cut on his head and many other small scrapes and scratches across his body. He said it felt like a challenging workout, but he was no worse for wear and started training again almost immediately.

Murphy's next fight was scheduled for late September, but was postponed until November or December.

"I feel fantastic! I also feel relieved, proud and humbled to have had the chance to fight in that setting with so many accomplished fighters. Let's say I feel better than I look though," Murphy said laughing. ■

Rookie shooter claims marksmanship title

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

HAWTHORNE – By winning The Adjutant's General marksmanship contest at the Freedom Ranges on Hawthorne Army Depot in August, **1st Lt. Robert Hoffman** forever dispelled the notion that one needs to be seasoned veteran shooter to enjoy success in the annual event that determines the top 20 National Guard marksmen in the state.

Participating in his first TAG match, Hoffman, 29, the commander of the 240th Engineers headquartered in North Las Vegas, led from the opening trigger squeeze and finished first in the field of 92 of the state's top-shooting Soldiers and Airmen. The top-20 finishers in the contest earned Governors Twenty tabs denoting the Silver State's top Guard marksmen.

Hoffman cumulatively scored 771 points in the four events contested over three days and finished 26 points ahead of silver-medalist (Air Force) **Master Sgt. Eric Howe**, who was one of three Airmen entered in the match.

Hoffman, who has been in the Nevada Army Guard for seven years, said he had modest goals upon entering his first TAG marksmanship contest.

"Honestly, my goal was to finish in the top half of the field," said Hoffman, a Las Vegas resident. "After I did well in the pistol events, my goal changed to earning a Governors Twenty tab."

Although he doesn't own a pistol, Hoffman took the lead in the first event contested, the pistol reflexive fire competition. By the time the second day's disciplines were finished – the pistol excellence in competition and the rifle excellence in competition events – Hoffman had a 501-488 lead over Howe.

Hoffman then scored a perfect 270 in the rifle reflexive fire event to eliminate any chance of a competitor overtaking the rookie shooter.

"Even though I was first throughout, I never felt comfortable," Hoffman said. "I was surprised with my pistol results because I only had one day to practice. The sergeants in my unit really helped me with their advice and pointers."

Howe, 46, of Sparks, was satisfied with his second-place finish after falling to 24th place in 2014. He previously was in the top-20 in 2012 and 2013.

"I choked in one match last year and fell in the standings," said Howe, an Airmen in the 152nd Communications Flight in Reno. "That's



Photo by Spc. James Pierce, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

Sgt. Oswald Sanchez fires an M249 Squad Automatic Weapon while Spc. Casey Carney feeds rounds to the weapon at the Adjutant General's marksmanship match in August. The M249 was a demonstration weapon during the event.

what happens when you are not consistent in every event."

Spc. Ryan Magera, 21, of L Troop, 1-221st Cavalry, headquartered in Yerington, earned third place with 728 points. **Staff Sgt. Adam DuBois** of the 277th Engineer Haul Platoon was fourth (722 points) and **Sgt. Oswald Sanchez** of K Troop, 1-221st Cavalry, was fifth (711).

Defending champion **Staff Sgt. Frank Nash** of the 421st Regional Training Institute could only muster sixth place this year with his 691 points, 21 less than his 2014 total.

Other notable results included: **Chief Warrant Officer 2 Roger Capps** finished 16th with 634 points despite competing with chronic injuries stemming from being

shot while piloting a helicopter in Afghanistan in 2013.

- **The father-son tandem of Hammonds, elder Staff Sgt. Mitchell and Staff Sgt. Nicholas**, took 11th and 12th respectively to garner Governors Twenty tabs. They were separated by a lone point, 671-670.

- One of the oldest competitors in the contest, **Staff Sgt. Richard Rohweder** of 1/189th Aviation, secured yet another Governors Tab by the slimmest of margins. The 52-year-old from Winnemucca scored 624 points for 20th place.

All Nevada Guard Airmen and Soldiers are eligible to compete for the Governors Twenty tab. For information, call Master Sgt. Michael Eaton at (775) 886-7378. ■

Nevada Guard Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match Results

(Governors Twenty Tab Recipients)

Aug. 2 @ Freedom Ranges, Hawthorne Army Depot

1, 1st Lt. Hoffman, Robert, 771 points. 2, Master Sgt. Howe, Eric, 745. 3, Spc. Magera, Ryan, 728. 4, Staff Sgt. DuBois, Adam, 722. 5, Sgt. Sanchez, Oswald, 711. 6, Staff Sgt. Nash, Frank, 691. 7, Spc. Carney, Casey, 674. 8, 1st Lt. Stackhouse, Alex, 672. 9, Staff Sgt. Hammond, Mitchell, 671. 10, Staff Sgt. Hammond, Nicholas, 670. 11, Chief Warrant Officer 3 McAllister, Cort, 662. 12, Staff Sgt. Roseberry, Jacob, 657. 13, Sgt. Alamedawain, Samuel, 637. 14, Sgt. Garnica, Nathan, 636. 15, Spc. Adams, John, 634. 16, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps, Roger, 634. 17, Spc. Hicks, Anthony, 628. 18, Staff Sgt. Rogers, Daniel, 627. 19, Pfc. Parlanti, Taylor, 625. 20, Staff Sgt. Rohweder, Richard, 624.

Individual Event Winners:

Pistol Excellence in Competition: Hoffman, Sanchez, 157 points.

Pistol Reflex: Hoffman, 195 points.

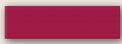
Rifle Excellence in Competition: DuBois, 160 points.

Rifle Reflex: 8 tied with 270.

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COL Zachary Doser JFHQ

Meritorious Service Medal



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SFC David Cornell 1/168th MEDEVAC
1SG Donald Gable 1/189th Aviation
SSG Steven Watson 1/189th Aviation
MAJ Gene Dieters 1/221st Cavalry
CPT Timothy Frederick 1/221st Cavalry
1SG Jean-Pierre Moser 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
MSG Thomas Lima 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
MSG Jason Elfberg 137th MP Det
SFC Larry Clawson 150TH Maint Co
SFC David Dawson 150TH Maint Co
Lt Col Glen Martel 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
LTC Johnathan Kruthaupt 17th Sustainment Bde
LTC Michael Heil 17th Sustainment Bde
LTC Troy Armstrong 17th Sustainment Bde
MAJ Blain Holmes 17th Sustainment Bde
CPT Johnathan Auch 17th Sustainment Bde
CPT Marissa Wesley 17th Sustainment Bde
CSM Catherine Summers 17th Sustainment Bde
SGM Juan Rangel 17th Sustainment Bde
MSG John Bogdan 17th Sustainment Bde
Maj Andrew Kraemer 192nd Airlift Sqdn
MSgt Brian Toward 232nd Operations Sqdn
CPT Willard Hubler 240TH Engineer Co
SSG Michael Coffers 277th En Haul Plt
1LT Justin Klatt 422D Exped Signal Bn
SFC Michael Love 422D Exped Signal Bn
SFC Donald Welch 485th MP Co
SFC Luis Alvarez 72D MP Co
CPT Denisse Ramos 72nd MP Co
MAJ Curtis Kolvet 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
CW3 Karen Harris 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
SFC Brian Dyer 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
SSG Jacob Roberts 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
CPT Eric Price 777th Forward Spt Co
SFC Arthur Mckeller 777th Forward Spt Co
COL Daniel Waters 991st Multi-Functional Bde
LTC Kristian Kirkland 991st Multi-Functional Bde
LTC Richard Ferguson 991st Multi-Functional Bde
MAJ Jeffery Figueiredo 991st Multi-Functional Bde
CPT Gregory Krupp 991st Multi-Functional Bde
1LT Justin Klatt 991st Multi-Functional Bde
CSM Patrick Moore 991st Multi-Functional Bde
CW4 Duane Kennard DET 45 OSA
CPT Michael Moya I Troop 1/221st Cavalry
LTC Kieth Kamachi JFHQ
MAJ Laura Boldry JFHQ
1SG Richard Beck JFHQ
SGT Timothy Stephenson JFHQ
Capt Matthew Demattei JFHQ
SFC Gloria Rems JFHQ
LTC Randy Lau NVARNG Rec/Ret
CPT Richard Gilberti NVARNG Rec/Ret

Air Force Commendation Medal



SSgt Donald Speth 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SMSgt Adam Liby 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SSgt Paul Riedel 192nd Airlift Sqdn
SSgt Jeffrey Short 232nd Operations Sqdn
SSgt Nadia Short 232nd Operations Sqdn
SSgt John Fanning 232nd Operations Sqdn

Army Commendation Medal



MAJ Jeffery Figueiredo 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
CPT Gregory Krupp 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
SFC Philip Snow 100th Quartermaster
SSG Timothy Duffy 100th Quartermaster
SPC Alkennisha Powell 100th Quartermaster
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SGT Corey Patterson I Troop 1/221st Cavalry
SGT Jerome Dorsey I Troop 1/221st Cavalry
SFC Autumn Janoss JFHQ
SFC Bryan Bitner JFHQ
SSG David Summers JFHQ
SSG Samuel Wright JFHQ
SGT Allison Mangosing JFHQ
TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin Nevada Military Dept
SFC David Ramage NVARNG Rec/Ret
SFC Linda Winslow NVARNG Rec/Ret
SFC Suzette Schrupp NVARNG Rec/Ret
SSG Jason Coleman NVARNG Rec/Ret

Air Force Achievement Medal



SrA Bradley Day 152nd Force Support Sqdn
SrA Kristy Castro 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SSgt Chelsea Ureta 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
SSgt Joshua Johnson 232nd Operations Sqdn
SrA Austin Abraham 232nd Operations Sqdn
SrA Michael Johnson 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
SrA Zane Walker 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
SrA Alexander Millar 152nd Intelligence Sqdn
SrA Erin Stewart 192nd Airlift Sqdn
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SSgt Jeffrey Stelle 152nd Intelligence Sqdn

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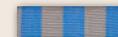
SGT Christopher Griffith 1864th Trans Co
SPC Cesar Alvarez 1864th Trans Co

Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



MSgt Gabriella Boyer 232nd Operations Sqdn

Nevada State Commendation Medal



SPC Christopher Mendell 1/221st Cavalry
SSG Scott Smith 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
SGT Eric Robinson 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn

Nevada Overseas Deployment Ribbon



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TSgt Carrie Carlson 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
MSgt Mark Lediard 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
TSgt Michael Moore 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
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SrA Britany Wilcoxson 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
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 CW2 Gregory Backus 17th Sustainment Bde
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 SPC Cherice Stormfeltz 593rd Trans Co
 SPC Shawn Hines JFHQ
 SPC Nathan Volante NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PV2 Daniel Waller NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PV2 Karlton Schlotthauer NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PV2 Timothy Paige NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PVT Carter Price NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PVT Jezabel Rosales NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PVT Joseph Page NVARNG Rec/Ret

Nevada First Sergeant Ribbon



1SG Elizabeth Liemandt . . . 991st Multi-Functional Bde

Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



MSgt Jason Leggett 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Capt Rachel Larson 152nd Medical Grp
 SrA Abel Delrealnava 152nd Medical Grp

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Jonathan Thorpe 152nd Operations Grp

Lt Col/LTC

David Chauvin 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Amy Klima 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 Karsten Hall JFHQ

Maj/MAJ

Douglas Seymour 17th Sustainment Bde
 Richard Owens 17th Sustainment Bde
 Tammy Sparkes 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 Chuck Dickinson 92nd Civil Support Team
 Jonathan Ashbaugh JFHQ
 Rommel Ferrer JFHQ
 Mike Bordallo NVARNG Rec /Ret

Capt/CPT

Bradley Johnson 1/221st Cavalry
 Rachel Larson 152nd Medical Grp
 Chad Brooks 17th Sustainment Bde
 Merridy Stephenson 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Brian Crouse 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 Ryan (May) Orolfo 422nd Exped Signal Bn

CW3

Jared Clack 1/189th Aviation

CMSgt/CSM/SGM

Lorne Hall 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 Erich Kolbe 152nd Maint Opns Flt
 Thomas Glover 152nd Operations Grp
 Patrick Simmons ARMY ELMT, JFHQ

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Donald Welch 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
 Robert Jester 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
 Rafael Aguilera 137th MP Co
 Michael Block 150th Maint Co
 Erik Eigenman 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 William Hartzler 152nd Maintenance Grp
 Jason Aceves 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
 Abraham Smith 17th Sustainment Bde
 Shawn Plunket 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Benjamin Green 593rd Trans Co
 Alfredo Hernandez 72nd MP Co

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Jamie Olson 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
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 Thomas Rogers 1/189th Aviation
 David Hoinoski 1/221st Cavalry
 Tommy Rodriguez 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
 Reynaldo Mercedes 100th Quartermaster Co
 Christopher Zurkan 137th MP Co
 Juan Ruvalcabaamezola 150th Maint Co
 Katherine Mathews 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 Larry Davidson 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 Ryan Hysell 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
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 Terrence Vaughan 240th Engineer Co
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 Mike Nguyen 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 David Doerr 72nd MP Co
 Brent Peden 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
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 Albert Blaney 777th Forward Spt Co
 Alfonso Vargasguerra 777th Forward Spt Co
 John Fansler 92nd Civil Support Team
 Michael Noyes 92nd Civil Support Team
 Bobby Peroddy DET 45 OSA
 Crisa Obregon JFHQ
 Ronald Seagraves JFHQ
 Tara Pushkin NVARNG Medical DET

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Jacob Roseberry 1/168th MEDEVAC
 James Ball 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Jonathon Pedrini 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Nathaniel Fox 1/189th Aviation
 Shawn Smith 1/189th Aviation
 Thomas Kiernan 1/189th Aviation
 Jacob Fisher 1/221st Cavalry
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 John Rodriguez 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
 Rory Townley 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
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 Crystal Sanchez 100th Quartermaster Co
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 Brian Sabiniano 150th Maint Co
 Meagan Castro 152nd Communications Flt
 Javier Contreras 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 Ryan Pratt 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
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 Lawrence Magee 17th Sustainment Bde
 Roumel Arrozal 17th Sustainment Bde
 Wayne Bejosano 232nd Operations Sqdn
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 Jason Fitzpatrick 277th En Haul Plt
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 Mario Gonzalez 485th MP Co
 Patricia Cardona 485th MP Co
 Trevor Solano 485th MP Co
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 Chad Reese 609th Engineer Co
 Mitchell Hammond 609th Engineer Co
 Michael Ross 72nd MP Co
 Jessica Menendez 92nd Civil Support Team

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 Nicholas Humphrey I Troop 1/221st Cavalry
 Casey Avery JFHQ
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 Eric Nzioki JFHQ
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 Dena Thompson 1/168th MEDEVAC
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 Kaylee Rutledge 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Tevin Wright 1/168th MEDEVAC
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 David Barajas 137th MP Co
 Hans Vonzedtwitz 137th MP Co
 Joshua Burns 137th MP Co
 Justin Sample 137th MP Co
 Aaron Kalas 137th MP CO REAR
 Andrew Lindstrom 150th Maint Co
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 Chase Howard 150th Maint Co
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 Jason Otto 150th Maint Co
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 Steven Boles 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
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 Nicholas De La Rosa 152nd Communications Flt
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 Krystle Castillo 17th Sustainment Bde
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 Christopher Abernathy 1864th Trans Co
 Laura Masangkay 1864th Trans Co
 Ricardo Nungaray 1864th Trans Co
 Roberto Mendiola 1864th Trans Co
 Hannah Kapczynski 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Jerzy Horst 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Jessie Pascual 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Jonathan Turner 192nd Airlift Sqdn
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 Eric Lundin 485th MP Co
 James Jackson 485th MP Co
 Joshua Garoutte 485th MP Co
 Zachariah Ziese 485th MP Co
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 Leslie Anderson 609th Engineer Co
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 Nicholas Cotham 609th Engineer Co
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 Kelly Simpson 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Nigel Harrison 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Ricardo Camacho 1/168th MEDEVAC
 Ryan Tyler 1/168th MEDEVAC
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 Bronson Brimhall 1/189th Aviation
 David Tecson 1/189th Aviation
 Fernando Nunez 1/189th Aviation
 Juan Ramirez 1/189th Aviation
 Roger Capps 1/189th Aviation
 Celina Saenz 1/221st Cavalry
 Jason Martinez 1/221st Cavalry
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 William Ruiz 1864th Trans Co
 Zaira Rosales 1864th Trans Co
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 Jeffery Short 232nd Operations Sqdn

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Matthew Madamba 232nd Operations Sqdn
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 Marco Morales 240th Engineer Co
 Michael Lipscomb 240th Engineer Co
 Shedric Everett 240th Engineer Co
 Steven Hernandez 240th Engineer Co
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 Jeremiah Tice 277th En Haul Plt
 Riley Brown 277th En Haul Plt
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 Jesus Alarcon 72D MP Co
 Jose Lopez 72D MP Co
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 Keanu Cera 72D MP Co
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 Elijah Booth 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 January Guerrero 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
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 Marquise Holmes I Troop 1/221st Cavalry
 Michael Mahavong I Troop 1/221st Cavalry
 Charles Goldner JFHQ
 Jeremiah Maddox JFHQ
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 Jaime Cruz K Troop 1/221st Cavalry
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 Alan Arriaga L Troop 1/221st Cavalry
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 Kyle Richards L Troop 1/221st Cavalry
 Marco Lopez L Troop 1/221st Cavalry
 Miguel Morales L Troop 1/221st Cavalry
 Reimond Romero L Troop 1/221st Cavalry
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 George Capistrano NVARNG Medical Det
 Rebecka Breur NVARNG Medical Det
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 MSgt David Corra 232 Operations Squadron
 MSgt John Fairbanks 152nd Operations Spt Sqdn
 MSgt Mark Gonzalez 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Sqdn
 MSgt Michael Ryan 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Sqdn
 MSgt Pamela Kimberlin JFHQ
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 MSgt Scott Fleming 152nd Airlift Wing
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 MSgt William Vineis 152nd Medical Grp
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“There’s not anything I can do about it, but I’ll never forget about it and the five friends I had on Mustang 22.

“You have to take those type of experiences and then work with the knowledge gained from the experiences to ensure it doesn’t ever happen again. The enemy certainly affects a lot of what you can and can’t control, though.” Capps harbors no ill will toward Columbia Helicopters, his civilian employer since 2011. He said Columbia took good care of him while he recuperated.

“It was a really good job and the flying over

there was great,” said Capps, who returned to light duty for Columbia within 18 months of being shot and recently piloted aircraft in Morocco for the company. “But everyone realizes there’s an inherent risk when you’re a pilot in Afghanistan.

“Getting shot in Afghanistan is something everyone thinks is going to happen to someone else. Then you are quickly reminded ‘Yes, it can happen to you, too.’”

With his career in the warrant officer corps just beginning, Capps said he’s looking forward to many more years in the Nevada

Guard. For him, National Guard service has become a familiar lifestyle.

“Why would I want to leave the Guard? All of my buddies are in the Guard, it has a lot of cool toys that fly and plenty of ammunition,” Capps said.

If the 1/189th is called back into duty in southwest Asia in the future, Capps said he’s ready and willing to go. But don’t be surprised if he displays some trepidation as he boards the outbound flight.

“Truthfully, I’ve had enough of Afghanistan,” Capps admitted. ■

One of about 100 rail-transport engines remaining in the Army's inventory, Locomotive No. 4643 is ready to roll at the Hawthorne Army Depot in August. The Hawthorne Army Depot is one of the 39 Army installations with railroad service, according to military officials at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., the hub of military railroad operations. The depot, which hosts training for hundreds of Nevada Guardsmen annually at its Freedom Ranges, has more than 200 miles of track and links with civilian railroad lines at Wabuska, Nev.

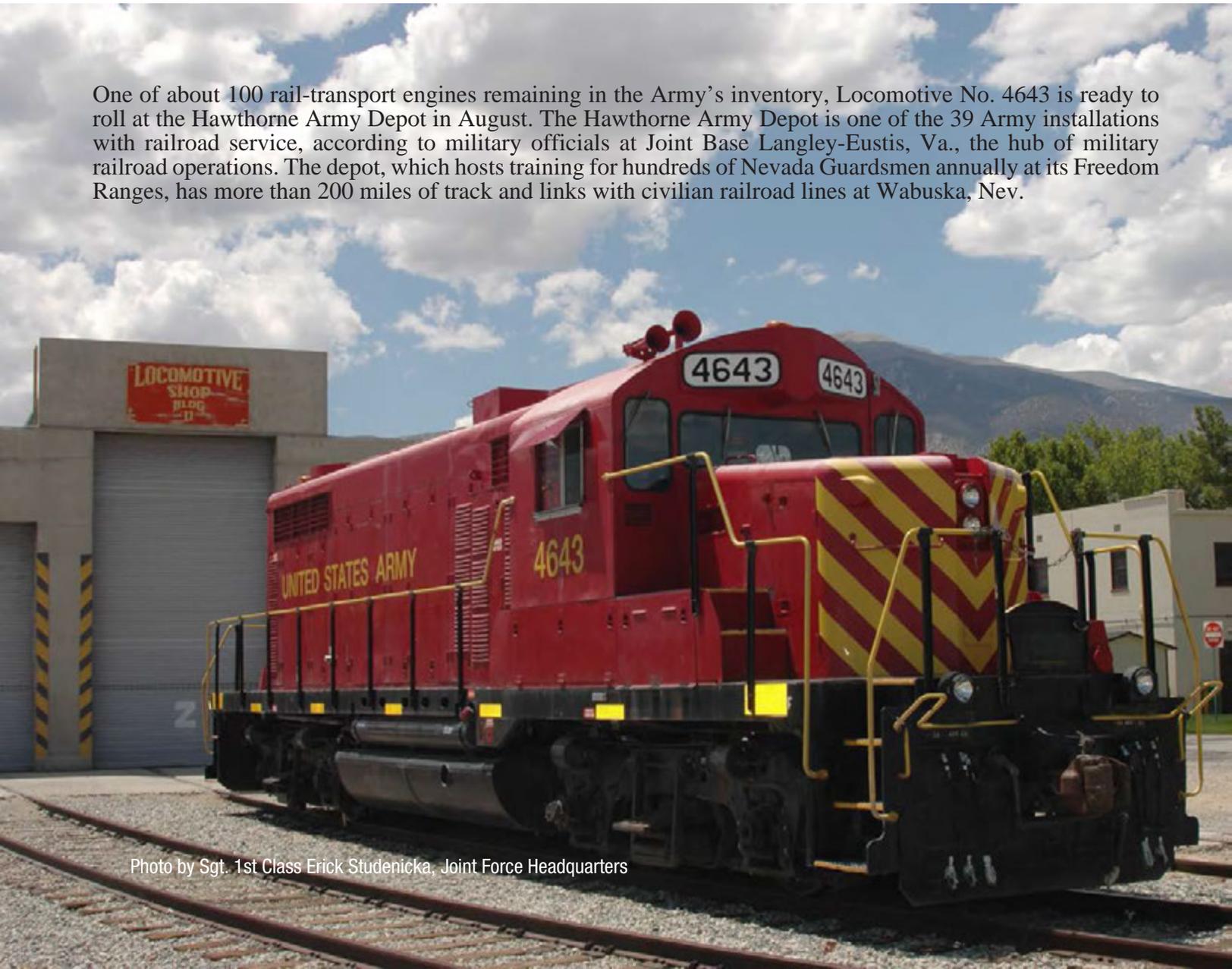


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