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*ON THE COVER: A 1/221st Cavalry mortar team practices its synchronization May 23 at Camp Atterbury, Ind. The 1/221st Cavalry trained at Camp Atterbury about two months before deploying to Afghanistan in late June. Photo: Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham*

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# FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

*Brigadier General Bill Burks*

## Vision with action can change the world

Appointed the adjutant general just a few days before writing this, I knew I'd be given the opportunity to introduce myself to the organization. So I said to myself, "Self, what would I want to know from the new TAG?"

The bottom line up front is my vision for the future. As American businessman Joel Barker said, "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."

That quote encapsulates how I view the world in general. It's about one's vision coupled with one's actions to achieve an end result that supports overall organizational goals. The time I've spent in Reno and Washington, D.C., has enhanced this viewpoint, but it doesn't state the vision of this organization.

In an introductory message, I stated I wanted to add a second wing to the Nevada Air Guard and increase end strength in the Army Guard by 30 percent. The desire for a second wing stems from Gov. Jim Gibbons' Air Guard Blue Ribbon Panel. That panel's report is the vision of the Nevada Air Guard. If you drilled at the base in Reno earlier this month, it's likely you had the opportunity to be briefed on the panel's recommendations.

If you are part of the Nevada Army Guard, don't feel left out because I have asked Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales to establish a team to start the Blue Ribbon Panel process for the Army Guard. The 30 percent growth goal is achievable, but determining what missions should constitute that growth is a little tricky. We need to achieve a balance between the needs of the Silver State and the needs of the federal government.

To ensure that the Army and Air panels' recommendations actually drive actions, I am establishing a J-9 section within the Joint Force Headquarters to turn that vision into a reality. In the list of joint functions like J-3 (operations), J-2 (intelligence), J-6 (information management), the J-9's function is long-term planning and implementation.

The team will marry the vision with action and will be manned by both the green and blue sides of the house. The team will work both panels' recommendations to ensure that all Nevada National Guard actions are aligned to advance the organization.



In each edition of *Battle Born* magazine, I will touch on an area I feel is important to the organization. I want to stress that the

future is bright for Nevada due to past dedication and hard work. A solid foundation has been left behind by all the former adjutant generals, most recently Maj. Gen. Cindy Kirkland. We all owe them a great deal of gratitude.

Lastly, I can't express enough to everyone how happy I am to be out of the Pentagon! Both Annette and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. If you are around the Office of the Adjutant General or if you see me elsewhere, please stop and introduce yourself. My door is always open either at the Air Guard base in Reno or the OTAG complex in Carson City. Take care, and I hope to see you all soon! ■

*In addition to the life-altering upheaval of moving from Washington, D.C., to Reno and from a Pentagon job to an office in Carson City, Burks recently made the life-changing move to marry Annette in July.*

### Burks selected new TAG by Gibbons

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

**RENO** – The highest ranking position in the Nevada National Guard, the adjutant general who oversees the state's Army and Air National Guard, changed hands June 16 when Brig. Gen. William Burks, a native Nevadan and 32-year member of the National Guard, was named the state's 29th adjutant general by Gov. Jim Gibbons. The adjutant general is the military chief of staff to the governor and is responsible for both the federal and state missions of the Nevada National Guard.

Burks replaced Maj. Gen. Cynthia Kirkland, who relinquished her command upon retirement June 13 in a ceremony at the Nevada Air Guard base in Reno. An assumption-of-command ceremony is scheduled in the next several weeks.

"Here, I have a Nevada Guardsman like none other," Gibbons said, "Not only has he been a Nevada Guardsman since the day he enlisted, but he has also seen combat, is a decorated war hero and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross." Burks is a master navigator with more than 2,000 flying hours and is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm with 29 combat sorties.

Gibbons said Burks, who has been the director of the Joint Staff of the Nevada National Guard since 2007, also has extensive military management experience.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to be selected as Nevada's next adjutant general," Burks said. "I am going to hit the ground running and during the next several years, I would like to see the Army Guard grow by 25-30 percent and a second Air National Guard wing established in our state."

Kirkland retired with 31 years of military service, 27 of them in the Nevada Air Guard. Former Gov. Kenny Guinn first appointed Kirkland in 2005 to become the state's first female adjutant general and only the third in the nation at the time. ■

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# FROM THE STATE COMMAND SGT. MAJ.

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Sitton

## Year of the NCO declaration thanks, honors NCOs and their families



Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Sitton  
Nevada Army Guard State Command Sgt. Maj.

During the annual Association of the United States Army conference last October, Secretary of the Army Hon. Pete Geren declared 2009 as "The Year of the Noncommissioned Officer." The purpose of the declaration was to thank and honor our NCOs and their families for their service and sacrifice and to tell the Army NCO Corps story.

As Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston recently recounted, the Army's NCOs trace their roots to the beginning of American military history. They helped Gen. George Washington preserve the Continental Army at Valley Forge, stood with Gen. Winfield Scott at the battle of Chippewa, and directed Gen. Zachary Taylor's guns at Palo Alto.

They carried the nation's colors at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, fought yellow fever in Cuba with Maj. Walter Reed, and led Pershing's and Eisenhower's legions into Germany.

Whether helping local populations build a village in Southeast Asia or teaching young Iraqi soldiers to conduct operations, American NCOs are leading from the front and are some of our nation's best ambassadors. Army NCOs have emerged as the Army's small-unit leaders, trainers and guardians of standards.

We have honored Nevada Army Guard NCOs throughout 2009 during conferences and color guard events, and recognized them in speeches and in numerous other ways. We have NCOs at the forefront of our formations and showcase NCOs as a focal point of our military community.

Today's NCO is an innovative, competent and professional enlisted leader grounded in heritage, values and tradition. Our NCOs lead by example, train from experience, maintain and enforce standards, and take care of soldiers and families.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey said the Noncommissioned Officer Corps is what keeps the Army together.

"As I travel around the Army and I look at what we've accomplished over the past seven years at war, it's become increasingly clear to me that it is our Noncommissioned Officer Corps that provides the glue that's not only holding this force together at a



difficult time, but enabling us to accomplish the near impossible every day," he said.

The NCO Creed succinctly and concisely conveys the attributes of an NCO: *No one is more professional than I; I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps known as "The Backbone of the Army."*

Today's NCO Corps is unrivaled by any, envied by our allies and feared by our enemies.

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# DROP ZONE



**LAS VEGAS** – A Nevada Army Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter from 1/189th Aviation, piloted by Maj. Roger Capps, gives a lift to an F-15 Eagle fighter at Nellis Air Force Base April 22. The Chinook, which can lift 26,000 pounds, gave the Eagle a ride to its new home at Creech Air Force Base where it will become an aircraft trainer for Creech's fire department. The fighter, which does not have any engines, was previously assigned to the 57th Wing at Nellis and will now be used to help firefighters train pilots on rescue and evacuation techniques. Photo: Courtesy of Nellis Air Force Base Public Affairs



**ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D.** – Spc. Thomas Hawkins, from Elko, of the 593rd Medium Transportation Company, cleans the brake shoe after repairing an M-913 truck wheel seal, blown during the long drive from Nevada to Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., June 7, while supporting the Golden Coyote training exercise.

The unit's first mission using their new fuel tankers to support Golden Coyote was a historic milestone – not just because of the training during the exercise – but also because they drove the tankers more than 1,000 miles just to reach the exercise, which was training in itself.

"This exercise marks the first time we've been able to run a fuel mission with our newly assigned equipment," 1st Sgt. Harry Schroeder said. "We did our unit's first POL mission by transporting 20,000 gallons of fuel to forward operating bases Custer, Tepee, Fisherman's Flats and Railroad Buttes." Photo: Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez



**GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz.** – The 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion extended 13 soldiers during its 2009 annual training at Camp Navajo, Ariz. The extension ceremony was conducted at the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park and accompanied by the battalion and company leadership. The battalion career counselor planned and coordinated the visit to the park for the ceremony.

The extending soldiers and battalion staff in attendance were, left to right, back row: 1st Lt. Gordon Steinmann, 1st Sgt. Rodney Medina, Capt. Shawn Murphy, Maj. John Krueger, Maj. Michael Peyerl, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hansen, Sgt. Edsel Vallejos, Staff Sgt. Mike Nguyen, Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Aragon, Capt. David Waller, 1st Sgt. James Fowler; middle row: Pfc. Jonathan Baker, Pvt. Mark Tindal, Spc. John Jakus, Spc. Anthony Dixon, Sgt. 1st Class Julio Guerrero, Sgt. 1st Class Edward Franco, Pvt. Danielle Hinckle, Staff Sgt. Robert Spicer; front row: Sgt. Tyvan Grossi, Sgt. Paul Harvey, Staff Sgt. Gertrude Montano, Sgt. 1st Class Yesenia Melendez and Sgt. Don Small Jr. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class David Sousa



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** – Sgt. 1st Class Eric Kent displays a tropical frog discovered during the 240th Engineer Detachment's annual training rotation in the Dominican Republic in March. Soldiers from the 240th and the 485th Military Police Company completed three rotations to the Caribbean country from March through May. Each group spent about two weeks there. The engineers worked on the infrastructure of the country, and the military police provided security. Schools (see inset), hospitals, clinics and community centers were among different structures Nevada soldiers helped build. When they were not hard at work, many got a chance to take a break and experience firsthand the environment and culture of the Dominican Republic.

Pfc. Carolina DeAlba of the 485th said she had some extra time on the beach and was impressed with the extreme weather. "We were always wet," DeAlba said. "When we weren't sweating, we were getting drenched with rain. I have never seen rain like that." Photo: 240th Engineer Detachment



**AFGHANISTAN** – Sgt. Stephen Park of the Nevada Army Guard's 1/168th Aviation (Medical Evacuation) unit, far right, helped save the life of Razia Aziz, center right, March 14 in Afghanistan after the girl's house was struck with a shell that contained white phosphorus. Park, 33, of Reno, works as paramedic for the Reno Police Department in his civilian occupation. Also shown, from left, is Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Southerland from 1/168th and Razia's father, Abdul Aziz, in this May 6 photo.

Razia was released from the hospital June 24. News of Park's heroics was reported around the globe by the Associated Press upon Razia's amazing recovery after nearly 50 percent of her body had been burned by the white phosphorus. Photo: Courtesy of Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Southerland

**TRENTON, Ontario** – 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron Guardsmen pour concrete while constructing aircraft arrestor pads at the Canadian Forces Base during annual training in early April. From left to right, Tech. Sgt. Steve Irwin, Staff Sgt. Gabriel Sanders, Staff Sgt. Damien Falconer, Master Sgt. Pat Speth, Chief Master Sgt. Rick Depaoli and Master Sgt. John Sekora.

Forty-six engineers and firefighters plus three services personnel from the Nevada Air Guard completed their annual training at CFB Trenton. See annual training details, page 9.

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From left: Master Sgts. Chuck Atkinson and James Lindsay install a piece of tile flooring with an insert in the shape of the state of Nevada at Trenton, Ontario, during annual training in April.  
Photo: Courtesy of 152nd Civil Engineering Squadron

## Civil engineering airmen assist Canucks in Ontario

During April, airmen in the 152nd Civil Engineering Squadron deployed to the Canadian Forces Base located at Trenton, Ontario, and assisted our northern neighbors for two weeks during their annual Deployment For Training.

Forty-six engineers and firefighters along with three services personnel flew into CFB Trenton on a High Roller C-130 to complete annual training and accomplish construction projects outlined by the Canadian Forces.

Deployment for Training is a program implemented by Civil Engineering and conducted through the National Guard Bureau. Teams from various units travel around the world and assist military installations with construction projects that cannot be completed by the home units because of a lack of personnel due to deployments.

The engineers completed many projects including the installation of new siding and the replacement of a roof on a pump house building at the base's substation. They also finished 400 feet of sidewalk and poured concrete for two bridges and four aircraft arrestor pads.

## 593rd garners governor's award

Four units submitted packets and were in the running for the Governor's Outstanding Unit Award for 2008, but in the end it was the 593rd Transportation Unit Company headquartered in Stead that captured the award.

## New leaders for Air Guard enlisted, Army warrants

**Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry** became the eighth state command chief for the Nevada Air National Guard in June. The state command chief is the principal advisor to the adjutant general for all enlisted airman affairs, including force structure management, leadership development, benefits programs and airman recognition. Currently there are about 950 enlisted members in the Nevada Air Guard based in Carson City, Indian Springs and Reno.



Cmd. Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry

Scurry enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard in 1981 as a photographic processing specialist. He has since worked as the photo processing and imagery analyst shop supervisor and squadron superintendent, the senior enlisted airman in the 152nd Intelligence Squadron.

**Chief Warrant Officer Dave Anderson** was selected as the command chief warrant officer for the state of Nevada, June 30. Prior to this assignment, Anderson worked in the military personnel office as the chief of the standard installation/division personnel system interface branch/personnel services branch in the Joint Force Headquarters since May 2001.



Cmd. Chief Warrant Officer David Anderson

As the state command chief warrant officer, Anderson serves as the adjutant general's principal advisor on actions that affect warrant officers, including strength management, education and career development.

## New law waives tuition for children and spouses of those killed while serving

Ensuring the opportunity for higher education for the children and spouses of deceased Nevada National Guardsmen, Gov. Jim Gibbons signed Assembly Bill 188 in Carson City May 7. The bill states that the board of regents of the Nevada higher education system is authorized to waive tuition and fees for any child, widow or widower of a person who was killed while serving in the Nevada National Guard.

The new law also provides tuition coverage for the children and spouses of Guardsmen who are missing in action or prisoners of war. The waiver will be available to the survivors of Guardsmen who were performing any official duty and not limited to combat death.



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# Nevada Guard's communication **GIANT** completes Arizona training

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



## CAMP NAVAJO, Ariz. –

Long hailed as Nevada's AT&T on the battlefield, the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion added another priority to its mission during annual training in early June here in the forested mountains west of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Emphasized during the annual training was an intense effort to train the battalion's soldiers in signal operations and warrior skills.

Although the 7,300-foot elevation didn't quite parallel the landscape of Iraq or Afghanistan, battalion commander Lt. Col. Jeff Hansen said Camp Navajo was selected as the site for annual training because of its outstanding training areas and also because it is the halfway point between Las Vegas and Phoenix and facilitates travel for both Nevada and Arizona soldiers. Camp Navajo is an Arizona Army National Guard post first built in 1942 to house ordnance during World War II.

Hansen, who has spent 13 of his 18 commissioned years with the 422nd, said the battalion wanted to bring together its soldiers from both Nevada and Arizona to increase soldier readiness and unit cohesiveness.

"The soldiers are receiving a balanced, hands-on training opportunity here," said Hansen.

After the signal soldiers received classroom training on how to determine a good potential site for signal equipment, they chose a spot at Camp Navajo for a satellite dish and set up their equipment. The battalion set up two 16-foot dishes and two 8-foot dishes south of their billeting compound. Instead of sending signals to a distant location, the battalion completed its training by sending and receiving signals to one dish via a satellite.

The battalion, which has one company in Las Vegas and Phoenix and its headquarters unit in Reno, is changing its primary training focus as the unit undergoes the biggest transformation in its history.



Left to right, Pvt. Ryan Kalleres, Spc. Travis Nielsen and Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Zamora-Lechuga of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion complete the land navigation course at Camp Navajo, Ariz., on June 8 during the battalion's annual training. Photo: Lt. Col. Steve Ranson

Hansen said the battalion transitioned from a collection of dissimilar communications units with limited capabilities to a highly-capable organization that effectively supports modern Army modular formations.

"An ESB can support up to 30 battalion command posts with voice, video teleconference, NIPRNET and SIPRNET operations. It's state-of-the-art equipment," Hansen said. (NIPRNET exchanges sensitive, unclassified information between "internal" users as well as provides users access to the internet. SIPRNET is a worldwide secret switch network that uses high-speed Internet protocol routers and high-capacity Defense Information Systems Network circuitry.)

Hansen said the battalion has been fielding new equipment and will continue to receive new equipment during its transformation. He also anticipates more growth in the ranks as the Nevada contingent of the 422nd adds another company to its rolls.

Maj. Michael Peyerl, the battalion's executive officer, said the training went well in Arizona and he was pleased with the teamwork displayed by both states' soldiers.

During the annual training, the majority of the soldiers participated in land navigation and weapons qualifications. A small contingent also received additional military occupation training.

1st Lt. Dion Black, incoming commander of Arizona based Company A, said integration between the two states went

smoothly because of the battalion staff. The Arizona company brought 70 soldiers to Camp Navajo.

"We feel we are an important part of the team," Black said. "They have given us everything we have needed and are eagerly helping us integrate into the battalion."

Black said his soldiers received good quality training both in and out of the classroom, and he saw a common bond between the two states.

"We'll likely deploy together, and there is a definite willingness to work together," Black said. "That's kudos for the troops." ■

*Lt. Col. Steve Ranson is set to conclude his military career this month after more than 28 years of service. During his career, Ranson was commander of both the 106th Public Affairs Detachment and State Area Command. He traveled to disparate places, including Korea, Panama and even Camp Navajo, Ariz., to tell the Nevada National Guard's story. His series on the Nevada National Guard's participation in the Arizona border mission in 2007 received first place in the National Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest and was named top series of the year by the Nevada Press Association. The Battle Born magazine likely would not be in existence today if not for the efforts of Ranson over the past decade, which included many late nights of page design and numerous trips to the print shop to ensure the quality of the publication. Although Ranson's military journalism career is ending, Battle Born readers will continue to find him often covering the Nevada National Guard in Fallon's Lahontan Valley News, where he is the newspaper's editor.*

# HISTORIC MILITARY SIGHTS, SOUNDS REVERBERATE THROUGH FORT CHURCHILL



*Master Sgt. Doug Larson leads Reno elementary school children through the adobe ruins May 14 at Fort Churchill.  
Photos: Sgt. Mike Getten*



*By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka and Senior Airman Kristine Schwind,  
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs and 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron*

**FORT CHURCHILL** – For nearly two decades, the sights, sounds and even smells of military life in the 1860s have reverberated for thousands of school children each May at this historic fort during the annual Grand Army of the Sierra program supported by the Nevada National Guard.

This year's program gave more than 250 students from the Reno area, including Grace Warner, Silver Springs and Lemmon Valley elementary schools, the opportunity to experience firsthand the arduous life of a soldier on the Western front of the United States during the Civil War era. More than 2,500 children have experienced the program since its inception in 1991.

The events and activities for the students in the program closely mirror the activities of soldiers and westward-bound immigrants in the 1860s at Fort Churchill. Activity stations include adobe brick making, hardtack biscuit baking, gold panning, fire-starting and scouting the remains of Fort Churchill. Once the military focal point of the Utah Territory and a stop on the Pony Express Trail, the fort today is a Nevada State Park where one can view the adobe ruins of the historic site.

Master Sgt. John Albertson has been involved with the program since its inception. "The Grand Army of the Sierra program is great for the kids, and every activity adds to their educational experience," Albertson said. "Fort Churchill is literally turned into an outdoor classroom each spring during the program."

Students also get a taste of the Civil War era as they receive ranks, march in squads and exercise traditional military courtesies and traditions – retreat, reveille and flag protocol. Students spend two days and one night at the fort in order to experience every aspect of the program, including a night hike.

About a dozen Nevada National Guardsmen assist educators and other volunteers during the week.

The current program stems from an original overnight field trip for Washoe County fifth graders named The Fort Churchill Living History Field Trip. That was conceived in the 1980s by school administrator Tom Kates and Fort Churchill State Park Supervisor Jim Prida.

Albertson became involved in the project in 1991 when his son was in the fourth grade and he borrowed from the Kates-Prida concept to create the Grand Army of the Sierra. That name is a reference to the Union Army's Civil War era Grand Army of the Potomac.

Albertson's idea included the participation of Nevada Guardsmen with military history knowledge to make the role-playing and living history more authentic.

Once the military backdrop was established, he added other knowledgeable volunteers to provide information on other Nevada topics, including mountain men – early Great Basin explorers; gold panners – early miners and explorers; and an outdoor education curriculum created by science teacher Leigh Rasmussen.

In 1996, the Grand Army of the Sierra concept was recognized by an Improvement to Education award from the Washoe County Teachers Association. Albertson likes to point out that the Grand

Army of the Sierra program remains a reasonable educational experience for elementary schools.

"There are some living-history outdoor education field trips conducted at historically significant venues across the country, but there are few or none in most Nevada districts," Albertson said. "Many are very expensive. For example, a two-day, one-night experience conducted by an outdoor school at Lake Tahoe would cost \$300-\$400 per student. The Grand Army of the Sierra serves several at-risk schools that fund participation through aggressive internal fundraising – with the cost per student about \$12."

Albertson said the efforts of the National Guard, educators and parents all combine to create the successful, ongoing program.

"The students, teachers, parents and National Guard volunteers have critical roles to play in this program. Without each organization, the Grand Army of the Sierra encampment would not be successful," he said.

New volunteers for the Grand Army of the Sierra can call Albertson at (775) 788-9339.

Fort Churchill State Historic Park is open year-round and is located eight miles south of Silver Springs, Nev., on Alternate U.S. Highway 95. There is a \$4 vehicle entry fee. For information, call (775) 577-2345. ■

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## **TORTOISES, TROOPS BOTH CALL SOUTHERN NEVADA HOME**

***Officials say cohabitation possible with consideration, planning***

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

**LAS VEGAS** – The arid climate and southwestern desert terrain so prevalent here in this valley combine to create the perfect training environment for Nevada National Guard soldiers and airmen. But these same conditions also combine to form the perfect habitat for one of Nevada's most threatened species and its state reptile – *Gopherus agassizii*, commonly known as the desert tortoise.

The Nevada National Guard has called this state home for nearly 150 years, a mere grain of sand in the hourglass compared to the desert tortoise's 10-million-year existence in these unforgiving environs. As Nevada National Guard and Nellis Air Force Base administrators consider future development of their training lands in southern Nevada, environmental officials are examining the

potential impact Guard training may have on these relics from the age of the dinosaur.

In order to calculate how many tortoises might be affected by future training on the Nevada Guard's 1,600 acres surrounding the Floyd Edsall (aka Clark County) Armory as well as 67 acres of Nellis Air Force Base land earmarked for cooperative ranges between the National Guard and Air Force, the Nevada Guard environmental office recently hosted a desert tortoise survey.

The survey's finding: the Nevada Guard is likely sharing its training land with about 50 threatened tortoises, a fact that isn't likely to inhibit future training in southern Nevada but something every soldier and airman should consider.

“They live here, we train here,” said Chad Stephens, the Nevada Guard’s environmental compliance program manager. “We can have both in southern Nevada – we can conduct important military training and also sustain the environment for wildlife and protect threatened species.”

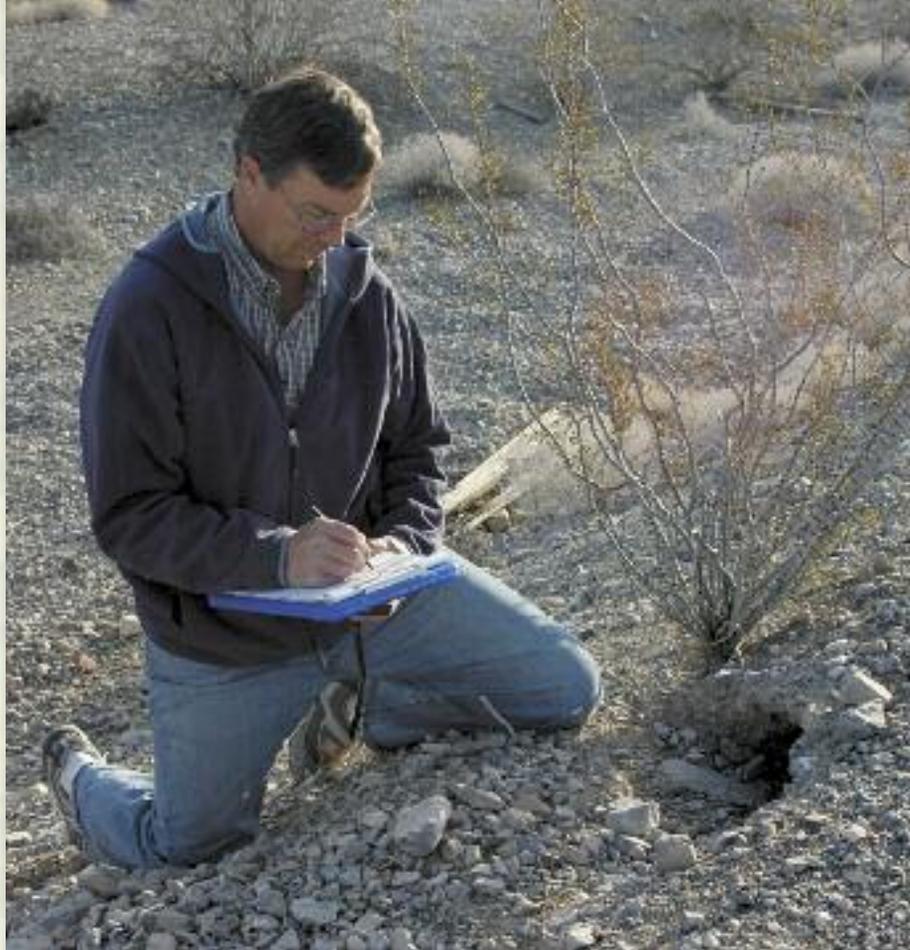
Contrary to the adage “the only thing that stops training quicker than ‘cease fire!’ is ‘tortoise sighted,’” the presence of a desert tortoise does not necessarily mean training should come to a halt. Training should only be modified to give the tortoise a wide berth and ensure that it is not threatened.

The recent survey focused on the 67 acres of land just north of the Edsall Armory likely to be the site of four munitions ranges in the future, if a cooperative effort between the Nevada Guard and Nellis comes to fruition. The survey was one step in the environmental assessment of the project that is likely to see the first small-arms range completed by 2011.

The representative for the company conducting the survey, Peter Woodman of Kiva Biological Consulting, said the prospective range area was – in terms of tortoise habitat – among the best (China Lake, Calif., is considered the No. 1 spot in the nation).

“This is prime habitat for desert tortoises – the best in Nevada,” said Woodman during his survey, which included nine miles of hiking through the area in search of tortoise evidence. “There are obviously tortoises in the area, as there are several burrows in excellent shape.”

Woodman found 11 burrows and one tortoise carcass during the survey. Eight of the burrows were in good condition. As expected, no tortoises were actually viewed



*Peter Woodman of Kiva Biological Consulting records the location and condition of a tortoise hibernation burrow during a survey January 18 in Las Vegas near the Edsall Armory. His survey report recorded 11 burrows on the 67 acres set to host four new Nevada Guard ranges. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka. Tortoise photo on page 15: Courtesy Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area*

during the survey as they were hibernating deep in their burrows awaiting summer.

Woodman concluded that there were likely 1-2 tortoises now living on the 67-acre proposed range land. He said the type of

land surveyed statistically can support 16.4 tortoises per square mile. Extrapolated over the 1,600 acres of land the Guard owns around the Clark County Armory, he said it was accurate to say Guard training land in Clark County hosts about 50 tortoises.

According to Stephens, Woodman’s findings were what the environmental office anticipated and should not hamper the construction of the ranges.

“This was not a show-stopper for the construction of the ranges that promise to be vital for training soldiers and airmen to standard here in Nevada,” Stephens said. “This survey was just primarily to see where the tortoises are and to help us with our plans in monitoring and – if needed – relocating them during construction.”

Stephens also said a decision was pending on the question of whether the exterior of the ranges will be fenced off from future emigrating tortoises. ■

*In his 14 years as a professional journalist, Studenicka admits this is the first time he’s ever written about tortoise urination.*

## ***Desert tortoise awareness tips***

- ◆ It is unlawful to touch, harm, harass or collect a wild desert tortoise. If encountered when training, give the tortoise a wide berth and make sure it is not endangered – in the path of a convoy, for example. Continue training if the tortoise is safe!
- ◆ Call the environmental office at (775) 887-7291 if a desert tortoise is endangered or has been stressed. A sign of a stressed tortoise is urination; this will lead to dehydration for the tortoise and possible death.
- ◆ When training in their habitat, remain aware of tortoises. Check under your vehicle for tortoises before movement. Remember, it is against federal law to take one home for a pet.

# Chef's cake reflects Sin City glitz, hard work

By Capt. April Conway  
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

**LAS VEGAS** – Here in this bombastic, bigger-than-life city, a quiet pastry chef on the south end of the Strip went above and beyond his call of duty to give the Nevada Army National Guard's 1/221st Cavalry an edible deployment gift worthy of a tough, spur-jangling cavalry scout – or a glitzy, feather-wearing showgirl.

It took more than 2,000 hours of work and a desire to push the limits for William Schultz, the assistant pastry chef at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino, to create an 8-foot replica of an M1A1 Abrams tank out of cake. The cake, a fondant-covered gun tube accompanied by a soldier on the lookout and dark chocolate tracks, had hundreds of soldiers, family members and civilian employers marveling at the realistic cake on April 17.

"It was the greatest cake I've ever seen," said John Keeley, the family programs coordinator for the Nevada Guard. "I took

pictures for my kids to see because it was so cool."

The send-off ceremony at the Las Vegas resort, known for sharks in both the reef exhibit and on the casino floor, was the biggest Nevada had seen. The 600-soldier unit constituted the largest single-unit deployment for the Nevada Guard since World War II. Beau Hodges, a favorite Las Vegas vocalist, rendered honors with the national anthem; television news cameras caught every brave child's smile and mother's tears. But the cake took center stage.

"All the unit asked for was sheet cakes with the unit's logo on it, but I had several ideas, including a 3-D soldier, something with Army symbols or a tank," Schultz said. "The daunting part was it needed to feed 1,100 people. Just the sheer size was challenging, but I chose the tank because it was the best representation of the unit."

Schultz said creation took about two weeks and the work fit in during his regular 60-hour work week. The entire piece was made up of 70 sheet cakes and 180 pounds

of fondant. In fact, the fondant for the base was so large, it took 12 people to pick it up and put it into place.

"I have been doing pastries for about six years and have gradually specialized into crazy, off-the-wall cakes since I have been at Mandalay Bay," Schultz said. "I've done a hot rod car, a shark from the movie 'Finding Nemo,' a guitar and tons of elegant pastries, but a tank was definitely a first."

Baking, carving and decorating wasn't all Schultz had up his sleeve.

"I always wanted to do something similar to what you see on Food Network, with some sort of movement or craziness within the cake," he said. "I have always been innovative when it comes to functional things, and I wanted to incorporate that into a cake."

Schultz wanted the turret, along with the chocolate gun tube, to move realistically, but the available pastry turntable would only handle 60 pounds. The entire turret weighed more than 90. In true soldier fashion, he improvised and adapted. Schultz took the turntable apart and adjusted the mechanical engine so it would turn the entire turret.

"Then I had to get our engineering department to build a board sturdy enough to hold the weight of the 450-pound cake and the mechanical pieces," Schultz said. "The scary part was moving the assembled cake about 75 yards to the events center. It was a long, slow walk being extra careful on every bump."

Mandalay Bay has a long history of supporting Silver State Guardsmen. Mandalay Bay's parent company, MGM Mirage, won the prestigious Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Award in 2006, and it remains company policy to provide 100 percent of base pay plus average tip income for all Guardsmen and to continue health insurance benefits for their families while deployed. ■



## Cavalry Cake :

- 150 pounds of flour
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- 300 eggs
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- 2 quarts vanilla extract
- 180 pounds of fondant
- Number of calories? Don't ask!

*Inset, William Schultz, pastry chef at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, spent more than 2,000 hours creating his edible deployment gift to the 1/221st Cavalry – a tank-shaped cake that fed more than 1,100 people. Photos: Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez*

# Yellow Ribbon Program keeps soldiers, families posted about deployment benefits



Established in 2008, the Yellow Ribbon Program promises to keep soldiers, like these at the 1/221st Cavalry deployment ceremony in April, and their families informed about all deployment-related benefits. Photo: Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez

By Sgt. Mike Getten  
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

**CARSON CITY**—Recognizing the need to inform Guardsmen and their families about deployment-related benefits and resources, Congress established the Deployment Cycle Support-Yellow Ribbon Program in 2008. The program officially began in Nevada in October with the mission to educate and create awareness concerning the resources available for mobilizing Nevada Guardsmen and their family members.

The ultimate goal of the program is the successful reintegration after deployment.

“The program allows soldiers to get back into citizen-soldier status in their

communities,” said Sgt. Maj. Suzanne Albin, the Yellow Ribbon Program manager.

“It also involves their families with the Guard and keeps the flow of information available to them while soldiers are gone. In this way, they have access to programs and people they may not have known about unless we let them know.”

With a budget to meet the needs of every deployed soldier, the program currently has a full time staff of six, including two representatives in Las Vegas and four in Carson City. Staff is available to answer questions and provide assistance when a soldier or family has a need.

“Our budget is used for everything ranging from supplies to round-trip family travel to Yellow Ribbon events and anything to do with operations and maintenance,” Albin said. “We are authorized to pay for the travel of up to two family members per soldier to Yellow Ribbon events.”

The Yellow Ribbon Program sponsors briefing and information-exchange events

that join representatives from organizations to provide information regarding the benefits available to soldiers and their families throughout the deployment cycle.

“Families are always invited to Yellow Ribbon events. There is no exclusion. We define family as anyone who is part of that soldier’s support system,” said Roberta Woomer, a Carson City Yellow Ribbon support specialist.

The Yellow Ribbon Web site has information arranged in categories specific to soldiers’ needs.

“We start working with the soldiers and their families upon receipt of an alert order, typically one year prior to mobilization,” Woomer said. “We continue to work with the families during the mobilization. Then we work again with the soldiers and their families for two years following the mobilization.”

For information about the Yellow Ribbon Program, call (775) 887-7836 or visit [www.nevadaguard.com/yellowribbon](http://www.nevadaguard.com/yellowribbon). ■



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## High Roller pilot enjoys first tour with T-birds; Routt set for Western states swing this fall

By Air Force Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith, National Guard Bureau

**ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md.** – As acrobatic aircraft buzzed overhead as part of the run-up to the air show this spring, Nevada Air Guard Lt. Col. Derek Routt was enjoying the sights and looking closely at the parked, baby-blue and white business jets on the ground – the aircraft used by the nation’s elected and military leaders.

The first Air National Guard officer to serve in the Air Force Thunderbirds was savoring his time in the nation’s capital while preparing for his eighth event since joining the team. He is set to fly in more than 20 events this summer before making a Western swing to Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 12-13, and perform at home at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas Nov. 14-15.

The Thunderbirds are the U.S. Air Force’s Air Demonstration Squadron, which performs

precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high-performance aircraft to people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.

A trim operations officer in his late 30s, Routt wears the dark-blue flight suit of the Thunderbirds with nary a thread out of place.

He wants to be sure there is “no distinguishing between a Guard, Reserve or active duty Thunderbird,” he said.

“This is a true-to-form, Total Force team,” he said. “When I tell people that I am a Guardsman it brings a lot of questions, and that allows me to talk about the Air Guard. But it really doesn’t matter what service or what capacity I’m in; to serve is the number one goal.”



*Lt. Col. Derek Routt looks across the flight line at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., before a show in May. Routt is a Nevada Air Guard pilot in his first season as operations officer for the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron “Thunderbirds.”*

*Photo: Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith*

As a Nevada Guard airman, Routt flew the F-15 Eagle in Nevada with what officials call the “most diverse wing in the Air Force” – the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base.

The Thunderbirds are based just down the street at Nellis.

## T-Birds Fall Schedule

### September

5-7 Cleveland, Ohio  
 12-13 Sacramento, Calif.  
 19-20 Hickam AFB, Hawaii

September 22-October 26

Thunderbirds 2009 Far East Events

### November

7-8 Homestead AFB, Florida  
 14-15 Nellis AFB, Nevada

"I had some people approach me about applying for the position, and I applied and went through the process," he said.

He made the grade.

This stint with the Thunderbirds marks Rott's first time working as an operations officer. He is doing it as the second-in-command of the nation's premier F-16 Fighting Falcon squadron.

"I run the operations business, which means I put aircraft in the air, put pilots into aircraft and make sure that their training is done. During the show, and all the way through our season, my No. 1 job priority is safety," he said.

Rott will travel with the team of 11 officers and 120 enlisted airmen through November. Then he will prepare for his second, and final, 2010 season.

Rott flies Thunderbird No. 7 to events. The plane is used as a spare for the events and in support missions.

Rott oversees the operations of a squadron constantly scrutinized by the public eye. The squadron's ground-air movements are highly coordinated, planned and synchronized. Rott has the tough responsibility of supervising the safety of pilots who fly near supersonic speeds within a few feet of each other.

"You can think of the operations officer as more of a producer of the show. He's the person who controls the air space, people, communications and gear," Rott said. "While the guys are flying, I'm controlling the airfield and ensuring the team is doing its maneuvering safely and properly."

On Sept. 12-13, the Thunderbirds will be at the California Capital Airshow at Mather Airport in Sacramento. For ticket information, visit [www.californiacapitalairshow.com](http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com).

Rott is set to perform at his home air base at Nellis Nov. 14-15 in the Thunderbirds' homecoming show. The performance is free. For information, call (702) 652-6776. ■

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# FAMILY TIES:

By Lt. Col. Terry Conder, Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka,  
Staff Sgt. Rebecca Palmer and Sgt. Mike Getten, Joint Force  
Headquarters and 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



The 1/221st Cavalry Squadron's nine sets of brothers include, top row, left to right, Staff Sgt. Ian Deutch, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Deutch; kneeling on vehicle, left to right, Spc. Andrew Petersen, Staff Sgt. Derek Petersen, Spc. William Lowell, Spc. Walter Lowell; standing, left to right, Maj. Mike Glynn, Spc. Brendan Glynn, Spc. Mark Schiemer, Spc. Dan Buri, Spc. Gary Buri; kneeling in front, left to right, Pfc. Marc Elloso, Spc. Matthew Marlow, Spc. Clinton Marlow, Staff Sgt. Shawn Woodhams, Spc. Matthew Woodhams and 1st Lt. Michael Schiemer. Pvt. John Elloso Pacheco was unavailable due to training commitments. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

*Although it made an excellent underlying backdrop for an Academy-award winning movie, there is no such thing as a Sullivan Act that places restrictions on family members serving in the military together.*

*In fact, in the family- and community-based Nevada National Guard, it's common and even encouraged for relatives to serve in the same squadron, battalion and deployed unit. Not to be overlooked are the spouses of soldiers and airmen who maintain – even enlarge – households while their Guardsmen are deployed.*

*The following are some vignettes of true family support within the Nevada National Guard.*

## 1/221st Cavalry contains genuine band of brothers

**CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind.** – Long before they realized there were multiple sets of siblings within their squadron, there was a growing sense of brotherhood among the 1/221st Cavalry Squadron soldiers as they prepared for their one-year deployment to Afghanistan.

Countless hours training in non-stop drizzle during a two-month pre-deployment phase that focused on mounted and dismounted convoy security techniques, small arms weapons and mortar team synchronicity created a sense of camaraderie within the squadron comprised soldiers from Nevada, Arizona, Guam and Georgia.

But the temporary bonds created during training don't match the cohesion within the squadron created by its nine sets of brothers who joined the unit together, trained together, and are now deployed together in the 1/221st's deployment to Afghanistan that began in late June. For the next 10 months, the squadron's nearly 700 soldiers will perform security operations for 12 provincial reconstruction

teams across Afghanistan and also manage and provide oversight of a forward operating base.

The cavalry squadron's nine sets of brothers are Staff Sgt. Ian Deutch and Sgt. 1st Class Richard Deutch; Spc. Andrew Petersen and Staff Sgt. Derek Petersen; Spc. William Lowell and Spc. Walter Lowell; Maj. Mike Glynn and Spc. Brendan Glynn; Spc. Mark Schiemer and 1st Lt. Michael Schiemer; Spc. Dan Buri and Spc. Gary Buri; Pfc. Marc Elloso and Pvt. John Elloso Pacheco; Spc. Matthew Marlow and Spc. Clinton Marlow; and Staff Sgt. Shawn Woodhams and Spc. Matthew Woodhams, all of Nevada.

Andrew Petersen said he wasn't going to let his brother Derek take all the military glory in the family and that's why he joined the squadron.

"A few years ago, I always thought to myself that if my brother ever went, I'm going with him because there's no way he's going to

# Brothers, wives, fathers, sons give deployment support

take all of my thunder,” Andrew Peterson said. “We’re all brothers in arms, but it’s even better when you have your real brother with you.

Some of the brothers are likely to face combat together during the upcoming months. All agreed it would be a horrible if the unspeakable occurred, and a brother was lost.

“It would crush me if I were to lose my brother over there,” Andrew Petersen said. “I think he would want me to drive on and continue on the mission and worry about that grief later.”

“My brother and I are fevered patriots. We love this country and we love serving this country,” Walter Lowell said. “If something were to happen to him, I would honor him as a fallen soldier more than a regular soldier because he’s my brother.”

The number of brothers in the squadron was so extraordinary that it was mentioned on CNN, and the *Las Vegas Review Journal* sent a reporter to Indiana to track the brothers during their training.

## Air Guard deployment affects two generations of one family

**RENO** – The Nevada Air Guard continues to support Operation Enduring Freedom and is set to send three units to Kuwait and Afghanistan this summer and autumn.

One heavily tapped unit in the Nevada Air Guard is the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron based in Reno. About 40 airmen from the 152nd are currently deployed to Kuwait and Afghanistan through December of this year.



*Lt. Col. Bart O'Toole, right, and his son, Airman 1st Class Bartley O'Toole, are both set to deploy this fall. The elder O'Toole is squadron commander of the 192nd Airlift Squadron, and the younger O'Toole is an aircrew flight equipment technician in the 152nd Operations Support Flight. Photo: Senior Master Sgt. Brad Kenealy*

Squadron emergency management specialist Senior Airman Cory Galli said the troops are responsible for electrical, heavy equipment, plumbing and other engineering functions at both locations. The 152nd is the first Air Guard civil engineer unit to be based at the Afghanistan location and the unit is making a good first impression.

“The folks we’ve sent there represent the highest standards of the Air Guard and the unit is enjoying showing off what we can do,” Galli said.

Two of the airmen set to deploy from the wing’s operations unit are Lt. Col. Bart O’Toole and his son, Airman 1st Class Bartley O’Toole. The elder O’Toole is the squadron commander of the 192nd Airlift Squadron and the younger O’Toole is an aircrew flight equipment technician in the 152nd Operations Support Flight.

This will be Lt. Col. O’Toole’s eighth deployment in 23 years. His mission overseas will be airlift operations of personnel and supplies throughout the OEF area of responsibility.

Bart O’Toole said that the most difficult aspect of deployment is missing milestones in his family life. He said he missed several birthdays, three Thanksgivings and two Christmas holidays while deployed. He was able to attend three of his children’s high school graduations, and he has one more to go. The fact that his family understands the importance of his deployments makes it easier for Bart to perform his duties.

“When your father is in the military, you understand that he has a job and duty to his country and when he has to leave, we step up to the plate, and let him do his job,” said Catherine O’Toole, Bart’s daughter. “You just suck it up and do what needs to be done. There is no sniveling, whining or complaining. You look forward to phone calls and e-mails, but you can’t dwell on his absence.”

This deployment promises to be unique because Bart is deploying with his son Bartley. This is the first deployment for the younger O’Toole after 30 months in the military. Bartley O’Toole’s job overseas will be to maintain and issue aircrew survival equipment and instruct aircrews on its use.

Bartley is both excited and nervous about deploying. He believes a deployment with his father will encourage him to work harder. In Reno, his father gives him extra tasks because he is always in the same vicinity, and he is sure it will be the same overseas.

## Nine couples set to have children during time in Iraq

**LAS VEGAS** – Fifty-five years ago, the U.S. military attempted to maintain a policy that allowed its soldiers and airmen to remain at home for the birth of their children.

Fortunately for the Nevada Army Guard’s 1864th Transportation Company, that military policy has gone by the wayside – otherwise the unit may not have had enough soldiers to fill its ranks when it left for Iraq in early June.

Nine soldiers left expecting children to be born during the course of the one-year deployment, including Staff Sgt. Ekow Adentwi, Spc. Justen Crittenden, Spc. Humberto Gamboa, Spc. Patrick Homewood, Spc. Kyle Marshall, Spc. Stephen Mattson, Pfc. Mario Nikic, Spc. Christopher Rosales and Pfc. Sherman Saulog.



At the time of the 1864th Transportation Company's departure ceremony in April, the unit was expecting nine new babies over the course of the next several months. Expectant parents included, from left, Staff Sgt. Ekow Adentwi, Emelia Adentwi, Spc. Stephen Mattson and Jessica Mattson. Photo: Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez

That doesn't even take into account unit commander Capt. Derek Imig, whose wife Raimey gave birth to the couple's third child just two days before the 1864th's deployment ceremony on April 9.

"I'll be honest with you," Imig said. "Having so many soldiers with pregnant wives puts extra stress on the unit. Soldiers getting home to see babies being born is important. I know what that's like; I'm living that myself right now and it's stressful."

Imig said he's going to make getting soldiers home a priority.

"I hope that we will be able to accommodate everyone's leave request," Imig said. "But even if there's one that we can't accommodate, I'll be disappointed."

Adentwi is a squad leader in the second platoon. His wife, Emelia, is five months pregnant. The Adentwis know they are going to have a boy, but they haven't decided on a name yet. "I plan to take leave in August so I can be home when the baby is born," Adentwi said. Like Imig, this is Adentwi's second deployment to Iraq, and he is full of confidence.

"The first time I went, I didn't know what to expect," he said. "Now I have an idea of how things are going to be, so I'm not nervous at all."

## NCO responsible for soldiers, son

**AFGHANISTAN**—Like most veteran non-commissioned officers in the Army Guard, UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief Master Sgt. Patrick Moore accepted the news of a pending deployment to Afghanistan as part of his job. Unlike most NCOs, though, was the fact Moore would prepare for and spend the deployment with his young son, Ryan, a fellow soldier in Moore's unit.

During this Year of the NCO, Moore finds himself in the curious position of being responsible for the soldiers in his task force as the acting first sergeant while also keeping tabs on his son, Spc. Ryan Moore. Both are in southern Afghanistan with the Nevada Army Guard's C Company, 1/168th Aviation, working at an air base serving on a medical evacuation task force.

"I truly believe having my son with me is quite appropriate because of who we are as Guardsmen," Patrick Moore said via e-mail from Afghanistan. "The National Guard is a community-based organization forged from decades of patriotism, tradition and service. Whether I am mentoring Ryan as a soldier or as my son, the baseline used for guidance is drawn from my personal values

and belief system and is consistent with the Army values and standards."

The younger Moore values his father's knowledge on their current deployment. "It's a great opportunity to be deployed with my father," Ryan Moore said. "He has a wealth of experience in doing exactly what we are doing."

With Ryan's enlistment three years ago, the Moore family has been involved with the Nevada National Guard for three generations. Patrick's father, retired Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Moore, served for 30 years in the Army Guard. Moore also has two brothers who served in the National Guard.

In addition to supporting her husband's and son's military service, Patrick's wife and Ryan's mother, Karla Moore, serves as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve with A Company, 328th Combat Support Hospital, in Sacramento, Calif.

Even though they are thousands of miles away in another country, Karla Moore takes solace in the belief that the father-son tandem is making up for some lost time.

"I am thankful Ryan gets to be with his father because it allows them to have at least some time together," Karla Moore said. "Patrick missed out on large parts of Ryan's childhood due to deployments in Desert Storm, Kosovo and Afghanistan. I think this is a way of giving Ryan a glimpse into that life. It will never give Ryan and Patrick those years back, but it offers a strong bond for the rest of their lives." ■



Master Sgt. Patrick Moore, left, stands with his son, Spc. Ryan Moore, beside one of the Nevada Army Guard's 1/168th Aviation's UH-60 Black Hawk aircraft at an air base in southern Afghanistan.

Photo: Courtesy of Master Sgt. Patrick Moore

# SPORTS NEWS

## High Rollers fifth in Corporate Challenge

**RENO** – The Nevada Air National Guard tallied five individual gold medals and one team gold to finish fifth overall May 10-20 in the City of Reno's Corporate Challenge 2009, an annual Olympic-style competition in a variety of sports and activities.

The High Rollers' team finished fifth overall in the competition of large and small companies and organizations entering hundreds of athletes in various age groups vying for points in sports including track and field, swimming, mountain biking, softball, golf, basketball, road racing and tug-of-war.

This was the fourth year the Nevada Air Guard participated in the Corporate Challenge as a tie-in to its overall fitness program. In addition to the health benefits, Corporate Challenge promotes teamwork, camaraderie and organizational pride.

"It was important to participate in our local community as well as build new relationships and strengthen existing ones," said Senior Airman Cory Galli, gold medalist in the race walk.

Brig. Gen. Robert Fitch, Air Guard commander, just missed a bronze medal in the walk race with his fourth-place finish.

### MEDALISTS FOR THE HIGH ROLLERS:

**Gold Medalists:** *Rick Hays* (Communications Squadron), long jump (15 feet, 8 inches), shot put (35 feet, 10 inches), 100-meter (13.52 seconds). *Caesar Garduno* (Ops Group), 1,600-meter (5 minutes, 38 seconds). *Cory Galli* (Civil Engineering), race walk (time unavailable). *Jennifer Harrell* (Military Personnel Flight), *Suzie Reynolds* (Retired), *Elliott Morris* and *Steve Gilbert* (Maint Group), team bowling (2,183 pins).

**Silver Medalists:** *Tiffany Tatum* (Finance), 100-meter. *Robin Tibaduiza* (Finance), shot put. *JoAnn Meacham* (Logistics Readiness Squadron), 100-meter, 400-meter. *Cassandra Frankfurt* (LRS), shot put. *Sheryle Wilkerson* (MPF), shot put. *Maryana Moyer* (MPF), 800-meter. *Mike Williams* (Ops Group), 50-meter freestyle. *Kenny Dupree* (Intel Squadron), long jump, 100-meter. *Maston Bethel* (Maint Group), 5K. *James Upton* (Maint Group), 50-meter backstroke.

**Bronze Medalists:** *Shaun Cruze* (Finance), 5K, softball throw, 400-meter. *JoAnn Meacham* (LRS), mountain bike, 1,600-meter. *Cassandra Frankfurt* (LRS), 800-meter. *Sheryle Wilkerson* (MPF), mountain bike. *Maryana Moyer* (MPF), 5K. *Amy Short* (Mission Support Group), walk race. *Eric Chappell* (Intel Squadron), walk race. *Mike Williams* (Ops Group), 50-meter breaststroke, 800-meter. *Bill Vineis* (Medical Group), 50-meter breaststroke. *Dave Gonzalez* (Intel Squadron), 5K. *Terrance Hunt* (Maint Group), mountain bike. *Martin Rodriguez* (Maint Group), 400-meter. *James Upton* (Maint Group), 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter freestyle. *Joseph Jaquish* (Ops Group), 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter freestyle. *Tiffany Tatum*, *Maryana Moyer*, *Martin Rodriguez*, *Josh Arbogast* and *Dave Gonzalez*, track pyramid relay. *Tiffany Tatum*, *Mike Williams*, *Joseph Jaquish* and *James Upton*, swimming relay. *Kenny Dupree*, *Greg Jemmerson*, *Joe Deese*, *Josh Arbogast*, *Cassandra Frankfurt*, *Boodie Ross* and *Robin Tibaduiza*, basketball.

## Raitter's run of success continues at marathon trials

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – Spc. Bill Raitter's run of success at the National Guard Marathon Trials continued May 3 with his 15th-place finish among the top distance runners in the National Guard. Raitter's finish placed him on the All-Guard Marathon Team for the sixth time in six attempts.

Raitter, 39, barely beat the magical three-hour barrier by sprinting the final 400 meters to record the time of 2:59:39.

"It was a struggle over the last few miles and I knew it was going to be close," said Raitter, a dental specialist with the Medical Detachment. "I had to keep my streak intact: six for six in making the All-Guard team and never running over three hours for the marathon."

Raitter made the All-Guard team three times as a member of the Oregon National Guard from 2001-2004 and has now made the team as a member of the Nevada National Guard three consecutive years. He was the top finisher among all National Guard runners in 2002 when he ran 2:33:04.

Another Nevada Guard finisher, Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez, finished in 5:45. Nevada did not have enough runners to score as a team. The Oregon squad won the team competition.

Raitter's All-Guard status makes him eligible to represent the National Guard at a variety of races across the nation this year, including the Air Force Marathon in Ohio.

Raitter has a new goal for next year and said, "My days of winning the overall National Guard race are probably over, but I am looking forward to winning the master's division in 2010."

The All-Guard Marathon Team comprises the top 40 male finishers and the top 15 female finishers among National Guard soldiers and airmen.

Up in the lead pack, the top male Guardsman was 1st Lt. Nathan Flores of the Texas Guard in 2:39:22 and the top female was 1st Lt. Varinka Barbini of the Kentucky Guard in 3:18:07.

A record number of states (48) and runners (182) participated in the competition this year. Nevada runners aiming to compete in 2010 need to meet the following standards in a certified marathon before next spring: under four hours for men under 40; under 4:15 for men over 40; and under 4:30 for all women.

Call Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka at (775) 887-7250 for information.





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## AWARDS

### Meritorious Service Medal



SFC Jesse Snedden . . . . . A Trp, 1/221st Cav  
 MAJ Michael Glynn . . . . . 991st Troop Cmd  
 SFC Linda Turner . . . . . JFHQ

### Army Commendation Medal



SFC Jason Taylor . . . . . 1864th Transp Co  
 SSG Damon Gray . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SGT Dawn Hunt . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 1LT Jacquelyn Burns . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SPC Harris Cohen . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SGT Jose Ramos . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SSG Allen Sosnick . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SGT Patrick Graham . . . . . C Co, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SFC Christopher Keesee . . . . . 92nd CST  
 2LT Timothy Wells . . . . . 92nd CST  
 SSG Luciana Irenze . . . . . 991st Troop Cmd  
 SFC Allen Palmer . . . . . 421st RTI  
 SSG Tracy Castro . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
 SPC Christopher Mancebo . . . . . HHT, 1/221st Cav  
 SGT Jorge Granados . . . . . 421st RTI  
 SGT Stephanie King . . . . . JFHQ  
 SSG Leonel Paradis II . . . . . JFHQ  
 SSG Roger Decoster . . . . . JFHQ  
 SSG Jason Fincher . . . . . JFHQ  
 SSG Justin Harris . . . . . JFHQ  
 SFC Gary Giddens . . . . . K Trp, 1/221st Cav  
 SGT Alexander Drossulis . . . . . NVARNG Med Det  
 SSG Ivan Parsons . . . . . NVARNG Rec/Ret

### Air Force Commendation Medal



CPT Kirk Anderson . . . . . 92nd CST  
 CPT Todd Hine . . . . . 92nd CST  
 CPT John Lyle . . . . . 92nd CST  
 SFC Christopher Keesee . . . . . 92nd CST  
 SSG Joe Sherych . . . . . 92nd CST  
 SSG John Fansler . . . . . 92nd CST

### Army Achievement Medal



SPC Julio Arevalo . . . . . 485th MP Co  
 SPC Phillip Roen . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SSG Larry Klein . . . . . 3/140th S&S

### Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



SSG Christopher Thompson . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CW4 Daniel Walters . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CW3 Joseph Baumann . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SSG Curt Prokasky . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
 SSG Luke Conklin . . . . . JFHQ

### Nevada State Commendation Medal



SSgt Dario Cruz III . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 SSgt Robert Downs . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 SrA Jose Escobar Jr. . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Belinda Fountain . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Steven Kots . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Catheryne Reyes . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Bryanna Richard . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Raenell Sanders . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Kristine Schwind . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SrA Jauies Sosa . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SSgt Rhoderick Estrada . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SSgt James Riger . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 SSgt Annette Soria . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 TSgt George Bily Jr. . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 TSgt Jason Peoples . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 TSgt Deborah Zubaty . . . . . 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn  
 LtCol Shelly Assiff . . . . . 152nd Mission Support Flt

### Nevada Humanitarian Service Ribbon



1LT George Caddel Jr. . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 MSgt Dean Long . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
 MSG Lance Vanbuskirk . . . . . 421st RTI  
 MSG Carl Adams . . . . . 421st RTI  
 CPT Darren Chrisman . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 2LT David Connolly . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SPC Nicholas Herzberg . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SGT Shawn Horner . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SSG Henry Willrich . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 CW3 Kevin Keeler . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 CW3 Christine Lane . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 CW3 Aaron Southerland . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 CPT Kyle O'Connell . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SSG Caroline Boardrow . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SPC David Morris . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 MSG Patrick Moore . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SGT Carl Pearson . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 2LT Dustin Petersen . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SSG Thomas Polacek . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SSG Stephen Staley . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC

SPC David Sumner . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SGT Scott Taylor . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SGT Thomas Vonbargen . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 CPT Andrew Wagner . . . . . 1/168th MEDEVAC  
 SGT Adam Seelye . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SGT Justin Claman . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SPC Robyn Collins . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CSM John Hefner . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CW3 Aaron Wallace . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SGT Steven Watson . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SSG Shaun Weakland . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SGT Kevin Basta . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CPT Shawn Bromley . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CW3 James Anderson . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SSG Dean Penrod . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SSG Thomas Zaremba . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SPC Robert Thompson . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 CW4 James Baumann . . . . . 1/189th Aviation  
 SSG Christopher Thompson . . . . . 1/221st Cav  
 SGT Cheri Cramutolo . . . . . 106th Public Affairs Det  
 MAJ Shawn Casey . . . . . 140th MP Det  
 SSG Anthony Lcoe . . . . . 150th Maint Co  
 SPC Christopher Oakden . . . . . 150th Maint Co  
 SGT Aaron Parks . . . . . 150th Maint Co  
 SSG Epifanio Rodarte . . . . . 150th Maint Co  
 SGT Bryant Steele . . . . . 150th Maint Co  
 CW4 Ernie Stover . . . . . 150th Maint Co  
 SSG Raymond Polson . . . . . 1864th Transp Co  
 Maj Jeffrey Zupon . . . . . 192nd Airlift Sqdn  
 Maj Koby Harding . . . . . 192nd Airlift Sqdn  
 MSgt Cameron Pieters . . . . . 192nd Airlift Sqdn  
 SSG Edward Castillo Jr. . . . . 3/140th S&S  
 CW3 Jeffrey Busboom . . . . . 3/140th S&S  
 CW4 Jeffrey Ducharme . . . . . 3/140th S&S  
 CW4 Brandon Hose . . . . . 3/140th S&S  
 CW2 Michael Girdler . . . . . 3/140th S&S  
 CPT Matthew Jonkey . . . . . 3/140th S&S  
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 SPC Kevin Gardner . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
 SPC Michael Hill . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
 CPL Dustin Barr . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
 SSG Daniel Prothro II . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
 SSG Jacob Roberts . . . . . 593rd Transp Co  
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 SGT Donna Menesini . . . . . JFHQ  
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 MAJ Michael Heil . . . . . JFHQ  
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### Nevada Outstanding Graduate Award



SGT Philip Sondgeroth . . . . . 137th MP Co  
 SSG Michael Raviart II . . . . . HHC, 422nd Sig Bn  
 SGT Pak Castillo . . . . . 421st RTI  
 SFC Karen Harris . . . . . 421st RTI  
 SSG Heather Carlquist . . . . . JFHQ  
 SGT Scott Smith . . . . . JFHQ  
 SSG Tiffany McKimmy . . . . . JFHQ  
 SPC Robin Kinney . . . . . JFHQ  
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### Nevada Overseas Deployment Ribbon



SSgt Timothy Hill . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 A1C Calvin Hobson . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
 A1C Lera Masine . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
 MSgt Keith Maslowski . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
 SrA Jeremiah Brown . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
 TSgt Michael Smith . . . . . 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn  
 LtCol Robert Gregory . . . . . 152nd Airlift Wing  
 TSgt Edward Richer Jr. . . . . 152nd Airlift Wing  
 1stLt Christopher Solberg . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 A1C Jennifer Schultz . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 CMSgt Richard Depaoli . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 LtCol Kevin Knuf . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 LtCol Craig Wesner . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 Maj Glen Martel . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 Maj Robert Nicholas . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
 MSgt Michael Nelan . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
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 SrA Kelly Warren . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
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 SSgt Sean Stewart . . . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn  
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 TSgt Robert Malson . . . . . 152nd Maint Sqdn  
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 MSgt Steven Snyder . . . . . 152nd Operations Support Flt  
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 LtCol Mark Hall . . . . . 152nd Security Forces Sqdn  
 MSgt Kevin Bennett . . . . . 152nd Security Forces Sqdn  
 MSgt James Blazer . . . . . 152nd Security Forces Sqdn  
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