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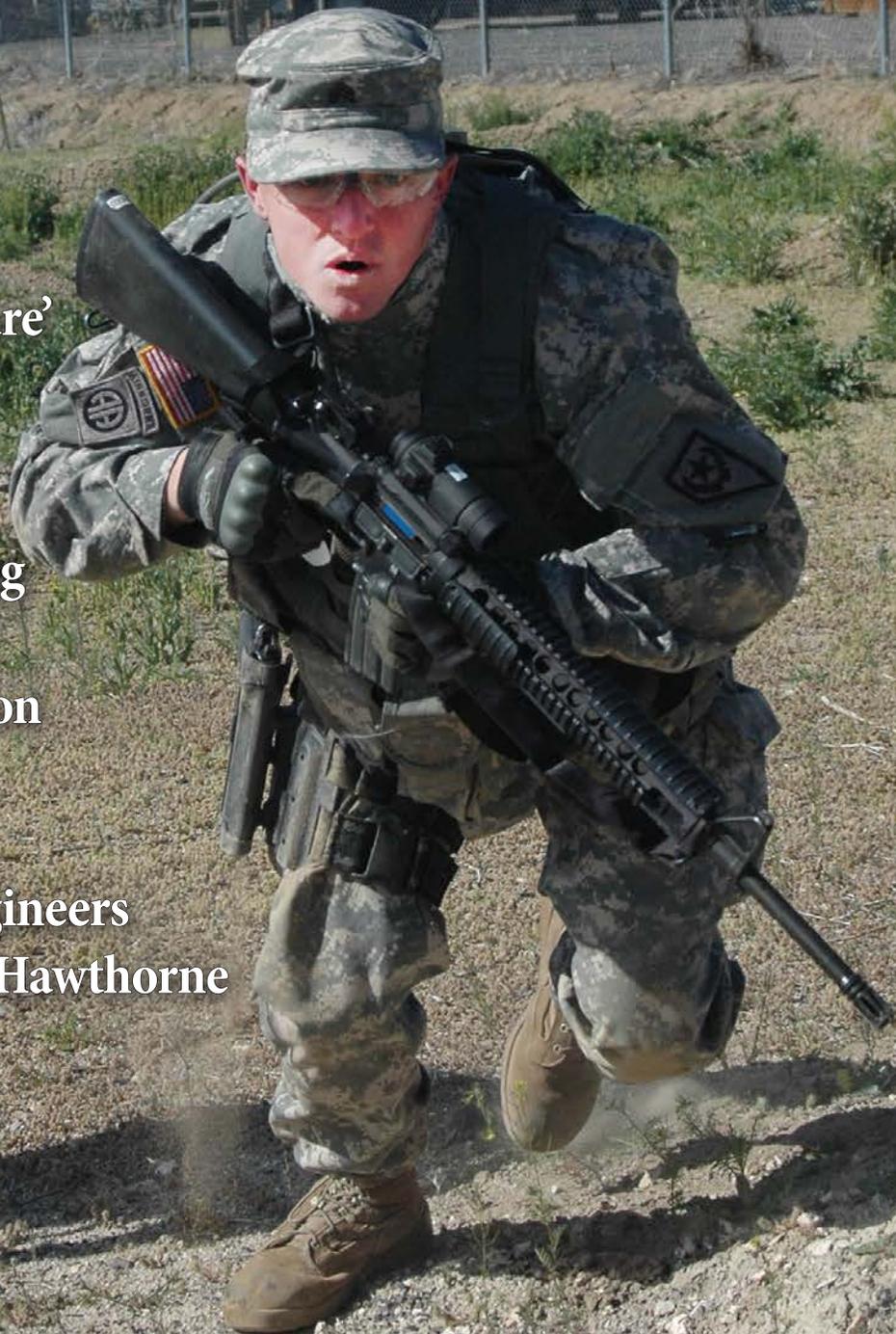
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FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Today's versatile Guard Soldiers, Airmen able to fight wars, forge relationships



By Gen. Frank Grass
Chief, National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. — The challenge of maintaining a capable, accessible, affordable and operational National Guard comes at a pivotal time in history, when the actions we take now will set the course for future generations.

As I meet with citizen-Soldiers and Airmen in our states, territories and countries where our service members are deployed, I interact with the most ready, accessible and capable Guardsmen I've met in my 46 years of service.

With continued resourcing, I am confident the National Guard will remain ready to fight America's wars, secure our homeland and continue to forge enduring partnerships.

From brigade combat teams on the ground to expeditionary wings operating in the skies, our Guardsmen help ensure regional stability and security while working seamlessly with our fellow service members. With nearly 780,000 individual overseas mobilizations completed since 9/11, the National Guard has proven its readiness and warfighting capabilities.

The leadership and individual and unit skill sets developed from performing complex combat operations has resulted in unsurpassed homeland response capabilities for the National Guard. As the original homeland security and defense force, our unique position allows us to respond to the needs of the nation and the states. Whether assisting victims of natural disasters such as wildfires, winter storms or hurricanes, or working hand-in-hand with state and local leaders and emergency personnel during times of crises, the National Guard is postured in nearly 2,600 communities across America and is the first military force at a domestic contingency.

The National Guard enhances its warfighting and homeland capabilities through the partnerships that it builds. We forge
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close working partnerships with global, federal, regional and state partners. In the global sphere, the National Guard's State Partnership Program, established 23 years ago, continues to flourish and has evolved into enduring partnerships with 76 nations, including the Nevada Guard's ongoing relationship with Tonga.

The SPP, which pairs individual U.S. states with partner nations, continues to pay huge dividends in establishing long-term security and personal relationships while generating a significant return on investment. For example, 13 SPP partner nations



Photo courtesy Gen. Frank Grass

Gen. Frank Grass, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, arrives in Egypt last year to discuss peacekeeping-mission topics with Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard's 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Grass holds one of the seven positions on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The 50 Nevada Soldiers from the battalion who supported Task Force Sinai for nine months returned to Nevada safely in August 2015.

have achieved NATO membership.

Overall, National Guard states have conducted 79 co-deployments with their SPP partners to Afghanistan and Iraq. SPP countries in the Middle East and Africa, with collaboration of National Guard state counterparts, are participating in international coalition efforts to combat terrorist and extremist organizations.

SPP partnerships stand as some of the strongest and most effective security cooperation relationships in the world. The SPP delivers wide strategic benefits by

reducing the staggering costs of the U.S. acting independently. These partnerships are grounded in common interests and shared values. They develop strong bonds of cooperation, understanding and trust that enable us to work together effectively to meet the evolving security challenges of this new century.

The National Guard mirrors the communities that it serves and our people are its foundation. We will continue to embrace diversity and inclusion to ensure we tap into our entire reservoir of talent. As the National Guard strives to become a model of fiscal stewardship within the Department of Defense, we must also continue our efforts to eliminate abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Suicide prevention will always be a priority and we must do all that we can to ensure we have the proper education, training and availability of mental health professionals to create resilient soldiers and airmen. We must ensure that we assist returning Soldiers and Airmen, wounded warriors and veterans reintegrate into their communities and honor our fallen service members.

It is inspiring to see what the men and women of our National Guard do for our states, territories and our nation. Our Soldiers and Airmen continue to show great valor in combat. Our people continue to leave their jobs and families and report to their armories and bases, and bring calm after storms,

fires and floods have devastated communities. And, our Guardsmen strengthen and stabilize regions around the world while we develop meaningful security partnerships.

As we face the challenges of this new century, the National Guard is ready to carry out its missions through the capable men and women who serve. They are part of a proud heritage dating back to 1636 – nearly 400 years of protecting our nation. I am proud to serve with each and every Guardsmen. Their dedication and professionalism is truly remarkable. ■

NEVADA ADJUTANT GENERAL

Deployment trend not subsiding



Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell

Nevada Army Guard's 17th Sustainment Brigade Soldiers stand in formation at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Wash., with Mount Rainier in the background. The 17th participated in the Warfighter Exercise at JBLM in 2015 in preparation for its deployment to Kuwait in 2016.

By Brig. Gen. William Burks
Nevada National Guard Adjutant General

CARSON CITY — Since last October, several hundred Nevada National Guard Soldiers and Airmen kissed spouses goodbye, consoled sons and daughters and reassured parents they'd safely return from overseas deployments.

As the state's adjutant general, I attend these deployment ceremonies to recognize the sacrifices made by these men and women of the Nevada National Guard, their families, their employers and their communities at large.

For example, more than 250 Soldiers of the 17th Sustainment Brigade and more than 30 Soldiers of the 137th Military Police Company have deployed since the beginning of last autumn. In February, the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion began its mobilization for the Nevada Guard's first-ever mission to Africa. Additionally, more than 90 Airmen of the 152nd Airlift Wing in Reno returned from their deployment in the Middle East last November.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 4,000 Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen have deployed - and as the recent string of deployments shows, this trend isn't subsiding. That's why we as Guardsmen must always remember the importance of care for Soldiers and Airmen, family readiness and the effect these departures pose on our communities.

For instance, the city of North Las Vegas loses its emergency manager when Soldiers like 137th Military Police Commander Capt. Carlito Rayos leave for deployment to Afghanistan.

"It's going to be tough, but we will mitigate that (being away from families) where we can," Rayos said during his unit's deployment ceremony in November, only two days before Thanksgiving. "We have tremendous family support. We also have plenty of sup-

port from the community."

The rise of ISIS, Boko Haram, Al-Shabab and other terrorist organizations exploit unstable regions, threaten our nation and test our global community in a complex world.

In these challenging times, the National Guard provides a cost-effective asset for both federal and state governments. More than 80 percent of personnel expenditures for the Nevada Guard's state employees come from federal funds. This helps the federal government with ready and trained Soldiers for their mission. For example, Soldiers like Rayos work in North Las Vegas, but also deploy for federal missions — bringing decades of experience in law enforcement. Instead of spending thousands of dollars to train a new military police officer, the federal government can rely on already-trained Soldiers like Rayos and the National Guard to meet its mission.

This is why the National Guard is so vital to our nation.

But that's not our only mission.

The state's more than 4,000 Nevada Guardsmen also work homeland security and domestic operations. They activate for fires, floods and other emergencies at the request of the governor, our commander in chief. Last October, the Nevada Guard's Civil Support Team walked within six feet of the burn center at the industrial fire in Beatty to determine whether radioactive particles had fallen to the ground. Aviators stationed in Stead responded last year to wildland fires in both our state and California.

Our dual state and federal mission makes us unique.

The Nevada Guard maintains our place in the community — and, as we've seen in recent months, on the other side of the globe. And when they return home, they deserve more than a pat on the back. We must thank them, their families and their communities for the sacrifices they make as well. ■

DROP ZONE



Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton

HAWTHORNE — Soldiers with the Nevada Army Guard's 609th Engineer Company stand in a crater carved out by two, combined 40-pound cratering charges. The 609th spent a drill weekend late last winter at the demolition ranges. For more photos on this explosive training, see page 14.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

MARANA, Ariz. — Sgt. Kyle Stephens, 25, hugs Ronaldo De la Ree, 36, in April at the Western Army Aviation Training Site in Marana, Ariz. Last year, Stephens and Spc. Michael Knight, 23, saved De la Ree from a burning vehicle wreck while they were night fishing nearby at the Sweetwater Wetlands Park just outside Tucson.



Photo by Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga — Members of the Nevada Air and Army National Guard pose with members of His Majesty's Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Tonga. The Guardsmen were in Tonga last March for a combined forces communications exchange. For more information and photos, see page 20.



Photo by Sgt. Frank Nash, 421st RTI

LITTLE FALLS, Minn. — From left, Nevada National Guard biathlon skiers Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, 1st Lt. Alex Stackhouse and Spc. Jason Bang survey the Camp Ripley Biathlon Range before the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships in March. The team went on to place 11th in the military patrol race out of the 24 participating states. For details on the championship, see page 23.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Duncan, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division 1st Sustainment Brigade
CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Col. Vernon L. Scarbrough, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Richardson, right, unfurl the colors of the 17th Sustainment Brigade, which signified the acceptance of authority from the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade during a ceremony in March. The 17th Sustainment Brigade is the first National Guard unit to take on this sustainment mission, which includes providing supplies through the Iraq Train and Equip Fund.

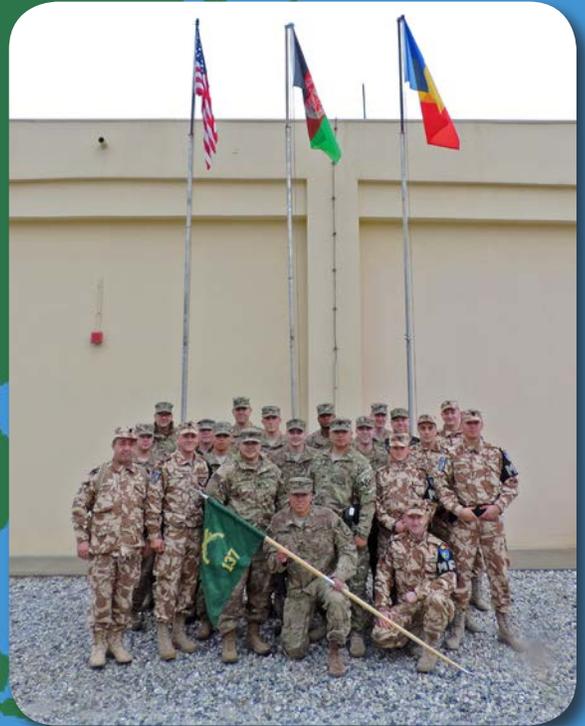


Photo by Jet Fabara, Joint U.S. Forces Afghanistan
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Soldiers with the Nevada Guard's 137th MP Detachment pose with members of the 354th MP Company and the Romanian International MP Detachment after conducting a flag raising ceremony in January to commemorate construction of a new flag pole area near the main entrance of the Provost Marshal's Office. During the ceremony, U.S. Army and Romanian MPs played each nation's anthem while raising each nation's flag, including the host nation's flag.



Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell, 17th Sustainment Brigade
CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Soldiers with the Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company conduct an Army Physical Fitness Test before they head home from their deployment in Afghanistan. The 72nd stopped in Kuwait on their journey home and the 17th Sustainment Brigade scored the fitness test for their fellow Nevadans.

DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP

Africa: new frontier for Nevada Guard Soldiers

Staff reports

LAS VEGAS — About 40 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion Soldiers made history when they departed on the first Nevada Army Guard unit deployment to Africa in early February. The element will provide battlefield communications throughout the Horn of Africa until November.

Another element of more than 100 422nd ESB Soldiers, Company B, deployed to Kuwait in April.

With the departure of the 422nd Soldiers, more than 15 percent of the Nevada Army Guard's ranks are now deployed around the globe (505 of 3,200 Soldiers).

The 422nd departure of African bound Soldiers was marked by a ceremony at the Clark County Armory presided over by Nevada Guard commander-in-chief Gov. Brian Sandoval. Other speakers included Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan, 991st Multi-Functional brigade commander Col. Joanne Farris and 422nd battalion commander Lt. Col. John Krueger.

The history-making Soldiers were eager to begin the deployment and experience the new destination for Nevada Soldiers.

"It feels awesome to be on the forefront of something no other Nevada group has done before," Pfc. Tim Nagle said.

The Soldiers will spend three weeks at an Army base in Texas before traveling to a base camp in Djibouti. The Horn of Africa is in the northeast portion of the continent and includes Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The far-flung Soldiers will support both



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

J.T. Foster, 2, the son of 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion 1st Sgt. John Foster, is ready to join the 422nd Soldiers headed to Africa during the unit's mobilization ceremony in February.

classified and unclassified communications between units throughout the vast region that covers 770,000 square miles. The networks they will support and maintain include all of communication staples, including telephone, data and internet media.

The element of 40 Soldiers is both among the youngest and most tech-savvy group of Nevada Guardsmen ever assembled for a deployment. The average age of the Soldiers is early-20s and the unit includes five civilian network engineers

and three full-time Nevada Guard computer specialists.

"I am very confident in this group; we have a lot of Soldiers who are very experienced in this field," said commander 1st Lt. Justin Klatt, 30, himself a network engineer at his civilian job at the University of Nevada, Reno. "It is a pleasure to lead this group to

Africa because I've never commanded a group more willing and eager to work."

Klatt said that, although the Horn of Africa is usually not as volatile as Afghanistan, the Soldiers on the 422nd mission will receive both a combat patch and family separation pay.

The battalion includes about 400 total Soldiers working at facilities in Reno, Las Vegas and Casa Grande, Ariz.

17th embarks on largest deployment since 2009

LAS VEGAS — The largest deployment of Nevada Guard Soldiers since 2009 began in January as more than 250 troops in the 17th Sustainment Brigade marked the start of their 10-month mission with a mobilization ceremony at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

The 17th Soldiers now provide logistical support throughout the Central Command area of operation while based in Kuwait. The brigade also sent teams to Jordan, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Succinctly, the brigade oversees the supply of all service members in the entire

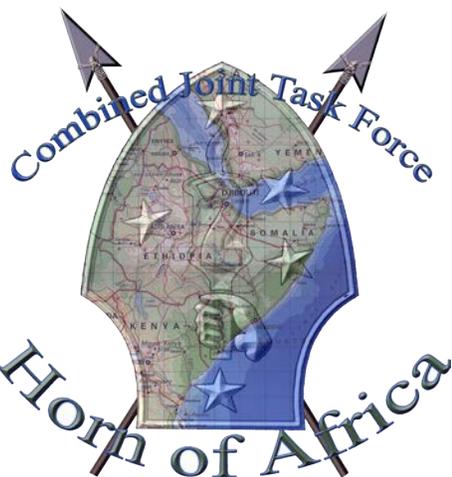




Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell, 17th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Gov. Brian Sandoval addresses the crowd gathered to say goodbye to the 17th Sustainment Brigade at their mobilization ceremony in Mandalay Bay last January. The 17th Sustainment Brigade sent about 250 troops to Kuwait early this year in the largest deployment for the state since 2009.

region with the staples of sustenance, including food, water, fuel and ammunition.

All of the Soldiers will receive veteran status upon completion of the tour. Some are likely to receive combat patches based upon their team's deployment location.

The 250-Soldier deployment is the largest Nevada Army Guard deployment since 2009, when the 1-221st Cavalry sent more than 450 Soldiers to Afghanistan.

The 12,000-seat Mandalay Bay Events Center was one of the few venues in Las Vegas capable of seating the thousands of family members and friends who attended the send-off.

Gov. Brian Sandoval, the commander-in-chief of the Nevada National Guard, presided over the ceremony and said the departing Soldiers exemplified the state's mantra.

"We are the Battle Born state whose Citizen-Soldiers put real meaning to our state motto 'All for our country,'" Sandoval said. "You are the living examples of the character of our state."

Other speakers included Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, Nevada Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan, and 17th Sustainment commander Col. Vernon Scarbrough.

The brigade's Soldiers include a broad range of ranks and deployment experience. While many of the brigade's Soldiers, including Scarbrough and Command Sgt.

Maj. James Richardson, have served in Afghanistan, fully 70 percent of the Soldiers were experiencing some trepidation as they began their first deployment abroad.

"It's scary and nerve-racking, but at the same time, it's exciting, too," said Spc. Matthew Bartley, 24, a cook embarking on his first deployment. "What we might encounter is unknown, but I am sure we will all come back better for the experience."

Lt. Col. Troy Armstrong, a veteran of three previous combat deployments, said the departing Soldiers shouldn't be complacent despite the brigade's non-combat destination.

"We can't think of it being 'just Kuwait.' Our Soldiers will be supporting and covering the entire Central Command theatre, which includes many combat areas," Armstrong said. "We're ready. We need to get out the door and get the job done."

The brigade is set to return to Nevada by Thanksgiving.

137th completes project with Bagram allies

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Soldiers from the Nevada Army Guard's 137th Military Police Detachment joined personnel from the Army Reserve's 354th MP Company and the Romanian International MP Detachment in February to

mark the completion of a new flag pole area near the main entrance of the field's Provost Marshal's Office.

"The event was a celebration for the whole detachment. It took Lt. Razvan Matran (Romanian MP detachment commander and deputy provost marshal) several months to get us to this point," said Capt. Carlito Rayos, a North Las Vegas resident and the Bagram Military Police Station provost marshal. "We really wanted to recognize his efforts today and look forward to hosting future events here."

Until the completion of the project, no flags flew at the station because the flag poles did not have the proper concrete base that was needed for safety purposes.

During the ceremony, U.S. and Romanian Soldiers recognized both countries' anthem and flag as well as Afghanistan's colors. Romanian Joint Forces Command Col. Valentin Cheptanariuas was one of the distinguished visitors.

Rayos said the flag pole location will serve multiple purposes.

About 30 Soldiers from the 137th left the Silver State last November for their year-long deployment to Afghanistan. While on the air field, the unit provides garrison law and order operations. This is the Henderson-based unit's second deployment to Afghanistan since its establishment in 2007. ■



152nd Airlift Wing file photo

A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 flies over Lake Tahoe. The High Rollers were picked in April as the newest Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems unit.

From jets to Hercs: 152nd leadership fought 20 years ago to maintain ‘High Roller culture’

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

RENO — The High Rollers’ usually busy flight line — with its 24 RF-4C jets — sat empty during the winter months of 1996.

The planes departed September of 1995, and 152nd Reconnaissance Group was re-designated as the 152nd Airlift Wing three months later. More than 100 personnel re-trained for a new mission. Many left the unit and some retired.

The first C-130 E model rolled onto the flight line with the tail number 1858 on April 9, 1996, two decades ago,

A week later, the unit held an open house and media event for “Hercs are Here Day,” officially recognizing the unit’s conversion from manned reconnaissance to 8 / **BATTLE BORN** / Spring 2016

tactical airlift.

While the mission continues today — including a C-130 H3 upgrade this year — the conversion proved a tall task for leadership hoping to maintain the unit’s “High Rollers” brand and prestigious reputation built during its three-decade run in reconnaissance.

“We really wanted to keep that fighter and warrior culture,” said retired Brig. Gen. Charles Chinnock, commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing, 1994 to 2001. “When we converted, it was my hope we would keep a lot of that culture going. It was the High Roller culture. We didn’t want to lose that.”

‘Warrior culture’

For nearly 50 years — including war-time deployments as a fighter squadron to

three decades in reconnaissance — the Nevada Air National Guard flew fighter jets: P-51; F-86; RB-57; F-101 and F-4.

The unit deployed during the Korean War and again in 1967 during the Pueblo Crisis. News reporters dubbed the unit the “High Rollers” as early as 1980 in local and international publications — and the nickname stuck.

The High Rollers won several aerial reconnaissance competitions in the 1980s, regularly besting active duty units. In 1991, the unit deployed during the Persian Gulf War, executing multiple reconnaissance missions over Iraq.

“The culture was excellent and we had such dedication from both the aircrew and the maintenance people keeping those fighters in good shape,” said retired Maj.

Gen. Drennan “Tony” Clark, Nevada National Guard adjutant general, 1986-2001. “If we were on deployment, if aircraft came back with any problems, the maintenance crew worked all night.”

During the 1980s, training missions usually occurred six days a week with F-4 pilots executing low-altitude, high-speed reconnaissance missions in the day and low-altitude night missions on terrain-following radar at night, soaring around the American West and sometimes over the Pacific Ocean, said retired Brig. Gen. John Molini, who was Nevada Air National Guard chief of staff leading up to the conversion.

“We had F-4s for a long time that our technicians cut their teeth on,” said retired Tech. Sgt. John Tyson, longtime broadcast journalist for KOLO-TV in Reno. “They were working on them when they were airmen first class and still working on them as master sergeants. They knew everything about the aircraft.”

But McDonnell Douglas ended production of the F-4 in 1985. Additionally, following the Gulf War, new technology and unmanned aircraft for reconnaissance emerged.

While serving as the chairman of the Western Long Range Planning Committee, Molini knew in advance that the F-4 was going to be retired for reconnaissance.

“They were going to be modified F-16s with photo capability and they probably knew at the time that drones were in the pipeline and satellite imagery was getting so good that manned tactical reconnaissance was not a top-of-the-line program,” Molini said. “We knew we were going to lose the F4s.”

Deciding on a new mission

On Sept. 27, 1995, the last four operational RF-4C reconnaissance jet aircraft in the U.S. military departed from the base in

Reno in what was described as a “tear filled ceremony.” The event included a golf tournament, cocktail party and photo session with one of the unit’s Desert Storm aircraft: Tail No. 886. Today, that same aircraft sits on display at the entrance gate to the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno.

The decision to convert to C-130s hinged on several factors, and the option to remain a fighter unit was never entirely off the table.

“Gen. Clark, myself and Chinnock met with (Director Air National Guard Maj. Gen.) Don Sheppard,” Molini said. “Sheppard said, ‘You guys have two options: F-16s or C-130s?’”

The F-16 option included aging jets that Nevada Air National Guard leadership felt only kicked the can down the road and

Reno with a quieter airplane that didn’t echo the valley, both Chinnock and Molini said.

Its available cargo room proved capable for airlift missions since its entrance into the U.S. Air Force inventory in 1954 and its ability to takeoff from remote, dirt locations gave it the reputation as the workhorse of military aircraft, even though many in the fighter realm bemoaned the C-130s arrival and compared it to a trash hauler or station wagon.

“There were challenges trying to convince everyone that we don’t have a choice,” said retired Maj. Gen. Cindy Kirkland, who served as adjutant general (2005-2009) and as the Nevada National Guard State Public Affairs Officer during the conversion. “It’s either accept the mission or have no flying mission at all and lose the unit. What would you rather do?”

Retired Maj. Gen. Giles Vanderhoof agreed.

“We knew they had a short life (with the F-16s),” he said. “If we took those we stood a chance of not having an airframe to follow them. It was a tough choice to go from fighter to C-130, but it was the smartest thing to do.”

Chinnock, the commander, was one of the 100 personnel who left the base to re-train on the C-130. In his absence, then-Col.

Larry Cerfoglio served as interim commander.

“Morale was good,” Cerfoglio said. “There were a few F-4 pilots who were not happy. They didn’t like being thought of as desk jockeys. Many of them left looking to fly another jet.”

Reconnaissance lives

The airlift mission wasn’t the only one beginning at the base at this time. In 1994, the 152nd Intelligence Squadron activated and combined the photo processing and

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Past Nevada Air Guard leadership stand for a photo in front of a 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 with current commander Col. Karl Stark, right. From left: retired officers Brig. Gen. Chuck Chinnock, Maj. Gen. Drennan Clark, Maj. Gen. Giles Vanderhoof, Col. Steve Hanson, Brig. Gen. Larry Cerfoglio and Stark.

risked losing the unit’s flying mission altogether, Molini said.

But housing the F-16 aircraft posed a problem along with an ongoing noise debate as the city of Reno expanded with development south of the airport.

“We looked at how we would have to convert the existing base,” Chinnock said. “They looked at options of moving to Las Vegas, or Indian Springs.”

The Air Guard stayed in Reno, though, as the unit received \$6 million for new construction, including the fuel cell hangar.

Basically, the C-130 mission presented the best option for an extended mission in

Aviation NCO, Cav Spc. state's top Warriors

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

STEAD — Like two heavyweight boxers going toe-to-toe for 15 rounds, Staff Sgt. Joshua Rodriguez and Sgt. Colton Hults went back-and-forth in the first eight events contested in the Nevada Army Guard's 2016 Best Warrior Competition here April 22-24.

Hults, 26, of Reno, finally pulled away from Rodriguez, 34, of North Las Vegas, in the marksmanship events on the final day of competition to claim the title of Non-commissioned Officer of the Year and earn a trip to the Region VII Best Warrior Competition in Arizona in May.

"We were neck-and-neck for the first two days. Each of us had our stronger suits," said Hults, an aviation mechanic in the 1/189th Aviation Company. "It proved to be a tough competition and great experience." Rodriguez is a construction engineer in the 240th Engineer Company.

In the Best Warrior Competition Soldier Division, Spc. Trevor Camacho of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1-221st Cavalry, made a clean sweep of all 10 events contested. Camacho, 22, of Las Vegas, had a clear path to the title after his fellow competitors in the division were quickly eliminated in the first event by their failure to pass the Army Fitness Test in challenging, windy conditions.

Although he was the lone competitor in his division, Camacho said it wasn't hard to remain motivated throughout the three-day marathon of Army skills testing.

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Center: Staff Sgt. Joshua Rodriguez of the 240th Engineer Company approaches the finish line of the 9-mile ruck march event at the 2016 Best Warrior Competition in April. Rodriguez won the event in 2 hours, 10 minutes. Clockwise from upper left: Staff Sgt. Joshua Rodriguez catches his breath after the 9-mile ruck march; Sgt. Colton Hults, right, receives encouragement from Spc. Seamus Redmond on the ruck march course; Sgt. Colton Hults calls for aviation support during an Army Warrior Task drill; Spc. Trevor Camacho marches on toward his 2016 Soldier of the Year title

"I definitely took everything seriously and wanted to do my best on every event," said Camacho, a 2012 graduate of Pahrump Valley High. "I had to use the experience as a learning tool for the regionals."

The first day of the competition included the Army Fitness Test, a written test and an appearance board. Hults outscored Rodriguez in the fitness test (273-246) and written test, but Rodriguez won the appearance board.

On the second day, Hults and Rodriguez split the day and night land navigation events. Hults won the weapons skills and Army Warrior Task contests, but Rodriguez rebounded to put the pressure on Hults by outpacing the field to win the 9-mile ruck march in 2 hours, 10 minutes. Hults finished a scant two minutes behind.

On the final day, Hults finally put Ro-

driguez away by sweeping the M-9 and M-4 qualification events.

Even with the marksmanship sweep, Hults wasn't 100 percent sure he had won the contest as Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks and Chief of the Joint Staff Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser announced the first-place finishers at the awards ceremony.

"We knew it was close, we had gone back-and-forth in so many events," Hults said. Hults and Camacho were set to prepare for the regional competition at Camp Navajo, Ariz., in late May. Check NevadaGuard.com for results.

Camacho said he was eager to return in 2017 and solidify his claim as Best Warrior against a larger field of competitors.

"I can't wait to come back," Camacho said. "I hope to be even more prepared." ■



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Senior Airman Kaitlind Becker accepts the Airman of the Year Award during the annual Airman of the Year Award Banquet at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino in Reno.

Get to know your Nevada Guard Airmen of the Year

By Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO — After winning the 2015 Nevada Air Guard Airman of the Year award, one can say Senior Airman Kaitlind Becker is becoming renowned in her hometown.

Becker, 29, a graduate of Truckee Meadows Community College's High School, is a personnel specialist in the 152nd Maintenance Squadron's training office.

Becker continues a long line of military service — both of her maternal grandparents were in the service during World War II. Several of her uncles also served in the military and her husband served in the Army.

Becker joined the Nevada Air National Guard to both serve her country and further her education. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree in Social Work and she has been accepted into the master's degree in Social Work program at University of Nevada, Reno. She anticipates starting that program in August.

Becker's parents and all three of her siblings live in Nevada. She said she enjoys the sense of community and family in the Nevada Guard. Her favorite aspects of drill weekend include seeing friends,

learning new skills and helping other Airmen achieve their goals.

"I recently transferred to the maintenance squadron's training office because I have a great desire to help people and felt that this would be a good arena in which to do that," Becker said.

Becker aspires to work for the state to provide behavioral health services to veterans and civilians living in rural areas of Nevada, in towns such as Elko, Virginia City, Winnemucca and Mesquite.

Commenting on winning the Airman of the Year award, Becker said: "I was surprised and thankful. I appreciate everyone who has helped me with my military career and has pushed me to be better every day. Also, I appreciate my husband who is so supportive of everything that I do."

In her spare time, Becker enjoys spending time with her husband, sleeping, volunteering, working at the Veterans Administration, cooking, exercising and attending movies.

She advises other Airmen competing for Airman of the Year to "work hard toward your goals and volunteer."

Becker listed her military service as a top priority in her life.

"The most important things in my life are: the Guard, my husband, helping others no matter what is going on in their lives and my education," she said. ■



Image courtesy H&K Architects

The new, 13,000-square foot Field Maintenance Shop will be located at the Harry Reid Readiness Center in Stead, Nev. The new building will more than double the Nevada Guard's ability to provide maintenance to its northern Nevada ground vehicles.

Construction set to begin on \$8 million maintenance facility: 13,000 square-foot complex will more than double work space

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

CARSON CITY — Construction on a new \$8 million facility that more than doubles the Nevada Army Guard's ability to maintain its northern Nevada ground vehicle fleet is set to begin this autumn in Washoe County.

Combined with four existing maintenance bays, the six state-of-the-art bays at the 13,000-square foot Field Maintenance Shop on the Harry Reid Readiness Center in Stead, Nev., will give the Nevada Army Guard a total of 10 bays on the campus. The size of the six new bays will provide the space needed to maintain any vehicle in the Nevada Army Guard fleet, including Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks.

"The six new bays will open up the tight spaces the Soldiers have been operating in," said Richard Vigni, the facility's construction project manager.

The 13,000-square foot building will also include a classroom, supervisors' offices and a tool room. It will be located adjacent to the current outmoded Facility Maintenance Shop at the center. The old

FMS, built in 1995, will be retained and will ultimately transition into a communications and satellite maintenance and repair shop.

The FMS will maintain vehicles from several units, including the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, the 485th Military Police Company and Washoe County's aviation units. The FMS will also support the Medium Tactical Vehicles set to be fielded by the 1859th Transportation Company when that unit is officially established. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Christopher Wolfe estimated maintenance on eight vehicles could be completed each day once the facility is open and properly staffed.

The project is currently 75 percent designed by the lead architectural firm of H&K Architects. Once the entire design is approved by the National Guard Bureau and the plans are reviewed by the City of Reno, bids for construction should go out in August, Vigni said. After building starts, it will take about 10 months to complete the project.

Although the northern maintenance facility will alleviate maintenance space concerns, its size pales in comparison to

the 41,000-square foot, \$23 million Come-ta Complex Field Maintenance Shop that opened in Las Vegas in July 2013.

With the completion of the new Washoe County facility, the limiting factor on the timeliness of vehicle maintenance will be personnel, not space.

"We will have plenty of bays, but may be limited by our personnel," Wolfe said. "With deployments, we are down to just three mechanics."



LAS VEGAS
MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Image courtesy Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Speedway Armory update

The money — \$35 million — has been allocated for the Army Guard's Speedway Armory near the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Clark County.

But, according to Vigni, the design process has not begun and officials are unable to estimate the completion date for the largest construction project in Nevada Army Guard history. ■

NGB: 152nd Airlift Wing receives MAFFS wildland firefighting mission

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

RENO — The 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada National Guard, is set to begin the process of outfitting its C-130 aircraft with U.S. Forest Service Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems equipment for large-scale wildland firefighting missions around the nation, the National Guard Bureau announced this spring.

The development of the MAFFS mission in Reno brings large-scale wildland firefighting capabilities to a Guard unit located in the largest national forest in the lower 48 states - the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest - prone to massive fires in recent years.

“The 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada National Guard is the best choice to fulfill the MAFFS mission due to their aircrew experience and geographic area response capability,” bureau officials said.

The 152nd will become one of four units nationwide with C-130 aircraft outfitted with MAFFS. The 152nd has worked its airlift mission with C-130s since 1996.

“The High Rollers of the 152nd Airlift Wing are more than capable of executing this mission,” Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval said. “This is good for the unit, the state, recently fire-ravaged western regions and the nation.”

Since 1974, MAFFS — a fire retardant delivery system inserted into C-130 aircraft — has been a joint effort between the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Defense.

The U.S. Forest Service owns MAFFS equipment and supplies retardant for firefighting. The Department of Defense provides C-130 aircraft, flight crews, and maintenance and support personnel to fly missions. MAFFS delivers surge capability that can be used to boost wildfire suppression efforts. The equipment can discharge up to 3,000 gallons — 28,000 pounds — of retardant in less than five seconds, covering an area one-quarter of a mile long and 60 feet wide. Once discharged, it can be refilled and



Photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Carzis, 146th Airlift Wing California Air National Guard

MAFFS 6, a C-130 J from the 146th Airlift Wing in Port Hueneme, Calif., drops a line of retardant over the trees in the mountains above Palm Springs July 19, 2013. The 152nd Airlift Wing is set to begin outfitting its C-130 fleet with MAFFS equipment for large-scale firefighting in the western United States.

“The 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada National Guard is the best choice to fulfill the MAFFS mission”

-National Guard Bureau

airborne in less than 20 minutes.

“Nevada is in a perfect location to service the vast majority of Western states due to its central location,” Nevada National Guard Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks said. “This is huge for the High Rollers and shows that all of their hard work throughout the entire organization pays benefits in the long run.”

The 152nd began the transition with U.S. Forest Service MAFFS in May at Channel Islands, Calif.

The transition is expected to take three to five fire seasons as the unit trains and

prepares for the mission, the bureau said.

A planned conversion of an existing MAFFS unit, the 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard from the C-130 to the C-17, prompted the bureau to evaluate existing C-130 Air National Guard units for a suitable replacement for the MAFFS mission.

All National Guard C-130 units were considered, the bureau said.

The other units involved in the mission are: the 146th Airlift Wing, California Air National Guard; the 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard and the 302nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserves.

“This is a critical and challenging mission we’ve wanted for many years now,” said Col. Karl Stark, the commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing. “We are more than capable and ready for the responsibility this mission brings.” ■



Photo by Staff Sgt. Craig Kenison

Soldiers with the 609th Engineer Company pose for a unit photo while an explosion goes off in the background. The 609th Soldiers completed a winter drill weekend at the Hawthorne Army Depot practicing demolitions and other Soldier tactics.



Photos by Sgt. Mike Orton

Left: Members of the 609th Engineer Company pack C4 plastic explosives into fence pickets to create field-expedient bangalore torpedos. After being filled, the two pickets are strapped together to ensure no air remains around the C4. This process ensures all the explosive material detonates, said Sgt. Jacob Flick, a squad leader in the 609th. Center: Spc. Joel Cohen, left, and Pvt. David Lee place a pair of bangalore torpedos underneath several strands of concertina wire acting as a road obstacle. Upon exploding, the torpedos would clear the roadway without damaging it's surface, leaving it safe for friendly forces to pass. Right: Sgt. Jacob Flick helps Soldiers dig for simulated hidden explosives during mine detection training.



Photos by Sgt. Mike Orton

Left: Spc. Andrew Pavlu scans the training area for notional explosives with mine detection equipment. Part of a combat engineer's duties are to plant and clear mine fields, construct bridges, clear routes and prepare and employ demolitions and explosives. They can also apply to attend the U.S. Army's Sapper Leader Course — a 28-day course designed to test a Soldier's knowledge of small unit tactics, leadership skills and tactics of a combined arms team — and earn the coveted Sapper tab. Center: A 40 pound cratering charge sits in its case before being employed in training. Right: A pair of 40-pound cratering charges detonate on the range. For cratering charges to be effective, shape charges are first used to create holes in the ground in which cratering charges are later packed. This two-step process ensures the cratering charges create the desired effect — a massive hole in the ground that impedes enemy traffic, said Sgt. Chris Bushey, the 609th's training non-commissioned officer.



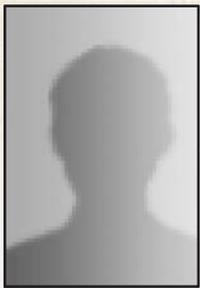
Photos by Sgt. Mike Orton

Left: Sgt. Jacob Flick, left, kneels while instructing Cadet Shawn Joseph, center, and Spc. Colton Wenger, right, during mine detection training near Hawthorne, Nev. The Nevada National Guard is currently working to acquire the Hawthorne training lands. As of now, the Nevada Guard must request permission to access the training areas near Hawthorne and Fallon, Nev. Hawthorne Army Depot and the Freedom Ranges there are in heavy demand for demolition, weapons qualification and other uses, but if the Nevada Guard controlled the training sites it would increase the state's ability to maintain readiness and open opportunities for revenue as other states and organizations request access to the area, officials said. Right: Sgt. Josh Killinger instructs his squad before they conduct obstacle clearance training using field-expedient bangalore torpedos. Route clearance is one of the 609th's main missions as combat engineers.

Adjutants General — Past to Present

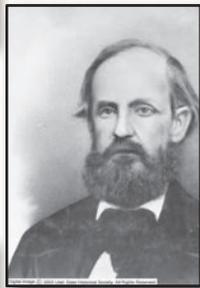


Last winter, I scoured the Nevada Historical Society, State Archives, University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections and our collections at the Nevada National Guard State Headquarters to find photos and information on each Nevada Guard adjutant general. Our state has great archivists at each of these cultural institutions who were very helpful in this endeavor. While I am still two photos from every adjutant general, the research provides a personal look at the men — and one woman — who've served as the commander of the Nevada Guard dating back to Nevada's territorial status in 1861. Researching each one also reveals the transformation of the Nevada Guard through its history. These bios are not comprehensive and are edited for space. — *Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus, Nevada National Guard State Historian*



1862
1864

Nevada's Organic Act created Nevada Territory in 1861 and gave the territorial governor power to appoint an adjutant general, who was ex-officio the governor's chief of staff, quartermaster general, commissary general, inspector general and chief of ordnance. Territorial Gov. James Nye appointed **H.P. Russell** to the post. Russell lost his post following statehood when the Nevada Senate declined his confirmation as adjutant general in 1865.



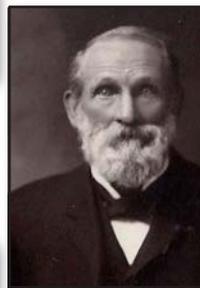
1865
1867

John Cradlebaugh was assigned as district judge of western Utah Territory (Carson City) in 1859. In 1861, he became Nevada's first territorial delegate to Congress. Cradlebaugh served as a Union colonel in the Civil War and was seriously wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg. His wounds included being shot in the face, which left him incapacitated. Unable to practice law as a result of the injury, Cradlebaugh received an appointment and was unanimously confirmed in the Nevada Senate as the first Nevada adjutant general following statehood. He died in Eureka, Nev., in 1872.



1867
1870

A member of Nevada's Constitutional Convention of 1863, **Chauncey N. Noteware** was the first elected adjutant general. In 1866, the Nevada Legislature made the position an additional duty of the secretary of state, a position Noteware held from 1864-1870. Noteware also served in the Nevada Senate. Noteware had no known military record.



1871
1874

Elected Nevada's secretary of state in 1870, **James D. Minor** is best known for his activation of the Nevada Militia in 1873 to remove Lt. Gov. Frank Denver from his prison warden duties during the "State Prison War" in Carson City. Lawmakers ousted Denver as lieutenant governor — a position that came with the additional duty of prison warden — and Minor was tasked with removing him. While defiant throughout, Denver left without a fight when the militia set up artillery outside the prison and demanded he surrender.



1875
1883

Jewett W. Adams was the first of three lawmakers to serve as both adjutant general and eventually as the governor. As adjutant general, Adams saw the expansion of the state militia — then almost entirely located in Storey County — with new units in Eureka, Lincoln and Ormsby counties. He saw the activation of the Nevada militia during the Bannock War in 1878 in northern Nevada and Oregon.



1883
1886

Charles E. Laughton sought the expansion of the Nevada Guard and consolidation of companies into a brigade. His term included regular pleas for more support and greater standardization of enlistment terms. Although Adams referred to the militia as the Nevada National Guard, Laughton is the first adjutant general to use the term on a regular basis, in place of "militia."

Henry C. Davis' tenure as adjutant general was best remembered for his procurement of U.S. Army uniforms for Nevada National Guard Soldiers. His tenure also coincided with the state's increasing depression following the end of the Comstock boom in Virginia City along with a great degree of political turmoil. Davis was the first adjutant general to die in office in 1889 of a heart attack in his garden in Carson City. The following year, Governor Charles Stevenson, who appointed Davis, also died in office.

1887
1889



Samuel Chubbuck, a native of Nova Scotia, was appointed lieutenant governor following Davis' death. He served in the position for two months in 1889 before leaving Nevada for a job as a Wells Fargo freight agent. Chubbuck was a Comstock pioneer and two-term Republican senator from Storey County.

1889



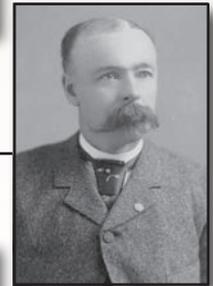
Frank Bell, a distant cousin of Alexander Graham Bell, served multiple stints as Nevada State Prison warden along with his appointment as lieutenant governor following the resignation of Samuel Chubbuck. Bell also worked in the telegraph business and was the brother-in-law of Senator C.C. Powning, of Reno. Following the death of Governor Charles Stevenson, Bell became Nevada's sixth governor.

1889
1890



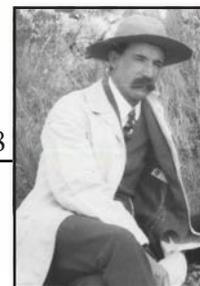
Joseph Poujade oversaw the long-awaited re-organization of the Nevada militia into a regimental organization and the Guard's first organized summer encampment. The encampment began Aug. 22, 1892 at Treadway's field in Carson City and included a 3 a.m. surprise attack. During Poujade's tenure, the Nevada Legislature officially changed the name of the state militia to the Nevada National Guard in 1893. That year, the adjutant general became a separate appointed position from the lieutenant governorship.

1891
1895



Charles Henry Galusha was the only Nevada adjutant general to serve two non-consecutive terms, including a brief stint in 1890. He was a long-time soldier who entered service in a Michigan volunteer unit during the Civil War before he moved to Carson City in the 1870s. During the ramp up to the Spanish-American War, Galusha eventually left his post for hospital in Oakland, Calif., as a lung infection worsened. The illness would take his life and he died July 21, 1898.

1890, 1895
1898



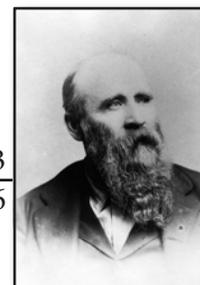
George W. Cowing, appointed following the death of Adjutant General Charles Henry Galusha, served as adjutant general for five months in 1898. However, it was during a frantic time for the Guard as it mobilized volunteer units for the Spanish American War. Many of the volunteer soldiers eventually departed overseas and served in the Philippine Insurrection of 1899.

1898



James R. Judge, an engineer and lawyer, served as adjutant general in a great time of transition for the Guard. State legislation in 1899 fixed peacetime Guard strength at one battalion of no more than five companies and returned the adjutant generalship to the lieutenant governor. Additionally, Congress passed the Militia Act of 1903 and enacted federal standards for Guard units. When Judge left office in 1903 he lobbied for funding for what he called the poor conditions of the Carson City armory. The state legislature did not deliver on funding.

1898
1903



Lemuel Allen, a Silver Democrat of Churchill County, was a long-time Nevada politician, serving in the Assembly in 1877 and as Speaker of the Assembly before being elected lieutenant governor in 1902. He warned that if more funds weren't allotted, "it will not be many years until it (Nevada) will have no armed militia." Following the Militia Act of 1903, Allen's prophesy came true in 1906 and Nevada lost its federal recognition. This was due in large part to the anti-militia sentiment among labor unions in the mines who feared militia activation for strong-armed, strike-breaking tactics.

1903
1906



1907
1911

Denver Dickerson served as adjutant general during perhaps the darkest hour of the Nevada National Guard. Dickerson, a veteran of the Spanish American War, was elected lieutenant governor in 1906. He became governor in 1908 following the death of Governor John Sparks. Dickerson maintained the position of adjutant general during this time — with no federally recognized Guard or even state militia.



1911
1915

Gilbert C. Ross, elected lieutenant governor in 1910, led the re-emergence of the Nevada State Militia. On July 29, 1912, the hopes of many Nevada citizens came to fruition with the formation of three companies of infantry. However, these forces did not meet federal inspection standards and remained without federal recognition. Even without federal funds, though, Nevadans organized and trained.



1915
1926

Maurice J. Sullivan, Nevada's longest serving lieutenant governor and eventual U.S. congressman, repeatedly sought re-organization of the Nevada National Guard, but was continually denied funding by the state Legislature. In 1916, the War Department requested Nevada create two units of cavalry to combat the Pancho Villa raids in New Mexico. The request was denied as Nevada failed recruitment marks. He did organize the production of Nevada's Gold Stars, a book dedicated to Nevadans killed while serving in World War I.



1927
1947

Jay H. White, the longest-serving adjutant general in Nevada history, spearheaded the re-organization of the Nevada National Guard. In 1925, the adjutant general position returned as a private secretary to the governor. White developed an unprecedented degree of respectability to the office and achieved federal recognition for the Nevada National Guard in 1927. He also served as adjutant general during World War II as Nevada Guard units federalized. Additionally, White wrote a history of the Nevada National Guard and the state militia during his tenure.



1947

Marlowe M. Merrick's tenure as adjutant general was deliberately brief. Merrick, a cavalry officer in World War I under Gen. John Pershing, became a pilot and eventually commanded the Stead Army Air Base at the end of World War II. After stepping down from command, Merrick sought permanent residence in northern Nevada. In 1947, Gov. Vail Pittman asked Merrick if he would help with the Guard's re-activation, given his connections in the War Department. Upon the activation of the 192nd Fighter Squadron, Nevada Air National Guard, Merrick resigned after only two months as adjutant general.



1947
1966

James A. May, an instrumental leader in the Nevada National Guard's transition into the post-World War II era, spearheaded efforts for the Nevada Air Guard's move to its current base at the Reno Airport. The base is unofficially named after May, the Nevada National Guard's second-longest tenured adjutant general. He served as adjutant general during the Nevada Air Guard's 22-month deployment during the Korean War, the re-organization of the Army Guard and during a considerable build-up of armories around the state.



1967

Addison A. Millard was only adjutant general for five months, but his tenure occurred during the Guard's revision of militia laws at the Legislative Session in Carson City in 1967. Millard led efforts for a new Military Code of Justice and the formation of the Nevada Military Department. Additionally, the adjutant general position became a full-time state position, separate from the director of selective service position that supervised and administered local draft boards. Millard maintained his position as director of selective service and resigned as adjutant general following the legislative session that year.

Floyd L. Edsall was Nevada's first full-time adjutant general following the Nevada National Guard's revision of its militia laws in 1967. A World War II veteran and Silver Star recipient as a member of the 63rd Infantry Division, Edsall oversaw the Nevada Guard's transition into the post-Vietnam War Era and an all-volunteer force, along with the Nevada Air Guard's acquisition of F-4 aircraft. In 1997, the Nevada Army Guard's 1,697-acre training facility in North Las Vegas was dedicated as the Maj. Gen. Floyd Edsall Training Center to recognize Edsall's contributions to the Nevada Guard.



1967
1979

William F. Engel, a graduate of Reno High and the University of Nevada, Reno, served as an executive assistant in the Nevada Highway Department before his appointment to adjutant general in 1979. He also served as the state's director of selective service and was an active volunteer in the community. During his tenure as adjutant general, Engel survived injuries suffered during a commercial airline flight crash landing while on his way to visit Soldiers training at Camp Ripley, Minn.



1979
1983

Robert J. Dwyer, an accomplished Vietnam War combat pilot, was adjutant general as the Nevada Guard ratcheted up its manning levels in the 1980s. Dwyer, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Vietnam, had more than 5,500 flight hours and was rated in numerous aircraft before becoming adjutant general.



1983
1986

Drennan A. Clark, a prominent attorney in Reno before becoming adjutant general, entered the Nevada Air National Guard in 1960. After commissioning in 1964, he activated during the Pueblo Crisis in Korea. He was the third-longest serving adjutant general in Nevada history. The Order of Nevada Service Ribbon, given to members with more than 25 years of exceptional service, is named in his honor. During Clark's tenure, the Nevada Guard began its first state partnership — then called the "partnership for peace program" — with Turkmenistan in 1996. He also oversaw the Nevada Air National Guard's transition from F-4 to C-130 aircraft in 1995.



1986
2001

Giles E. Vanderhoof oversaw an unprecedented increase in the demands on the Nevada Military Department following the terrorist attacks of 9/11. At times during Vanderhoof's tenure, the Nevada Air and Army Guard hit overseas deployment percentages as high as 23 and 49 percent of the entire force, respectively. That ranked among the highest percentages of any state National Guard in the nation. Vanderhoof also oversaw the opening of the new Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City in 2002, and the consolidation of the state's Joint Force Headquarters in 2003.



2001
2005

Cynthia N. Kirkland, the Nevada National Guard's first female adjutant general, managed continuous operation tempo and overseas deployments during her tenure. Additionally, as she entered the position, the Nevada Air National Guard faced the loss of its entire C-130 fleet in 2005 due to Base Realignment and Closure review. Following a robust campaign and community effort to prevent the closure, the Department of Defense decided to not close the base, which effectively saved the Nevada Air National Guard.



2005
2009

William R. Burks, a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, served at the Pentagon before returning to Nevada as assistant adjutant general and eventually adjutant general. Burks' tenure has included unprecedented facility growth and improved infrastructure with the construction of the North Las Vegas Readiness Center, a new maintenance shop in Las Vegas and the Guard's acquisition of the training facility in Carlin. Additionally, the Nevada National Guard signed a Declaration of Partnership with the Kingdom of Tonga in 2014 and has developed several other partnerships in the Pacific under the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program. ■



2009
present

Nevada and Tonga team up for overseas communications check

By Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga — Several members of the Nevada National Guard traveled across the globe to exchange techniques for communicating with members of His Majesty's Armed Forces, the Army, Navy and Marines of the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific.

Members of the Nevada National Guard's 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion and the Nevada Air National Guard worked with the Tongan forces to set up, operate and troubleshoot U.S. and Australian radios and communication base stations across the island nation and with a naval vessel at sea.

The exchange enhanced communication knowledge and focused on radio and equipment care and maintenance, command and control, emergency preparedness and standardizing radio procedures.

Maj. Jerome Guerrero, Executive Officer of 422nd ESB was impressed with the knowledge and ingenuity of his Tongan counterparts.

"Their ability to persevere despite limited equipment assets and compatibility was impressive," Guerrero said.

The team from Nevada also visited several Tongan military installations, toured the nation's newest naval ship and observed newly-created basic training classes.

Capt. Alex Kassebaum, a Reno Police Department detective and a member of the 152nd Airlift Wing Operations Group, visited Tonga's Women and Children Crisis Centre with Col. JoAnn Meacham, of Headquarters Nevada Air National Guard, to support the Women, Peace and Security National Action Plan through discussions with senior female leaders and female Tongan officers. Discussions included domestic violence within His Majesty's Armed Forces and reporting procedures used in the U.S. military and Nevada National Guard.

"The approach to protecting these women and providing them with a way out is similar to programs in Nevada and something both communities could expand upon," Kassebaum said.

Past exchange topics have included military and maritime legal aspects, military police techniques, night vision equipment and Combat Life Savers. Nevada and Tonga have also partnered in several PACOM and South Pacific exercises that include active duty, Guard and Reserve U.S. forces, as well as military personnel from Australia, New Zealand and several other Pacific Rim nations. ■



Photo by Maj. John Brownell, State Partnership Program
From left: Lt. Keti Katoa, Staff Sgt. Katie Lindstrom, Staff Sgt. Austin Smith, Col. JoAnn Meacham, Capt. Alex Kassebaum, Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum and Maj. Jerome Guerrero pose for a photo during a State Partnership Program exchange between Nevada and the Kingdom of Tonga.



Photos by Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum
Left: Staff Sgt. Katie Lindstrom, with the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, holds a radio during communications instruction with members of His Majesty's Armed Forces of Tonga. Right: A member of the Tongan military inspects radio equipment during familiarization courses.



Photos by Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum

Left: A pair of Tongan Pacific-class patrol boats, VOA Savea P203 and VOA Neiafu P201 float in the harbor in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. Right: Masfield Naval Base, the headquarters building for His Majesty's Naval Forces, lies on Tonga's coast. The Nevada National Guard and the Kingdom of Tonga signed a Declaration of Partnership under the auspices of the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program on April 11, 2014. The State Partnership Program links a unique component of the Department of Defense — a state's National Guard — with the armed forces of a partner country in a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship.



Photo by Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum

Members of His Majesty's Armed Forces of Tonga set up radio equipment during a State Partnership exchange between the island nation and Nevada. Nevada Guardsmen spent a week in Tonga discussing radio equipment and communications capabilities with the Tongan military.



Photo by Col. JoAnn Meacham

Capt. Alex Kassenbaum, foreground, discusses radio communications and procedures with members of His Majesty's Armed Forces. Members of the Nevada Guard met with Tongan officials during an exchange through the State Partnership Program. The SPP is administered by the National Guard Bureau, guided by State Department foreign policy goals, and executed by the adjutants general in support of combatant commanders and Department of Defense policy goals.

Women and Children Crisis Centre WCCC



Photo by Maj. John Brownell, State Partnership Program

From left, Lt. Keti Katoa, Col. JoAnn Meacham and Capt. Alex Kassenbaum meet with women from the Women and Children Crisis Centre in Tonga. The Nevada Guard met with Tongan officials to support the Women, Peace and Security National Action Plan through discussions with senior female leaders and female Tongan officers. Discussion topics included domestic violence within His Majesty's Armed Forces and reporting procedures used in the U.S. military and Nevada National Guard.



609th, Cav host trial combat drills for female Soldiers

Staff reports

FALLON — The 609th Engineer Company fostered gender integration in the Nevada Army Guard this spring when it launched a trial program that allows female Soldiers to experience combat jobs without long-term obligation.

Spc. Karen Ruiz of the 150th Maintenance Company headquartered in Carson City became the first female Soldier to take advantage of the 609th's combat trial program when she drilled with the 609th in March as a combat engineer. Ruiz received credit and compensation for her March Army Guard drill by training with the 609th in lieu of attending the 150th's drill without having to transfer units.

The 609th trial program is primarily targeted for Soldiers in the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, but any female Soldier in the state can request a trial



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

Spc. Karen Ruiz of the 150th Maintenance Company packs up her gear in Fallon in March after training for three days as a combat engineer with the 609th Engineer Company. Ruiz was the first woman to participate in the Nevada Guard's trial program that allows female Soldiers to try combat jobs without any long-term obligation.

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period with their commander's consent, said 609th commander Capt. Johannes Lamprecht. Lt. Col. Michael Peyerl, the commander of the Nevada Army Guard's other combat organization, the 1-221st Cavalry, said his squadron also welcomes current Nevada Army Guard female Soldiers for a similar trial period if the Soldier's commander concurs.

The Nevada Army Guard offers four combat jobs: 11C mortar man, the aforementioned 12B combat engineer, 19A armor officer and 19D cavalry scout. Positions for 19K armor crewman will become available in the future after the state receives its shipment of 14 M1A2 Abrams tanks later this year.

Ruiz, 26, of Reno, said she enjoyed her drill with the Sappers but she declined to transfer to the 609th. As of late spring, the Nevada Army Guard did not have any women in combat roles.

For information on a trial with the 609th Engineer Company, call 775-428-0702, For information on a trial with the 1-221st Cavalry, call 702-632-0548.

CAPITAL CITY WELCOMES 80 SOLDIERS

CARSON CITY — Positions for dozens of Nevada Army Guard Soldiers will relocate to the Office of the Adjutant General this summer, eventually resulting in about 80 new part-time jobs for the state's capital city.

About 70 jobs will move from Las Vegas to Carson City in July when Detachment 1, 150th Support Maintenance Company, consolidates with its headquarters unit, the 150th Support Maintenance Company.

About a dozen other Carson City jobs will either be created or moved to the capital with the establishment of the 360th Field Trial Defense unit (three Soldiers) and the

transfer of the eight-Soldier 106th Public Affairs Detachment from Reno to its new headquarters at the OTAG.

2 COMETA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Anthony Cometa

CARSON CITY — Applications are now being accepted for two Spc. Anthony Cometa Memorial Academic Scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. Two scholarships are available; one is for \$650 and one is for \$500. The application deadline is July 29.

The scholarships are funded by private contributions from the veteran Soldiers in the 1864th Transportation Company who were in the unit in 2004-2005 and from Nevada's patriotic military community. Cometa was a Soldier in the 1864th who was killed in a vehicle accident in Iraq in June 2005. The scholarships have been established to continue the memory and legacy of Cometa.

Eligible applicants include: current Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard's 1864th Transportation Company; current family

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Photo by Sgt. Frank Nash, 421st Regiment Training Institute

Left to right wearing no. 10 bibs, the Nevada National Guard biathlon team of 1st Lt. Alex Stackhouse, 1st Lt. Chris Brixey, Spc. Jason Bang and Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka set out on the 15-kilometer patrol race at Camp Ripley, Minn., on March 3. The team just missed the Nevada Guard record by 50 seconds.

News from Little Falls: biathlon team just off patrol race record

Staff report

LITTLE FALLS, Minn. — *You betcha* it was an eventful week for the Nevada National Guard biathlon team on the snow-starved prairie of the Midwest during the 41st annual Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships in early March. The Silver State skiers saved their best result for the final race of the week and placed 11th in the military patrol race out of the 24 state teams skiing here on the Camp Ripley trails.

Biathlon is one of four sports sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and includes cross country skiing and rifle marksmanship.

The team, composed of 1st Lt. Alex Stackhouse (757th Combat Support Battalion), 1st Lt. Chris Brixey (609th Engineer Company), Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka (Joint Force Headquarters) and Spc. Jason Bang (Medical Detachment), skied 15 kilometers and cleared all of their targets in 1 hour, 28 seconds on March 4. Their time was just off the Nevada Guard record of 59:38 recorded in 2014.

The 11th place finish in the military patrol was significantly better than the team's 15th place finish in the 4x7.5 kilometer relay on March 3. The team's marksmanship

was dismal during the relay as the squad hit less than 50 percent of its targets.

"It took the team awhile to adjust to the icy ski conditions in Minnesota, but once we did, we started improving our results," said



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

1st Lt. Alex Stackhouse exits the rifle range at the 41st annual Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships at Camp Ripley, Minn. The Nevada team took 15th place out of the 24 teams in the 4x7.5 relay.

team coach Sgt. Frank Nash of the 421st Regiment Training Institute. Nash was the state's marksmanship champion in 2014.

The fact the championships were contested at all was a testament to Camp Ripley's biathlon crew. In order to create a 2.5-kilometer trail for the races at the mostly bare facility, hundreds of cubic meters of precious snow were transported to the biathlon site from all corners of the 53,000-acre training camp and shoveled onto the course.

The Vermont National Guard recorded first place in the relay and third place in the military patrol to narrowly claim the team championship ahead of host-team Minnesota. North Dakota, with silver medals in both the patrol and relay, won the team bronze medal.

Individual races in the 10-kilometer sprint and the 12.5-kilometer pursuit were also contested during the week, but Nevada Guard athletes could not crack the top 50 places.

A record number 24 states and more than 120 athletes participated in the championships.

All Nevada Guard members are eligible to participate in biathlon, *dontcha know?* Biathlon rifles are provided by the state; athletes usually ski on their personal skis but some equipment may be available for loan. For information, call 775-887-7250. ■



Social media dangers: pitfalls accompany its familiar uses

By Chief Warrant Officer 3 Heather Case-Hall
Computer Network Defense Team

CARSON CITY — Few Guardsmen disagree with the notion that social media is great. It allows us to keep in touch with far-flung friends and family around the world, search for a date and even place a legal wager on a favorite sports team within the state's boundaries.



Posting funny photos and sending quick notes and messages are familiar uses for social media that have become commonplace in society and have improved interpersonal communications.

Unfortunately, the world of social media includes dangers and pitfalls. The most prevalent concerns are how easily your information can be accessed by others and the permanence of your data.

Texting Apps

Researchers from the University of New Haven, (Conn.), recently released information concerning vulnerabilities in a dozen Android apps, including Instagram, Vine, KIK, OKCupid, Vine, GroupMe, Words with Friends, Grindr, Viber and WhatsApp. On Instagram Direct, the app's direct messaging functionality, re-



searchers were easily able to “sniff” or view photos sent between users. The researchers also discovered that some older images sent weeks ago still lingered on Instagram's servers, unencrypted and without authentication.

Self-Destructing Apps

Several applications that claim to destroy transferred comments, pictures and video content after the media is viewed have proven to be ineffective. You cannot control what happens to your media content once you send it. One key fact to remember is what is posted on the internet will always remain on the internet. There are always means for people to get copies of your content and publish it publicly. As you send your message or photo, consider if you would want your employer or Mom or Dad to see the content.

Dating Apps

Hand-in-hand with the increasing number of social media sites comes a host of dating and “hook-up” sites. Apps including Tinder, OkCupid, Grindr, Coffee Meets Bagel, Pure and endless others help you find a likely relationship “match.”

Many of the sites integrate with your existing social media sites and upload contact information from your “smart” device. The apps use your contact information to connect you with people all over the world. The potential to

meet and connect with people using these tools is incredible.

Sadly, dating sites are a gold mine for identity thieves, hackers and con artists. Attackers often prey on the emotions of individuals on these sites hoping to glean enough information to “borrow” credit card and social security numbers and other vital information.

What is unfortunate is the fact the majority of profiles on these apps are ordinary people who sincerely want to meet new people. But because of information thieves, everyone on these apps must remain wary.

Dating app security tips

Security professionals recommend taking several precautions when using dating apps. One recommendation is to establish a new email account that is unrelated to your personal, financial or work account.

It is also suggested to censure personal information in the new account and refrain from linking it to personal and work social media sites.

Another suggestion is to turn off location-based services and block unsolicited requests. These services allow anyone anywhere in the world to contact you or know your whereabouts. It's wise to limit your personally identifiable profile information. Do not advertise your home address or phone number.

Many apps and social media sites use
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Legion of Merit



COL Scott Maylath JFHQ
CW4 Sherlyn Amboumrad JFHQ

Meritorius Service Medal



Lt Col David Evans JFHQ
LTC Alvin Bolton JFHQ
LTC Martin Bain JFHQ
MAJ Christy Hales JFHQ
MAJ Stacy Carter 421st RTI
Capt Victor Hicks 152nd Medical Group
CPT Christopher Yell 593 Trans Co
CPT James Hausmann 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
CSM Glen Roberts NVARNG Rec/Ret
SMSgt Angela Ash 152nd Airlift Wing
SMSgt Rommie Brown 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
SMSgt Luis Loe JFHQ
MSG Jeanie Beck 152nd Log Readiness Sq
MSG Patricia Clark 152nd Log Readiness Sq
MSG Jeffrey Linton 152nd Log Readiness Sq
MSG Frederick Springer 421st RTI
MSG Thomas Sauls JFHQ
1SG Elizabeth Liemandt 422nd Exped Signal Bn
MSgt Sara Schweppe 152nd Airlift Wing
MSgt Jason Fritz 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
SFC Tamas Horvath 17th Sustainment Bde
SFC Jose Contreras JFHQ
TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin JFHQ
SSG April Adams JFHQ

Air Force Commendation Medal



Lt Col Donald Speth 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
TSgt Darrin Walker 152nd Airlift Wing
TSgt Keith Trimble 152nd Mission Support Gp
TSgt Stefanie Washington 3/140th Aviation Det
SSgt Michael Wilcoxson 152nd Mission Support Gp
TSG Anthony Henry 152nd Log Readiness Sq

Army Commendation Medal



LTC Neil Oscarson JFHQ
1LT Amanda Willis NVARNG Rec/Ret
CW3 Billie Adamson JFHQ
SSG Cesar Melgarejo Camp Stead

Air Force Achievement Medal



TSgt Javier Contreras 152nd Log Readiness Sq
TSgt Brandon Reinier 152nd Log Readiness Sq
SrA Shelby Desimone 152nd Log Readiness Sq

Order of Nevada



Lt Col Wendy Tims JFHQ
CMSgt Gregory Bartlett 152nd Communications Flt

Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



Col David Snyder JFHQ
SMSgt Luis Loe JFHQ
TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin JFHQ

Nevada State Commendation Medal



Mr. Brian Woodford 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. David Fruchey 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Eulisel Montoya-Lopez 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Irving Gellman 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Justin Polke 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Michael Link 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Renato Vitagliano 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Richard Rhyno 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Roosevelt Brooks 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mr. Wade Hollis 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mrs. Peggy Wood 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Mrs. Robyn Connolly Deputy State Surgeon
Mrs. Cassandra Marshall Deputy State Surgeon
Mrs. Jennifer Pantea Deputy State Surgeon
Ms. Amber Patterson Deputy State Surgeon
Mrs. Brooke Serpe-Ingold Deputy State Surgeon
Mrs. Danyel Soulier Deputy State Surgeon

Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



SMSgt Luis Loe JFHQ

PROMOTIONS

LTC/Lt Col
Patrick Ramirez 152nd Medical Group
James Vogus 152nd Medical Group
Cedric Wong 152nd Medical Group
Lisa Martinez JFHQ
MAJ/Maj
Michael Engfer 152nd Airlift Wing
Nicholas Agle JFHQ
CPT/Capt
Mark Jewell 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Sqdn
Mark Goulart 485th MP Co
Zachary Taylor Warren B Co, 1/189th Aviation
Gilbert Lenz HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
1Lt
Tyler Redden 1/168th MEDEVAC
Tena Gurule 100th Quartermaster Co
Gabriela Vieyra 150th Maint Co
Cody Harlan 17th Sustainment Bde
John Miller 192 Airlift Sqdn
Leonardo Navarro 240th Engineer Co
Adrian Fune B Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Keving Yim B Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Allison Harvey C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Joed Ruth HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Michael Colyer L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Jessica Miller NVARNG Medical Det
CW4
Earvin Chalmer 17th Sustainment Bde
Thomas Mcelroy JFHQ
1SG/MSG/SMSGt
Christopher Reyes 152nd Maintenance Sqdn

Jeffrey Linton 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Jason Farnsworth 152nd Medical Group
SFC/MSgt
Christina Sweat 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Sqdn
Colleen Glynn 152nd Airlift Wing
Gary Mireles 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Mark Salinas 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Lea Pope 152nd Maintenance Operations Flt
Christopher Jensen 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Matthew Farley 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
Todd Lawson 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
Chad Michael Lewis 777th Forward Spt Co
Brandon Glenn Pick HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Jordan Clark HQ Nevada Air Guard
Chasity Ann Orr JFHQ
Steven Mathew Grossman K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
SSG/TSgt
James Bronneke 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Patrick Faenza 152nd Force Spt Sqdn
Jeremy Banfield 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Ray Godfrey 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Casey Dirs 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Joseph Patchen 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Sean Melody 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Simon Neugent 152nd Medical Group
Travyce Varnum 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
Plazz Raheem Donald 240th Engineer Co
Snyder Stanley Scott HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Hassan Reem Adel HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Tara Broad HQ Nevada Air Guard
Reahm Christopher Lee K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
SGT/SSgt
Carrillo Juan Manuel 100th Quartermaster Co
Brian Boyer 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Chelsea Duenas 152nd Force Spt Sqdn
Blair Harkleroad 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Nicole Munley 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Stephen Snyder 152nd Logistical Readiness Sqdn
Katelyn Floyd 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Mackenzie Perovich 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Sadie Gagliardo 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Daniel Regalado 152nd Medical Group
Britany Wilcoxson 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
Jose Gutierrez-Miranda 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
Shelby Desimone 152nd Security Forces Sqdn
Anthony Delgado 17th Sustainment Bde
Justin Anthony Konrad 17th Sustainment Bde
Damjan Ristoski 17th Sustainment Bde
Italo Franco Macchiavello 240th Engineer Co
Johnnie Martin Jr 240th Engineer Co
Thomas Colby Stone 240th Engineer Co
Russell Martin Underwood 240th Engineer Co
Ephraim Gementiza Valles 240th Engineer Co
Christian James Cale 3665th Ordnance Co
Andrew James Nehrkorn 3665th Ordnance Co
Justin Charles Eltzroth 609th Engineer Co
Jefrey Ray Dodge B Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Stanimira Garevav Seekins HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Trevor Tyler Eduardo Camacho HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
David Christopher Mosse Jr HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
John James Ross I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Anthony Michael Salgado I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Todd Michael Hensley K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Ana Laura Nunez NVARNG Medical Det

ACCESSIONS

Joshua Mason 100th Quartermaster Co
Gabriela Portillochamul 100th Quartermaster Co
Dean Helman 100th Quartermaster Co

Glen Hughes	150th Maint Co	Estevan Garza	1859th Trans Co	James Starkweather	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Chadwick Jennings	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Andres Carrillo	240th Engineer Co	Cole Schneider	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Jeffrey McCusker	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Alberto Rodriguez	240th Engineer Co	Alex Bennett	I Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Brendon Monette	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Man Molion	240th Engineer Co	Francis Champa	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Nathan Scheel	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Demetrie Barnett	240th Engineer Co		
Ariel Fluellen	152nd Communications Flt	Willemjtro Cruz	240th Engineer Co		
Angie Green	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Hugo Gomez	240th Engineer Co		
Beata Meek	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Amani Gill	3/140th Aviation Co		
Zachary Davoren	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Lonnie Fletcher	421st RTI	COL Enrique Delapaz	JFHQ
Luis Batiz-Maldonado	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn	Cody Briggs	485th MP Co	LTC Wilson Dasilva	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Brittney Carvalho	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn	Andres Garcia	485th MP Co	LTC Robert Bunker	JFHQ
George Kollin	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn	Meagan Evans	593rd Trans Co	Capt Victor Hicks	152nd Medical Group
Mario Ramirez	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn	Andriana Sandoval	593rd Trans Co	CMSgt Craig Madole	JFHQ
Nancy Sumida	152nd Log Readiness Sqdn	Lauren Louzau	593rd Trans Co	CMSgt Rick Scurry	JFHQ
Alexander Delgado	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Christopher Sanchez	593rd Trans Co	MSG Harry Schroeder	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Conor Goetsch	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Shaylea Kincade	593rd Trans Co	MSG James Cummings	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Gabriel Crespin	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Jessica Henderson	593rd Trans Co	MSgt Timothy Daniels	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Gannan Daugherty	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Juan Loera	609th Engineer Co	MSgt Harry Wheeler	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
Dean Thorpe	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Charles Flick	609th Engineer Co	MSgt Ronald Reburn	152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Jeremy Miller	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Mariela Santos	609th Engineer Co	MSgt Patricia Clark	152nd Operations Spt Sqdn
Joseph Lagreca	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Mark Alvarez	609th Engineer Co	SFC David Dawson	150th Maint Co
Ramsey Millsap	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Brandon Smith	72nd MP Co	SFC Larry Clawson	150th Maint Co
Monica Medina	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Jocelyne Villafanetiffer	777th Forward Spt Co	SFC David Wetters	17th Sustainment Bde
Andrea Mahoney	152nd Medical Group	Noran Brown	777th Forward Spt Co	SFC Richard Janise	17th Sustainment Bde
James Ward	152nd Medical Group	Deden Counts	777th Forward Spt Co	SFC Sargent Kolteryahn	17th Sustainment Bde
Austin Christopher	152nd Operations Spt Sqdn	Gianni Catanzaro	777th Forward Spt Co	SFC Darius Harper	72D MP CO (-)
Robert Hutton	152nd Operations Spt Sqdn	William Isbister	991st Multi-Functional Bde	SFC David Sousa	HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Anthony Tiscareno	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Jamison McCurley	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	SFC Fredy Valladares	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Shawn Castagneto	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Derek Slentz	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	SSG Aaron Parks	150th Maint Co
Andrew Peterson	1859th Trans Co	Cody Stenzis	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	SSG Marshall Matley	150th Maint Co
Frank Torres	1859th Trans Co	Aaron Purdy	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn	SSG Chris Gayle	17th Sustainment Bde
Jade Leddy	1859th Trans Co	Anna Sahagunsotres	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry	SSG Thomas Lydon	277th Engineer Haul Plt
Jose Ramirez	1859th Trans Co	Robert Anderson	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry	SSG Henry Zelaya	JFHQ
Michael Nakamura	1859th Trans Co	Jeremy Crossley	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry	PFC Timothy Carr	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn

RETIREMENTS

Correction: In the Battle Born Winter 2016 issue, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Cassidy Hollowell's last name was spelled incorrectly on page 3.

Meet your new Inspector General Office representative!



Master Sgt. Jason Elfberg

Office: 702-694-4449

Cell: 702-769-9849

The southern Nevada Inspector General office is located at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center, 6600 North Range Rd., and welcomes all Nevada Guardsmen to schedule appointments during drill weekends.

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interpretation facility (PPIF) functions of the 192nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron with the intelligence section of the 152nd Avionics Branch.

Additionally, they entered a new mission also with C-130s before the Hercs arrived at the base: Pacer Coin.

This three-year mission focused on counter drug and firefighting operations and allowed the unit to continue using its F-4 cameras on a roll-on, roll-off pallet connected on the back of the C-130.

"I think our experience in reconnaissance probably led us into the C-130s to begin with and that has led us into what it has become today," retired Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry said.

"It was one of the top intelligence units in the world," Chinnock said. "If the Air Force had their druthers, they could have said, 'you're going out into the C-130s, you're just going to haul and transport, you don't need that and you're going to cut that.' We didn't want to do that. It's not just because of manpower. We realized that the future of the military needed intelligence and we had this jewel we should do something with. We had this vision that there should be an Intel Squadron. We always knew that should be developed."

When the Pacer Coin mission ended in 1998, the Intel Squadron had already moved

into the unmanned reconnaissance world with the RQ-4A Global Hawk. It continued new missions with the C-130, including Scathe View, which conducted aerial mapping and humanitarian relief operations following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Today, that reconnaissance legacy lives on with the 152nd Intelligence Squadron in Reno along with the Nevada Air National Guard's 232nd Operations Squadron at Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs, Nev.

Continuing the flying mission

While reconnaissance took off, the airlift mission sputtered at first with old equipment. All of the original C-130 E models were about three decades old when they arrived at the base.

"I complained to the bureau about that heavily," Clark said.

In 2000, Hawaii had four C-130 H2 models being replaced. Clark argued at the time that those should come to Nevada. He additionally argued that four more C-130s H2s being used at other units around the country as purely support aircraft should also enter the Nevada fleet.

"Airlift and transport was our primary function," Clark said. "We needed upgraded aircraft to accomplish our mission."

At the end of his 16-year tenure as the

state's adjutant general, Clark retired getting his wish in 2001.

"I was just very glad we still had a flying mission and could continue on with a flying mission especially here in Reno," he said. "I was willing to take anything as long as I could lobby to get new airplanes."

This year, the unit underwent its second upgrade since the conversion in 1996. The recently-acquired C-130 H3 models are about a decade newer with nearly 10,000 fewer flight hours than the unit's previous C-130 H2 models. They also have new wing boxes and upgraded engines with digital flight instruments and fuel gauges.

The continued pursuit of excellence exhibited among today's High Rollers shows that the unit has successfully carried on that work-ethic and reputation acquired during its reconnaissance days well into a new era at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno, said Col. Karl Stark, commander of the 152nd.

"Our brand is 'High Rollers,'" Stark said. "What that equates to is extraordinary people who do extraordinary things with very, very good equipment. That's why it's important to keep the High Rollers attitude and culture alive. It's important to keep that brand going and the expectation that that brand means something."

"Regardless of the type of airplane on that flight line, that brand means quality and excellence." ■

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members of Soldiers currently in the 1864th; past Soldiers and family members of 1864th personnel. The unit defines family as immediate family (sons, daughters, spouses or domestic partners).

The scholarship applications will be judged by a panel of individuals, including Anthony's mother Nancy Cometa-Fontana.

The scholarships will be awarded in late August. For an application, call 775-887-7250.

ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS DECREASE WAIT TIMES

CARSON CITY — In order to decrease waiting times for patrons, Department of Defense officials encourage Nevada's service members, dependents and veterans to make an appointment before visiting Defense Enrollment Eligibility Re-

porting System offices. Officials also encourage patrons to consider visiting non-metro DEERs offices.

There are seven DEERs offices across Nevada for DEERs reporting. Enrollment in DEERs is required for identification card issue and several types of health care benefits.

Officials said the office in Carson City is rarely busy and is a good option for northern Nevadans within close proximity of the capital city.

The seven offices in Nevada include:

CARSON CITY

Office of the Adjutant General, 2460 Fairview Dr. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. No walk-ins after 3:30 p.m. For an appointment, call 775-884-8402.

FALLON

Naval Air Station, 4755 Pasture Road. Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For an appointment, call 775-426-2808.

LAS VEGAS

Nevada Army Guard Clark County Armory, 6490 Range Road. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For an appointment, call 702-632-0301.

Nevada Army Guard Las Vegas Readiness Center, 4500 W. Silverado Ranch Blvd. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For an appointment, call 702-856-4810.

Nellis Air Force Base, 4475 England Ave. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For an appointment, call 702-652-6844.

RENO

Nevada Army Guard Plumb Lane Armory, 685 E. Plumb Lane. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For an appointment, call 775-348-1043.

Nevada Air Guard 152nd Airlift Wing, 1776 National Guard Way. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For an appointment, call 775-788-4523.

For information or assistance with the DEERs system, call 775-887-7259. ■

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photo recognition tools to make it simple for the user. Experts recommend using photos not associated with your Facebook or other social media pages to prevent web crawlers from identifying you.

Use of an alias is a good idea. In today's digital world, using your real name is like giving a person the key to your home. With a few quick keystrokes, a potential attacker can use Google to find out everything they need to know about you.

The protection of finances is an application- and online-security priority. One method to secure your finances is to have an account not associated with your primary account for online transactions. Although a site may be secure, it is digital and can fall victim to attack.

Learn to spot fake profiles. As the old cliché goes: If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

If a photo looks like it belongs on a magazine cover, it's probably fake. If a profile appears to be "perfect" or if it is a 100 percent match, then buyer beware!

Some suggestions for app/online dating include: Use the "in app" chat services

sparingly (3-4 conversations) and then move to email or an out-of-chat tool (3-4 conversations).

If you feel comfortable, progress to a phone conversation and suggest meeting in a public location. Experts recommend this progression to weed out fake profiles, automated "chat bots" and those out to cause harm.

Sports apps' security a dangerous game

Another increasingly common realm of social media is sports apps. Fantasy sports websites and apps are relatively safe. Usually, all that is displayed is a username and sometimes a profile picture. For most of these sites, all that is required is an email address, unless you use a Facebook account to log in.

If you do use your Facebook account, you are granting the website access to your personal information. If you choose to use a subscription service for any type of fantasy sports or sports viewing, you should stick with established websites and services such as ESPN.com or NFL.com.

Online sports-betting websites can be

very dangerous when it comes to personal and internet security. Many websites are fraudulent and utilize false information to acquire personal banking and credit card information. Most of the fraudulent betting websites use foreign domains. The only secure betting websites are ones associated with actual gaming organizations within the United States.

Think before you post

The dangers of social media could easily scare a sane person away from the internet and prevent them from realizing all of the positive aspects of social media. The fact of the matter is the internet is no more dangerous than your neighborhood, it just has the memory of an elephant.

Everyone needs to be cognizant of what they put online. Ponder the consequences before you post a controversial photo or a rant about your job or broadcast what time your unit is arriving at the airport to begin its deployment.

Be responsible for what you post online and ensure it's a good reflection of yourself. ■

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CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History



Other Events and Functions

MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day -Militia Act of 1792 requires free, able-bodied men to enroll in militia	9	10	11	12 1860: first battle of Pyramid Lake War, 40 whites killed, including Maj. William Ormsby	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 1860: second battle of Pyramid Lake War, Piautes don't push back, effectively ending war	3	4
5	6 1944: Allied invasion of Normandy, France, known as D-Day, begins	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day - 1855: Mormon prophet, Brigham Young, sends 30 men to settle Las Vegas	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 July 1-3, 1863: The Battle of Gettysburg is fought in the Union state of Pennsylvania	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 1878: Sutro Tunnel is completed and reaches the Comstock mines	9
10	11 1861: Territo- rial Gov. James Nye establishes a territorial government	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 1867: Camp Halleck is established near Elko to protect Emigrant Trail and Pacific Railroad	27	28	29	30
31						

A young man in a military camouflage uniform and cap is shown in profile, operating a professional Sony video camera. The camera is a Sony CCD12x model, featuring a large lens and a microphone. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a blue and white striped canopy or tent structure.

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