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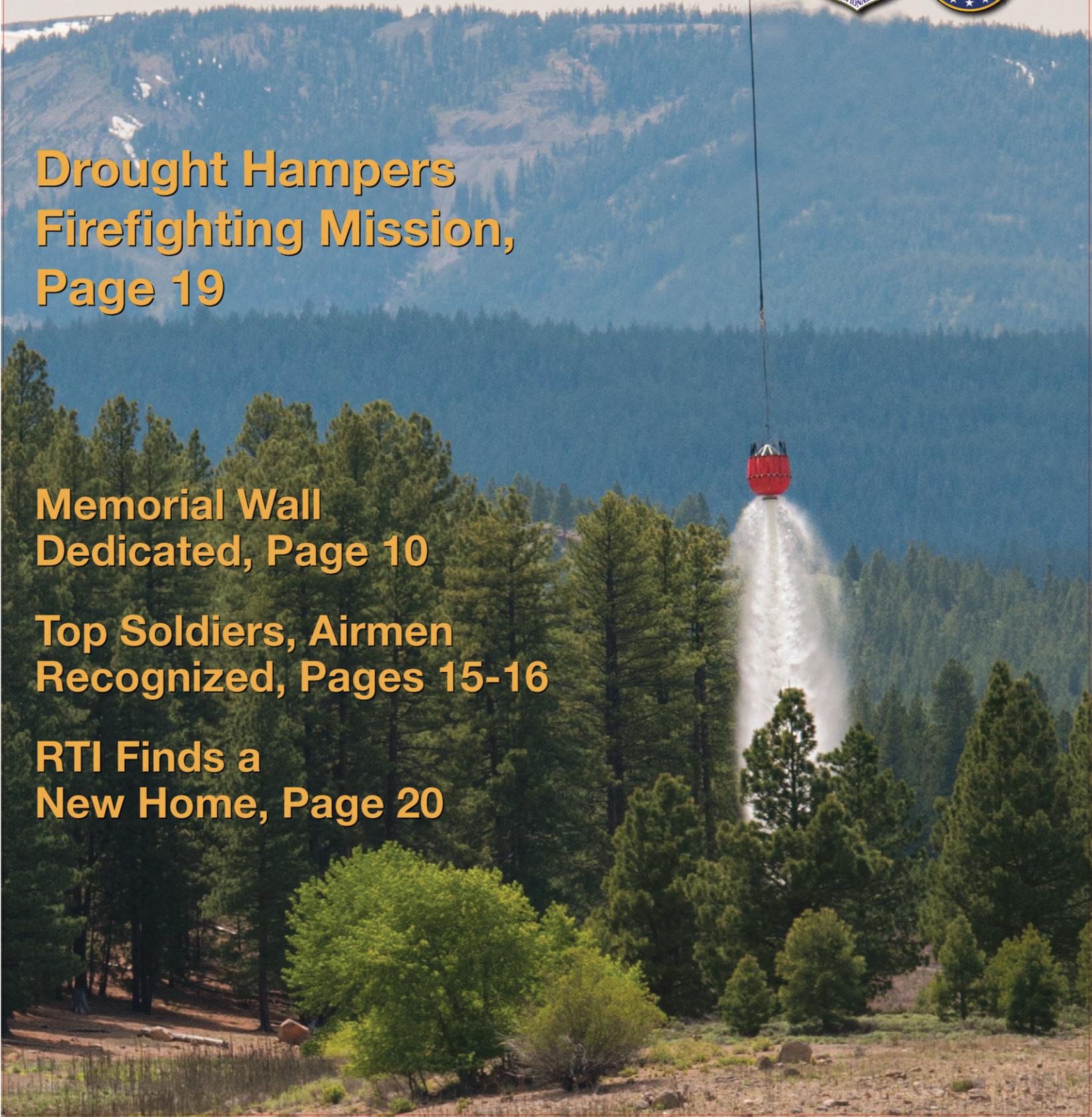


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FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

By Brig. Gen. Robert Herbert
Assistant Adjutant General, Army



From Capitol Hill vantage point, sequestration appears a serious threat

WASHINGTON — Although I've been in the Nevada Guard for decades, many Soldiers and Airmen may not recognize me because I split my time working in the nation's capital and Nevada.

When in Washington, I am a senior policy advisor to Sen. Harry Reid. I've worked for the senator since 1999 and advise him on issues concerning appropriations, defense, veterans, transportation and homeland security.

In the Nevada National Guard, I am the assistant adjutant general and work directly for Brig. Gen. Bill Burks. I serve as Burks' eyes and ears for the Nevada National Guard on Capitol Hill, in the Pentagon and at the National Guard Bureau headquarters in Arlington, Va.

From my vantage point in the capital, the most challenging issue facing the National Guard today is the dramatic budget shortfall resulting from sequestration.

A law passed in 2011, the "Budget Control Act," implemented automatic, across-the-board budget cuts if Congress could not agree on a requisite spending plan for the

federal government.

When sequestration occurs, every Department of Defense account is cut by the same percentage. The across-the-board cuts don't give leaders the flexibility to cut wasteful expenditures and fully fund critical programs. Sequestration will occur in 2016 unless Congress changes the law.

Sequestration has, sadly, pitted the active duty Army and National Guard against each other in a fight for limited resources. Sequestration has weakened the longstanding relationship and camaraderie between the two that had become strong after the two organizations had battled together during a decade of war.

I work closely with Gen. Frank Grass, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, to ensure we avoid a cantankerous relationship with our colleagues and focus instead on defining the future roles of the National Guard and active-duty Army in the nation's military.

Grass testified this spring before House and Senate committees on the fiscal year 2016 National Guard budget and reminded Congress of the National Guard's crucial and

essential role in protecting the country and fighting terrorism at home and abroad.

A familiar cliché states all politics are local and the saying is true. The National Guard has a major advantage over other military entities because of its local ties; every state and territory has an Air and Army National Guard and nearly every congressional district in the country boasts a National Guard Soldier or Airman.

My priority in both my civilian and Guard roles is to ensure the voices of Nevada Guardsmen are heard here in Washington in Congress, at the National Guard Bureau and at the Pentagon.

I enjoy my Army drills in Nevada for reasons other than the fact I love the Silver State. Coming home for drill allows me to interact with all of you and hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities that exist in the Nevada Guard.

Feel free to write me at:
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and send me your thoughts and suggestions so I can better serve you and our organization in Washington, D.C. ■

Farris 1st female brigade commander in Nev. Army Guard

By Sgt. Mike Orton
106th Public Affairs Detachment

RENO — More than 100 Soldiers, friends, and family were at the Army Aviation Support Facility in April to witness history as Col. Joanne Farris became the first female brigade commander in Nevada Guard history, according to Nevada Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan.

Farris assumed command of the 991st Multi-Functional Brigade from Col. Dan Waters, who became the Nevada Army Guard Chief of Staff. Farris now oversees more than 700 Soldiers, including all of the Nevada Army Guard's aviation assets.

"I am so honored to take command of the 991st Multi-Functional Brigade," Farris said. "There is nothing more meaningful than the privilege of leading Soldiers."

Farris, who joined the Guard more than 25 years ago as a private first class and later commissioned from the University of Nevada, Reno, ROTC program in 1991, said she was excited about future opportunities.

"I know this position comes with tremendous responsibilities," Farris said. "I will give the 991st Brigade my very best."

Since 2001, the brigade's units have deployed 13 times.

Hanifan said Farris' previous military experi-



Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton, 106th Public Affairs Detachment. Nevada Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan transfers the brigade colors to Col. Joanne Farris to signal the change of command for the 991st Multi-Functional Brigade in April at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Reno. Farris is the first female brigade commander in Nevada Army Guard history, according to Hanifan.

ence will serve her well in her new role as brigade commander.

"You are coming from a position of strength, having been deputy brigade commander over the last year," Hanifan said of Farris during the change of command ceremony. "You were selected because you have my full confidence that you will lead this organization in a positive direction. You are the right Soldier for this job."

Farris formerly commanded the 1-69th Press Camp Headquarters, which deployed to Bosnia in 1999. She has also served as the Nevada Guard state family program director, Joint Force Headquarters commander, 1-421st Regional Training Institute executive officer and command information officer for the state of Nevada. She also deployed to Afghanistan with the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in 2011.

Farris earned her bachelor's degree from UNR in 1991 and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 2004, the same year she earned her master's degree from Clayton College. She is completing her second year of War College and is scheduled to graduate this summer. ■



Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry stands with his former football coach Mitch Marsch. In the 1970s, Marsch gave Berry sound advice that changed his life. In 2013, Berry thanked Marsch by asking him to pin his general star.

Coach's advice impacted general's life

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Nevada Guard State Historian

RENO – Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry is living proof one succinct conversation can shape an entire life.

After the ceremony that marked his assumption of the command of the Nevada Air Guard in May, Berry said his opinions on leadership were formed during one brief discussion with his high school football coach, Mitch Marsch, in the mid-1970s. At the time, Berry was a sophomore struggling in the classroom and frustrated by racial unjust in southern Indiana.

While a student at William Henry Harrison High School in Evansville, Ind., Berry was bussed from the urban streets to the city's suburbs for classes. He was one of about 50 black students in a school of about 2,000 students, Marsch said.

Early on, Berry struggled as a student. He even participated in a race riot on campus during a time when blacks were beginning to be integrated into predominantly white schools.

"It's impossible to imagine what that felt like for those kids," said Marsch, 73, who taught at Harrison High for 35 years. "It would be like going to a foreign country for us."

Berry, a running back, missed football practice to be at one racially-motivated scuffle on campus.

"It was ugly," said Berry, 56, of Sparks. "My friends said, 'You have to take sides.'"

Marsch did not take Berry's absence lightly. After missing practice, Marsch told Berry

something the sophomore running back would never forget. He said there were better ways than violence to handle challenges and turmoil.

"(Marsch) told me to be part of the problem or part of the solution," Berry said. "He said, 'All throughout life, there's always going to be some sort of challenge you're up against. You can be the influencer or you can be the follower.'"

Berry eventually joined the human relations council that worked to improve race relations at Harrison High.

"We did a lot of good work that year because we never had an issue after that," he said.

Berry went on to play football at the University of Evansville before becoming a police officer in the Reno Police Department in 1980 and eventually joining the Nevada Air Guard in 1986. Today, Berry works as the senior vice president of talent and performance at MGM Resorts International in Las Vegas.

Berry never forgot Marsch's sage advice. In 2013, he asked "Coach Marsch" to pin the stars to his uniform when he became the first black brigadier general in Nevada National Guard history.

"I will never forget what he told me and the impact he had on me at that time in my life," Berry said.

Marsch remained modest about his influence on the general officer who now commands about 1,200 Airmen.

"Ondra persevered," Marsch said. "He did what he had to do to succeed. What part I had, I could not put my thumb on it. It had more to do with Ondra than myself." ■

FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Future mission goals should eclipse past memories

By Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry
Chief of Staff, Commander, Nevada Air Guard

I'm humbled to represent the outstanding Airmen and Soldiers of the Nevada Guard — the most valuable asset in this state — in my role as the new Chief of Staff, Commander, of the Nevada Air National Guard.

Throughout my career, I've referenced an old African proverb and applied it to my own life:

"Care more than others think is wise; risk more than others think is safe; dream more than others think is practical; and expect more than others think is possible."

As we enter the final months of summer, I implore Nevada Guardsmen to dream big and ensure we are the military's organization of choice. When our memories eclipse our dreams, it's a sign of a lack of progression in our lives.

We must put integrity first, service before self and excellence in all that we do.

We must understand, own and tweak our behaviors to become better Airmen, Soldiers, leaders, parents, spouses, significant others and contributing members of society. Just as we maintain situational awareness of our environment, we must maintain situational awareness of ourselves and our behaviors.

Everything in the Nevada Guard is affected by leadership. I know that if I mentor and develop Airmen and Soldiers, other leaders in this organization will do the same. As a result, mission excellence and readiness will follow.

We must all work together to create a high-performing, sustainable organization that meets its strategic, operational and tactical goals. We must best manage our talent to attract, develop, motivate and retain engaged Airmen. To compete and succeed in an ever-changing world, we must create a culture where engaged and proactive Airmen have opportunities to grow, develop and succeed.

I look forward to this opportunity to serve in this new position and I believe the best is yet to come for our state's Airmen and Soldiers. ■



DROP ZONE



Photo courtesy Det. 45

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Jeremy Fenestra (right) of the Nevada Army Guard's Detachment 45, Operational Support Airlift, receives his promotion to the rank of sergeant in Afghanistan this spring. Fenestra and about 15 other Det. 45 Soldiers deployed to Southwest Asia last year and returned home to Nevada in June after spending a year abroad.

EL GORAH, Egypt - Sgt. Nathaniel Hill, a human resource specialist deployed with the Nevada Army Guard's 757th Combat Services Support Battalion in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt with Task Force Sinai, prepares a mock medical evacuation report for a simulated casualty during the task force's Best Warrior Competition held this spring. During the competition, Soldiers completed a number of mental and physical tests that included trauma lanes, physical fitness test, weapons qualification and a formal board. Hill won the competition and was also named the NCO of the Quarter by Task Force Sinai. The Nevada Army Guard held the state's Best Warrior competition a few weeks before the Sinai contest. For more on the state competition, turn to Page 15; for more on the 757th deployment, turn to Page 7.



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

ETHAN ALLEN FIRING RANGE, Vt. – First Lt. Alex Stackhouse of the 757th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion skis toward the finish line of the 4x7.5 kilometer relay during the Chief of the National Guard Bureau biathlon championships in March. The Nevada Guard team finished 13th out of the 23 states that participated in the race. For more biathlon results, turn to Page 21.



Photo by Sgt. Thomas Duval, Task Force Sinai Public Affairs



Photo courtesy 72nd Military Police Company

KABUL, Afghanistan - Soldiers with the Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company take time out for a photo with Michael Vickers, the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, during a transportation and security mission this spring. Vickers was one of many high-profile personnel that the 72nd protected during their deployment that began last September. About half of the 72nd's Soldiers ("Chalk 1") concluded their deployment in June; the second rotation of 72nd troops ("Chalk 2") deployed to Afghanistan in May to relieve the first group. The second group will follow in the footsteps of their fellow policemen and continue to provide security and transportation for NATO leaders, dignitaries and International Security Assistance Force officials. For details on the 72nd's deployment, turn to Page 6.

Egypt



Photo courtesy 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Senior Master Sgt. Adam Liby (second from left) and Senior Airman Andrew Balko (far right) of the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and two active duty Airmen, were treated to a comedy night here with special guest Sinbad. Assigned to the 577th Expeditionary Squadron, the Airmen thanked the longtime comic for his sacrifice and skills. Sinbad was once a member of the U.S. Air Force. The Reno-based Airmen are in the midst of a six-month deployment to Southwest Asia.



Photo courtesy International Affairs Office

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga - Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Sanchez of the Nevada Army Guard's Medical Detachment conducts a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation class in March during a State Partnership Program exchange with the Tonga Armed Forces that focused on combat lifesaving topics. The Nevada Guard has completed seven partnership exchanges with Tonga's Armed Forces since becoming the kingdom's partner in April 2014.

Deployment



A Soldier with the Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company pulls security during the unit's annual training near the North Las Vegas Readiness Center in April. Half of the unit deployed to Afghanistan last year and returned home this spring. The second half deployed in May. The unit's mission in Afghanistan is to provide protective security details for key personnel and officials.

Photo by Maj Mickey Kirschenbaum, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

Combat carousel: 72nd Military Police Co. ready for second Afghanistan rotation

Compiled by Sgt. Michael Orton
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – The second rotation of the 72nd Military Police Company (Chalk 2) prepped for its turn in Afghanistan here at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center this spring in order to hone its skills before traveling to Kabul in May.

They replaced the first rotation of 72nd MPs (Chalk 1), which returned to Nevada in late spring after nine months in Afghanistan. The 72nd military policemen are providing 18 months of personal security for high-ranking officials in Afghanistan through the spring of 2016.

During the training, the MPs practiced protective security details for principal personnel and key leaders. They also conducted key

leader engagements, as well as cordon-and-search procedures inside a simulated Afghan village. A UH-72A Lakota helicopter and paintball guns enhanced the training.



Capt. Richard Owens, a 17th Sustainment Brigade intelligence officer, discusses a scenario during the Warfighter Exercise held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., from April 6-15. More than 200 Soldiers from the 17th SB participated in the training exercise.

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

“This training is extremely important because there will be some VIPs in theater visiting for various reasons and it's important that we safeguard them,” said 1st Lt. Lorenzo Aranda, who will command Chalk 2 in Afghanistan. “As we know, operations are continuing over there and threats still exist.”

The training and environment were ideal for preparing the MPs for what they would be facing while in the combat zone, said 1st Lt. Sebastian Balint, the commander of the 72nd MP Company.

“We throw scenarios at them and simulate attacks to force them to think on their feet. They learn to react to the situations they'll probably see every day,” Balint said. “What this simulates is exactly what happens day-to-day in Afghanistan as we restructure and rebuild Afghan forces.” ■

Roundup



757th enters deployment homestretch

EL GORAH, Egypt – The Headquarters Company Soldiers of the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion are in the homestretch of their deployment here to the Sinai Peninsula in support of the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission.

Upon its arrival last year, the unit was reflagged as Headquarters Company, 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion for the duration of its deployment.

The 757th Soldiers have been busy representing the Silver State. Sgt. Nathaniel Hill won the Task Force Sinai Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and several Soldiers conquered the Norwegian Ruck March, a grueling 18.6-mile timed ruck march.

Others participated in the 29th annual Gander Memorial Ceremony, an event held to honor the 248 Soldiers who were killed when their plane crashed shortly after takeoff in Gander, Canada on Dec. 12, 1985.

The unit's eight-Soldier postal section has delivered 40,400 pieces of mail without incident. The Support Operations section, which directly supports 28 remote sites throughout the region, has completed 171 ground transportation missions with 31,215 miles driven. During those missions, the section delivered 4.2 million gallons of water, 927,000 liters of diesel fuel and 126,000 liters of motor gasoline.

The unit is scheduled to return to Nevada this summer.



Det. 45 finally lands in Nevada

RENO – After spending an unexpectedly long time in Afghanistan, Detachment 45 Operational Support Airlift finally returned home from its deployment in June.

The unit deployed last summer and was expected home nine months later. Instead, the unit recorded a year-long deployment. The



Photo by Sgt. Thomas Duvall, Task Force Sinai Public Affairs
Sgt. William Mariona, left, and Maj. David Evans of the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, currently deployed to the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt as part of Task Force Sinai, carry the Nevada state flag across the finish line of the Multinational Force and Observer's Norwegian Ruck March. The timed event is a grueling ruck march that tests Soldiers both physically and mentally.

unit's Soldiers carried out missions high above the battle ground and provided overwatch for ground troops while continuously gathering intelligence for future missions.

During its time in country, the unit flew more than 5,000 missions totaling more than 10,000 hours of operational time.

Det. 45's missions entailed everything from deliberate operations with multinational forces, recovery of U.S. equipment, force protection, and the gathering of intelligence on individuals and locations, said Staff Sgt. Craig Kenison.

The unit was assimilated into the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion upon its arrival in Afghanistan and conducted its missions while flying King Air 300 aircraft.



17th conquers Warfighter

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. –

The 17th Sustainment Brigade passed one of its final pre-deployment tests this spring and conquered the Warfighter Exercise, a high-tempo, command-post training exercise that allows brigades like the 17th to practice

their mission-essential tasks.

The 17th is set to deploy to Kuwait this winter and the exercise prepared the brigade's more than 200 Soldiers for what to expect during deployment.

The brigade was notionally tasked to oversee the provision of services and supplies to thousands of troops. As a headquarters unit, the 17th isn't responsible for actually moving supplies, but it is required to forecast quantities of future supplies.

On a typical day during the exercise, the 17th oversaw the movement of enough fuel to drive 100 Ford Focuses around the earth six times and enough water to give every Reno resident a bottle of H2O.

The performance of the 17th SB earned praise from retired Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, who served as a senior mentor throughout the exercise.

"The Army would say right now that this is the best-trained mission command group in the Army. So be prepared," Wojdakowski said. ■

Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks, Staff Sgt. Craig Kenison and the Task Force Sinai Public Affairs Office contributed to this report.

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Last Lakota lands in Las Vegas, joins Nevada Army Guard fleet

New helicopter cost \$8.56 million, replaces Kiowas and Hueys

*By Keith Rogers
Las Vegas Review Journal*

NORTH LAS VEGAS – The very last Lakota helicopter acquired by the Army landed here in early spring to become the newest aircraft in the Nevada Army Guard's fleet.

Nevada Guard officials marked the arrival of the new, UH-72A Lakota helicopter to the Army Guard's Limited Army Aviation Support Facility with an unveiling ceremony here in late March. It's the ultimate Lakota of the 212 ordered by the Army and one of only 345 produced.

"It's absolutely a fantastic aircraft. It's a great enhancement for the state of Nevada," said Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks. "I couldn't be prouder that it's named after the Sioux Indian nation, Lakota, because they have a proud nation and this is going to be a proud helicopter for us in the state of Nevada."

The twin-engine, four-blade rotor helicopter joins the Nevada Guard's fleet to serve primarily as a first-response aircraft to domestic contingencies. The new helicopter is set to provide the Nevada Guard an increased capability to respond to potential terrorism events, perform search-and-rescue and medical evacuation operations, and support damage assessment and counterdrug missions.

While in the Nevada Guard's inventory, the Lakota will conduct basic light utility helicopter missions and perform tasks in coordination with other military services, government agencies and nongovernmental organizations.

The Lakota airframe replaces the Vietnam-era UH-1H Iroquois (Huey) and OH-58 Kiowa aircraft in the Army aviation inventory.

The UH-72A is designed to operate in a non-hostile environment. In its medical evacuation configuration, it accommodates a pilot, co-pilot, two patients, one medical attendant with equipment and one additional passenger.

The new Lakota had only 40 hours of operation prior to its delivery from a production plant near Columbus, Miss., when Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kevin Keeler and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Zack Glanz received the aircraft.



Photo courtesy Keith Rogers, Las Vegas Review Journal

The very last Lakota helicopter acquired by the Army landed at the Nevada Army Guard's Limited Army Aviation Support Facility in North Las Vegas in March to become the newest aircraft in the Nevada Army Guard's fleet.

"It's a phenomenal aircraft. It's extremely responsive. It has enough power to accomplish the mission that's it's designed for," Keeler said. "For search-and-rescues, disaster relief, homeland security and homeland defense missions, this is the ideal aircraft."

The Nevada Guard's six Lakotas have more range than its Black Hawk and Kiowa helicopters.

"I can fly from here to Reno on one tank of gas," Keeler said.

The cost for one UH-72A Lakota is \$8.56

million, according to Pentagon figures cited in Aeroweb, the website of Aerospace & Defense Intelligence Report.

Burks said the Lakota is a capable replacement for the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopters that the Army has been phasing out of its inventory.

"The Army is getting rid of all of its Kiowas this year and they're replacing them with this version of the Lakota and also the Apache helicopter. Nevada is very, very fortunate to receive this aircraft," he said. ■

At a glance: UH-72 Lakota

Max weight: 7,903 lbs.

Empty weight: 3,951 lbs.

Capacity: 1-2 pilots and nine passengers

Fast cruise speed: 133 knots (153 mph)

Range: 370 nautical miles

Overall length with blade in front: 42.65 feet

Minimum width with all blades: 36.09 feet

Cabin width with two blades removed: 10.24 feet

Fuel capacity: 220 gallons

Source: Airbus Helicopters

Well-traveled World War II veteran primed for public appearances

By Staff Sgt. Mike Getten
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

CARSON CITY – A well-traveled but dapper 73-year-old World War II veteran is ready to appear at a host of parades and military events across Nevada.

The sharp veteran is a remodeled 1942 Dodge WC-54 3/4-Ton Army Ambulance that's owned by the Department of Veterans Affairs and maintained by the Nevada Army Guard. It made its first public appearance last year in the Veterans Day Parade in Reno. It's set to return to that parade later this year and is likely to be invited to other events and parades.



The cooperative effort between the Veterans Affairs Sierra Nevada Healthcare System hospital in Reno and the Nevada Army Guard to restore the antique vehicle began more than a year ago. Thanks to a dozen Nevada Army Guard volunteers, the ambulance is in pristine condition and traverses parade routes under its own power.

"The ambulance looks fantastic," said Darin Farr, the public affairs officer for the VA hospital. "I can imagine how it looked brand-new back in 1942. The Nevada Guard team did a great renovation job."

The ambulance, donated by a veterans group to the VA hospital, was first delivered to the Army on Sept. 3, 1942. It served with the 386th Bombardment Group in France and England during World War II from July 1942 until the war concluded.

The Dodge 3/4-ton 4X4 light trucks were developed during World War II. Several models were produced but only the ambulance series included a heater, longer wheelbase and adjusted suspension for a softer ride.

The ambulance's odyssey from antique to prized possession began long ago.

"The truck was sitting in the hospital parking lot for years. Then about a year ago, it was determined it had deteriorated beyond what we could do to keep it road worthy," Farr said. "We just didn't have the qualified mechanics available to make the repairs it needed."

Farr didn't want to see the ambulance – which had represented the VA hospital in every Veteran's Day parade since the mid-1970s – retired, so he looked for help to keep the iconic ambulance rolling. The

Nevada Guard answered his call for assistance.

"Last summer, the VA hospital contacted the Nevada Guard to ask if we could assist with making its vintage truck safe to drive in parades and other events," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Christopher Wolfe, the Army Guard's deputy surface maintenance manager. "We took a look at it and discussed it with our mechanics."

"We asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to work on the project for the VA hospital in Reno and had a lot of interest in the project," said Command Sgt. Maj. Greg Cook, the maintenance supervisor at the Central Service Maintenance Shop No. 1 in Carson City. "The team donated a lot of personal time to do what they can for the aging relic and their efforts show."

Rick Lee, a mechanic at CSMS No. 1, became the lead Guard volunteer on the project. A thorough inspection of all the mechanical and electrical systems revealed several problems.

"Our first priority was safety," Lee said. "The team went through each system to make certain it was functioning properly. We were lucky. For the most part, it just needed attention to small details."

While stripping away layers of paint and repairing the body, sandblasting revealed text that proved the 386th Bombardment Group was the original owner of the vehicle. A serial number was also discovered that confirmed the bombardment group owned the ambulance during the war.

Lee searched the internet for more information about the vehicle and was surprised by what he found.

"We knew the markings it came in with weren't correct," Lee said. "We wanted to make everything as close to original as possible. I found a 1942 Army manual that details the proper placement of all the identifying marks. I even found maintenance manual from 1944."

With the Army regulation in-hand, the team created stencils for the paint and made replica data plates to replace missing plates.

"We discovered the ambulance was mostly original parts and we wanted to keep it that way," Lee said. "We made every effort to salvage what we had."

"It looks good and we believe it is safe to travel in once again." ■



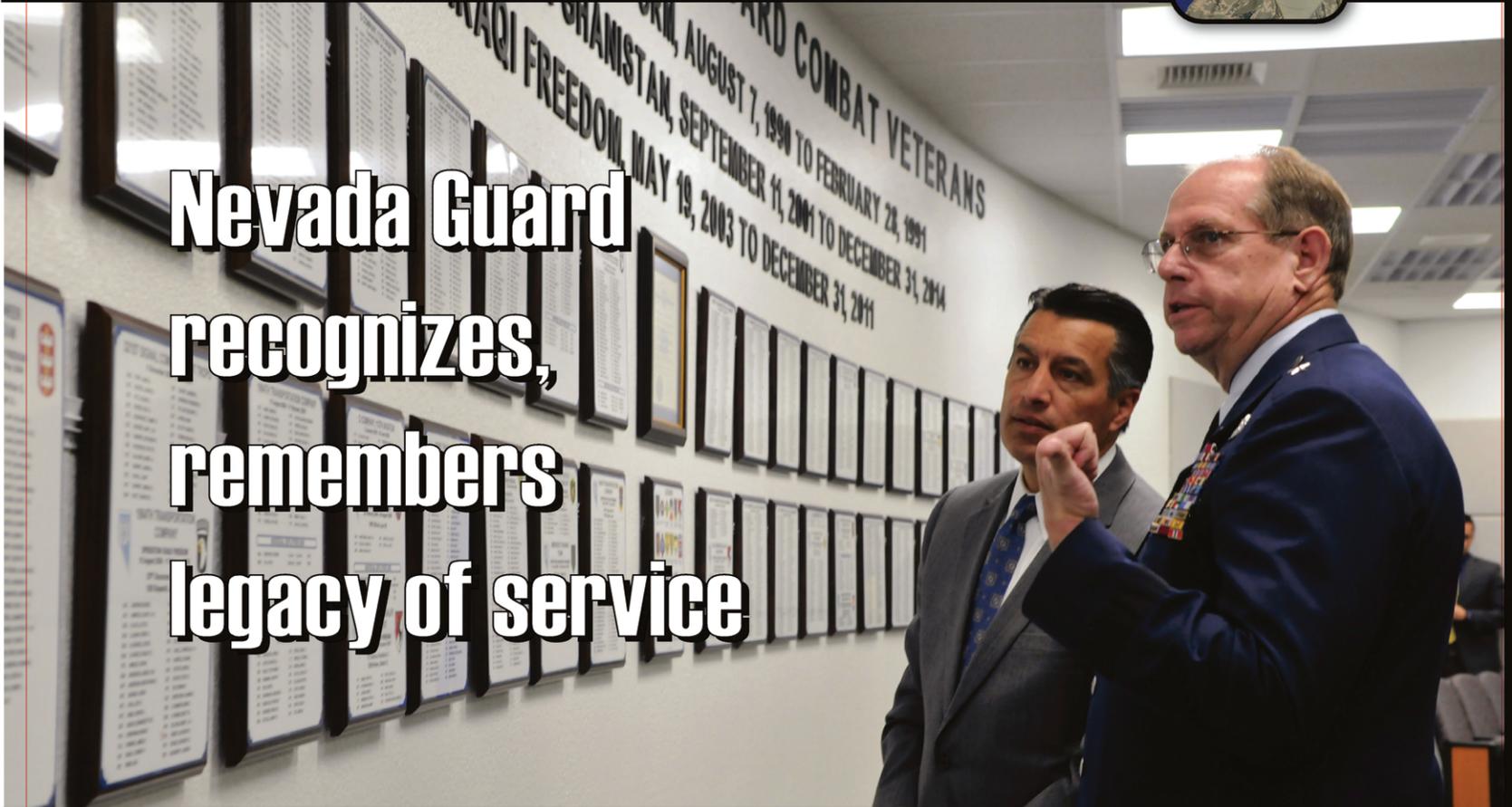
Before photo: Sgt. Michael Getten; after photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, JFHQ
On the behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Nevada Army Guard transportation maintenance volunteers renovated a 1942 Dodge ambulance. The veteran vehicle is now ready for appearances in military parades and events. **Left:** the before-restoration photo; **Right:** the restored ambulance in pristine condition after hundreds of volunteer hours of work.

HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

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



Nevada Guard recognizes, remembers legacy of service



Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, left, and Nevada National Guard Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, read the names and units of Nevada Guardsmen who have deployed to combat operations since the Gulf War. A tribute wall, including the names of about 2,700 Nevada National Guard Soldiers and Airmen deployed into combat zones since the Gulf War, was unveiled in the OTAG auditorium as Sandoval proclaimed April 17, 2015, "Nevada National Guard Combat Veterans Remembrance Day."

CARSON CITY – The collective memory of past wars may fade over time, but present society should steadfastly remember a legacy of service.

That was the message conveyed by officials during two ceremonies recognizing Nevada National Guard combat veterans at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City in April.

Two reminders of Nevada Guard military service were the focal points of the ceremonies. A tribute wall — including the names of about 2,700 Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen deployed into combat zones since the Gulf War — was unveiled in the OTAG auditorium as Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval's proclaimed April 17, 2015, as "Nevada National Guard Combat Veterans Remembrance Day."

Additionally, the Order of the Purple Heart tribute, noting Nevada Guardsman to receive the medal for being wounded or killed in combat, was also unveiled near the entrance of the OTAG.

The tribute wall includes 43 plaques decorated in chronological order by unit on

the back wall of the auditorium. Additionally, it includes the Soldiers and Airmen who served in the Gulf War in 1990-1991.

The three Nevada Army Guard Soldiers who died in combat deployment operations in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom have a small star next to their names.

They are Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Flynn, Sgt. Patrick Stewart and Spc. Anthony Cometa.

Sandoval said the tribute wall was part of a "combined effort to honor Nevada's legacy of service."

"From this day forward, everyone who walks in this building will see the enormous contribution Nevadans have made to this nation," he said.

Nevada Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks called the wall a "living tribute" and emphasized the importance of preserving history. He said the list of names will undoubtedly expand.

"If anyone knows anybody who has a footlocker tucked away in some recess of their garage or attic that may have a bit of the

Guard's history, I ask them to explore it," Burks said.

"Or if you have a mother or father or grandmother and grandfather who served in the Nevada National Guard, come forward because there may be someone we miss in these tributes, or on this wall. We can only honor those we know about it."

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Dave Anderson developed the idea last September after he noticed several other states showcasing similar tributes.

"At the end of the day, veterans deserve recognition," said Anderson, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. "These Soldiers and Airmen were in harm's way and three of them didn't come back. There's been a lot of sacrifice since 2001. The least we can do, as an organization, is to recognize that. It doesn't immortalize these people, it recognizes them."

Military and civilian maintenance personnel recognized for their efforts by Burks during the unveiling included: Command Sgt. Maj. Greg Cook; Staff Sgt. Russell Hottell; Sgt. Nicole Tanaka; Dave Silva; J.B. Thompson; Jeremy Kinney; and Dave Kinney. ■

In addition to the tribute wall recognizing Nevada Guardsman who deployed into combat since the Gulf War, a plaque with names of Nevada Guard Purple Heart recipients was unveiled in April in Carson City. For information concerning the Nevada Order of the Purple Heart tribute (including potential additions), contact Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus, Nevada National Guard state historian, at emerson.b.marcus.mil@mail.mil or 702-265-6301.



Purple Heart Tribute

Spc. Willard D. Hubler III
72nd Military Police Company
27 June 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Spc. Henry Lujan
72nd Military Police Company
27 June 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Spc. Mark A. Carabajal
72nd Military Police Company
20 August 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt. Jeremiah McLoughlin
72nd Military Police Company
20 August 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Spc. Blanca E. Taylor
1864th Transportation Company
1 January 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Chief Warrant Officer 3 John M. Flynn
D Co. 113th Aviation
25 September 2005
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. Patrick D. Stewart
D Co. 113th Aviation
25 September 2005
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. James G. Cyr
D Co. 113th Aviation
4 December 2005
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Robert A. Dallenbach
1/221 Cavalry
4 January 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt. 1st Class David E. Shalles
1/221 Cavalry
24 February 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Spc. Ryan A. Sanshuck
593rd Transportation Company
22 July 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Capt. Patrick A. Arizmendi
1/221 Cavalry
20 January 2009
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Staff Sgt. Derek B. Castro
Embedded Training Team
18 February 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Staff Sgt. Michael D. Davis, Jr.
1/221 Cavalry
9 July 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Jesse J. Ciscar
593rd Transportation Company
1 April 2009
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Staff Sgt. Samuel P. England
1/221 Cavalry
11 April 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. Thomas G. Cinkovich
1/221 Cavalry
3 August 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. Darren E. Hailey
1/221 Cavalry
12 August 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. 1st Class Michael P. Nelson
1/221 Cavalry
12 August 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Ernesto S. Padilla
1/221 Cavalry
12 August 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Cpl. Jared D. Silva
1/221 Cavalry
12 August 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. Alejandro Delpozo
1/221 Cavalry
11 September 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Christopher R. Owens
1/221 Cavalry
19 September 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Dylan S. Cooper
1/221 Cavalry
6 December 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Alejandro J. Alvarez
1/221 Cavalry
8 December 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Michael F. Bacon, Jr.
1/221 Cavalry
8 December 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. William L. Wills III
1/221 Cavalry
8 December 2009
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Alejandro J. Alvarez
1/221 Cavalry
19 January 2010
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. Victor A. Sanford III
1/221 Cavalry
19 January 2010
Operation Enduring Freedom

Spc. William T. Stack
1/221 Cavalry
15 April 2010
Operation Enduring Freedom

Staff Sgt. Anderson F. Munoz
Nevada ADT
18 November 2010
Operation Enduring Freedom

The Nevada Guard Combat Veterans Tribute Wall includes nearly 3,000 names of Nevada Guard Airmen and Soldiers who have deployed since 1990. To report omissions, errors or knowledge of extraordinary Nevada Guard artifacts or stories, contact Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus, the Nevada Guard's state historian, at 702-265-6301 or emerson.b.marcus.mil@mail.mil.

2 storied careers: retired Hawthorne Soldier also Nevada Hall of Fame newspaper journalist

By Lt. Col. Terry Conder
Joint Force Headquarters

HAWTHORNE — After 23 years in the Nevada Army Guard and more than 50 years as a journalist, few Nevadans can match retired Master Sgt. Tony Hughes' collection of incredible stories. In fact, the Nevada Press Association recognized his extraordinary ability to recount news stories by inducting him into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2006.

Hughes' Army Guard career spanned from 1955-1983 (including a break in service). He said he enjoyed every second of his career, which included long stints at units both in Hawthorne and Carson City.

"I tell everyone the National Guard was the best thing that I ever got into. I just loved it," he said.

Some of his military stories should probably remain off the record, but he tells them anyway, including one about a late-night adventure with a Nevada governor.

Hughes, 77, rose to the rank of master sergeant but never attended basic training or advanced individual training.

"When I enlisted, there was no requirement to go to basic training or do any prerequisite training," Hughes said. "I just showed up at drill, they gave me a uniform, and I learned what I needed to know on the job."

Hughes' first drills were at the Hawthorne Convention Center. His unit had about 60 Soldiers.

"We had a 40 mm towed gun and quad .50 anti-aircraft machine guns," Hughes said. "Not long after I joined, they gave us M42 tanks."

The M42 was a 40 mm self-propelled anti-aircraft gun often referred to as the "Duster." It was in service from 1952-1959.

As a civilian, Hughes worked his entire adult life in the newspaper business and eventually became a co-owner of the *Mineral County Independent-News* with his brothers Frank and Ted. As a reporter and newspaper owner, he met many influential people.

"I knew Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan long before he became governor," Hughes said.

O'Callaghan was Nevada's governor from 1971-1979 and had earned a Silver Star as a mortar man during the Korean War. He lost part of his leg in combat. (Both the hospital at Nellis Air Force Base and a bridge near Hoover Dam between Nevada and Arizona are named after O'Callaghan.)

One weekend, O'Callaghan came out to watch the Guard train in Hawthorne. At the end of the day, O'Callaghan sought out



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters
Retired Master Sgt. Tony Hughes of Hawthorne enjoyed two storied careers during his working years. He served 23 years in the Nevada Army Guard and was inducted into the Nevada Press Association Hall of Fame in 2006. The native Mineral County resident now volunteers much of his time at the Hawthorne Ordnance Museum.

Hughes.

"Mike asked me what I had planned for that night," Hughes said. "I told him I had nothing going on. The old mortar man said 'let's go back out to the field and fire some rounds.'"

"So we hopped on a helicopter and flew to the range around 8 p.m. that night. We stayed out there until 1 a.m. firing mortar rounds."

Hughes loved the Guard, but growing family demands and a new mission for his unit caused him to take an early break in his service.

"My kids were growing up and I wanted to

"The best thing about being in the Guard was the people I worked with"
- Retired Master Sgt. Tony Hughes

spend more time with them," Hughes said. "Then the Army gave us M48 tanks. I climbed into one and I felt like I was in a coffin. So I decided to leave the Guard."

As a civilian reporter, Hughes continued to see Guard leaders and was prodded into a return to military service.

"I was good friends with Floyd Edsall, Nevada's Adjutant General from 1967-1979. Every time I saw him, he'd ask, 'When are you going to come back in the Guard, Tony?' That got me thinking," Hughes said.

After conferring with his wife, Hughes rejoined the Nevada Guard in 1972. He took a

position working with Col. William Engel in Carson City. Engel later served as Nevada's adjutant general from 1979-1984.

Hughes retired from the Army in 1983, finishing his career as the first sergeant for the 106th Public Affairs Detachment.

"The best thing about being in the Guard was the people I worked with," Hughes said. "It was really a good experience."

Hughes continued to run the *Mineral County Independent-News*. In 2006, the Nevada Press Association inducted him into its Hall of Fame along with his brothers Frank and Ted.

"The Hughes brothers embody the ideals of the Nevada Press Association with their work ethic, their dedication and their service," said NPA president Matt Huffman in 2006 upon the brothers' induction.

Now completely retired after selling the newspaper in 2011, Hughes is fit, healthy and happy in Mineral County. He stays busy volunteering his time at the Hawthorne Ordnance Museum. A native of Hawthorne, he's never had any desire to live anywhere else.

"I've been really satisfied growing up and living in Hawthorne," Hughes said. "It's a nice place to live."

But he does have one disappointment.

"I'm saddened that there is no Nevada Guard unit in Hawthorne anymore. I think they're missing out by not having an active unit here," he said. ■



NEVADA Hawthorne

AMERICA'S PATRIOTIC HOME

America's Patriotic Home welcoming getaway destination for Guardsmen

Located on the west side of the Hawthorne Army Depot below Mount Grant, the Walker Lake Golf Course is an oasis in the desert for golfers. The uncrowded 9-hole course offers military discounts for Guardsmen.
Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters

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

HAWTHORNE – The citizens of America's self-proclaimed Patriotic Home here have a simple message: Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen are welcome in Hawthorne every day of the year, not just on Armed Forces Day.

Famous for annually hosting one of the nation's largest and longest-running Armed Forces Day celebrations, there's plenty of other military-friendly activities and events in the hub of Mineral County to make it an inexpensive getaway destination for Guardsmen. Hawthorne has about 3,000 residents and is located on U.S. 95 at the south end of Walker Lake 284 miles north of Las Vegas and 134 miles south of Reno.

"Regardless of military branch or status, Hawthorne warmly welcomes all service members," said Nevada Guard veteran and Ordnance Museum docent retired Master Sgt. Tony Hughes, a Hawthorne native (see Page 12). "Whether you want to visit for a weekend or make it your permanent home and raise your family here, Hawthorne is a fantastic place."

It's not surprising Hawthorne emerged as the nation's Patriotic Home, considering the city's economy has been buoyed by defense expenditures since 1930. At times in the city's history, 70 percent of Hawthorne's residents worked in jobs directly supporting the Hawthorne Army Depot, the world's largest ammunition storage depot (147,000 acres) adjacent to the city. (The depot belonged to the Navy and was the U.S. Naval Army Depot from 1930-1977.) Today, there are few active-duty Soldiers assigned to the depot but defense dollars still support the economy, as hundreds of the town's residents work for base operating contractor SOC Nevada LLC.

The town's renowned Armed Forces Day celebration occurs each year on the third Saturday in May. Hawthorne just hosted its 65th annual celebration last spring; only Bremerton, Wash. has marked Armed Forces Day more often with its 67 parades.

"The town usually doubles in size the day of celebration," said Karen Colbert, the treasurer of the Mineral County Chamber of Commerce. "The only limiting factor to how big this event could



Map courtesy Nevada Department of Transportation
Hawthorne is located just south of Walker Lake in Mineral County on U.S. 95

become is the number of hotel rooms in the city." Here are some Guard-friendly ideas for Hawthorne getaways:

Hawthorne Ordnance Museum, 925 E Street, 775-945-5400 – Guardsmen and military buffs are sure to have a blast at the FREE museum that celebrates everything military. Visitors can investigate displays and exhibits featuring ammunition dating back to the early part of the 20th century, as well as an in-depth look at Mineral County's munitions history.

The museum explains why the tiny town of Hawthorne was chosen in 1930 to land the immense Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot and how the city evolved into a military town.

In addition to the ammunitions displays, the

museum features a variety of vintage and classic military uniforms, photographs and newspaper clippings.

Walker Lake Golf Course, 61 Lawrence Road, 775-945-1111 – Walker Lake Golf Course is an unlikely oasis in the middle of the Nevada desert located on the Hawthorne Army Depot base. With its low rates and sparse crowds, it's one of the top courses in the state for beginners.

The course features nine holes spanning 2,744 yards at the base of Mount Grant. The fee for a walking non-member is \$15 (\$20 for 18 holes with cart). Show military identification for a discount. It's likely you may have the course to yourself because only about 20 rounds of golf are recorded each day at Mineral County's lone golf facility.

To reach the golf course, drive to the Army Depot's entrance on U.S. 95 about one mile north of Hawthorne and explain you want to golf. The drive to the course on the west end of the depot includes interesting glimpses of World War II-era military buildings and residences.

Mount Grant Memorial Challenge, www.911challenge.org – Although it doesn't yet rival Armed Forces Day in terms of participants, the 9/11 Mount Grant Memorial Challenge continues to grow in popularity. Held on the second weekend each September, the event is a tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

On the day of the challenge, participants traverse the depot's rural paths and ascend 17 miles to the mountain's 11,239 foot summit. Climbers then receive a ride down the trail back to the depot. The challenge is the lone supported event held annually on the mountain's slopes.

The event is usually limited to 150 participants. For more information regarding this year's challenge, check the event's website or call 775-887-7250. ■

KNIGHTS' TALE: father-son team tackles BEST WARRIOR contest



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Klestinski, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

Staff Sgt. Robert Knight, left, coaches his son, Spc. Michael Knight, during the pistol marksmanship portion of the 2015 Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior Competition. Robert served as Michael's sponsor for the contest; According to Nevada Army Guard officials, it's likely the Knights are the first father-son tandem to team during the Best Warrior Competition.

By Staff Sgt. Shane Klestinski
106th Public Affairs Detachment

STEAD TRAINING SITE – Every competitor in the annual Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior Competition must rely on his or her sponsor for advice, guidance and support.

So it came as no surprise when Spc. Michael Knight, now 22, chose his lifelong guide and adviser – his father Staff Sgt. Robert Knight – to serve as his sponsor during the event contested here in March. Sponsors are crucial to an individual's success and are responsible for their entrant's preparedness, punctuality and health.

According to Nevada Army Guard officials, it's likely the Knights are the first father-son tandem to team during the Best Warrior Competition that includes physical fitness, weapons proficiency and military bearing tests.

"(Having my father as my sponsor) drove me to push myself hard and make him proud," said Michael, who represented B Company, 3/140th Aviation in the competition. "That was the main thing going through my head whenever I was having a hard time."

The two often teamed up during Michael's youth on hunting trips. Michael developed an early interest in hunting while Robert was working for the Reno Police Department. When Michael turned 12, he quickly acquired his hunting license and began to head out to the field with his father.

"He's taught me more about hunting than

I've taught him," Robert said.

After Robert retired from the Reno Police Department, he prioritized military service. He had already recorded eight years of Marine Corps reserve time from 1986-1994 and had attained the rank of staff sergeant.

"I retired from the Reno Police Department in 2008 and I wanted to complete my military time," the elder Knight said. "For a part-time job, I joined the Nevada Guard the same month



After two days of intense competition, Spc. Michael Knight trudges along in the ruck march - the final event of the 2015 Best Warrior Competition.

I retired. That job developed into a full-time job, so the Army Guard is a second career for me."

Robert, 47, of Reno, is currently in D Company, 1/189 Aviation Brigade, and works as a helicopter mechanic.

Robert deployed to Afghanistan in March 2012 with the 1/189th. While overseas, Michael graduated high school and enlisted in the Nevada Army Guard to become a Black Hawk helicopter mechanic. By the time Robert returned, Michael had already completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and most of his advanced individual training at Fort Eustis, Va.

"I wanted to serve and be close to home," said Michael, who still resides in Reno. "I'd grown up in a military environment, hanging out in the helicopter hangers in Stead, so I was comfortable with it. My experiences in my youth had a big influence on my choices after high school."

Michael finished his training in May 2013 and returned to Nevada. By then, his father had already been home from Afghanistan for about a month.

The two Knights often saw each other at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead throughout 2013, but about nine months after Michael returned home from his training, B Company moved to Las Vegas. He still lives in Reno but now commutes to Vegas for his monthly drills.

Tragedy struck the Knight family when Robert Knight Sr., Michael's grandfather, who

HOWARD, MCCLUNG CLAIM

Staff reports

STEAD TRAINING SITE – Spc. Chase Howard of the 593rd Medium Transportation Company and Sgt. Christopher McClung of the 485th Military Police Company topped their respective fields in the 2015 Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior contest here in March.

Howard, 25, of Reno, won the Soldiers' division of the competition by claiming three of the seven events contested. The 593rd truck driver had the highest physical fitness and Warrior skills test scores and he also was first across the finish line in the road march.

McClung, 27, of Carson City, dominated the Noncommissioned Officers' portion of the competition and was first in three of the seven events contested. The military policeman topped the combined rifle/pistol event field, recorded the best day/night land navigation score and also tallied the highest Warrior skills test score.

Nevada's top Warriors advanced to the Region VII Best Warrior competition last spring.

Other top performances in the competition were recorded by:

Spc. Michael Knight of the 3/140th Aviation Regiment won the Soldiers' combined rifle/pistol marksmanship contest; **Spc. Alexis Matute of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion** recorded the Soldiers' best written test and appearance board score; and **Spc. Steven Delozo of the 72nd Military Police Company** had the best day/night land navigation score.

In the Sergeants' contest, **Sgt. Marc Suarez of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion** topped the written test and appearance board; **Sgt. Jazzmene Loftis of the 72nd Military Police Company** had the best physical fitness score; and **Sgt. Robert Graves of 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalion** led the way in the road march. ■



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Klestinski, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

BEST WARRIOR TITLES

Spc. Chase Howard of the 593rd Medium Transportation Company approaches the finish line of the road march event during the 2015 Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior contest in March 15 at the Stead Training Site. Howard won three of the seven events in the Soldiers' division of the event to claim the title of Best Warrior.



Sgt. Jazzmene Loftis with the 72nd Military Police Company puts her land navigation skills to the test during the 2015 Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior contest March 15 at the Stead Training Site.

had served six years in the Marine Corps in the 1960s, died in January. Being Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard gave Robert Jr. and Michael an opportunity to say goodbye in a unique manner. Their status in the Army Guard allowed both Robert and his son to serve as pallbearers during the ceremony alongside Marines from Naval Air Station Lemoore.

"We were able to participate in his funeral together in a manner not allowed unless you are in the military," Robert said. "It was a send-off my father would've really appreciated."

Following the funeral, Michael Knight's unit leadership selected him to represent the 3/140th in this year's Best Warrior Competition. Originally, his sponsor was his first

sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Goodwin, but the 3/140th was set for annual training at the same time as the contest.

Without a senior sergeant available to sponsor Michael during annual training, Goodwin conceived the plan to team the younger Knight up with his father.

"It worked out," Robert said.

Of course, the unique situation included a few awkward moments.

"I have to act differently during the competition versus if we were hunting or fishing," Michael said. "Sometimes I call him 'Dad,' and then I correct myself and say, 'Sergeant! I mean Sergeant!' But I definitely don't regret having him as my sponsor. It was awesome."

The psychology of the situation likely helped Michael's performance, Robert said.

"He takes my advice more to heart than another Soldier would," Robert said. "He doesn't want to let me down. Naturally, it's a stronger bond than you would encounter in a usual Soldier-noncommissioned officer relationship.

"I'm very proud of him."

The awards ceremony that ended the two days of intense competition did not deliver the stereotypical fairy tale ending to the Knight's tale. The overall winner for the Soldier category was Spc. Chase Howard of the 593rd Medium Transportation Company.

However, Michael did take home the Top Gun trophy for the highest combined rifle/pistol score in the competition.

As it turned out, all the time he spent hunting with his father paid off. ■

Top Airmen of 2014

recognized by leaders, peers

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

RENO – The Nevada Air Guard Nevada recognized its outstanding performers of 2014 during its annual Airmen of the Year Banquet earlier this year at the base's dining facility. More than 240 people attended the event.

Retired Army 1st Lt. Andrew LePeilbet was the banquet's special guest of honor. The Vietnam-era veteran won the Distinguished Service Cross for Extraordinary Heroism, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart during his military career. LePeilbet read the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action table script.

The Reno Silver Dollar Chorus quartet opened the event with the national anthem and they also sang The Air Force Song.

Prior to the announcement of the winners, Brig. Gen. David Snyder commended the state's top Airmen.

"The people up here tonight do a lot more than just their job," Snyder said. "They're in the community and they serve as volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club, local high schools, in their churches and with youth organizations. These are people who are out there making a difference.

"They are also absolutely dedicated to significant self-improvement. They're prepared to lead this organization." ■



Photo courtesy 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office
Master Sgt. Marco Trejo of the 232nd Operations Squadron, center, accepts the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award from Brig. Gen. David Snyder, left, and Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry during the 2014 Airmen of the Year Banquet in Reno.



Photo courtesy 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office
Airman 1st Class Rebecca Barber of the 192nd Airlift Squadron receives the 2014 Airman of the Year Award from Brig. Gen. David Snyder, left, and Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry during the Airmen of the Year Banquet in Reno.

THE AWARD WINNERS INCLUDED:

Airman of the Year: Airman 1st Class Rebecca Barber (192nd Airlift Squadron)

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Tech Sgt. Sherdean Din (152nd Force Support Squadron)

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Master Sgt. Marco Trejo (232nd Operations Squadron)

First Sergeant of the Year: Master Sgt. Kevin Brun (152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Lance King (192nd Airlift Squadron)

Honor Guard Member of the Year: Airman 1st Class Emili Conway-Striggow (152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron)

Air Guard nurse a military, civilian health care leader

Courtesy of BestMEDICINE
By Renown Health

RENO — A quick chat with a friend in high school had a life-changing impact for Capt. Jennifer James — one that led to an ongoing 12-year military career with the Nevada Air National Guard and ultimately her civilian and military jobs as a registered nurse.

The topic of conversation was her friend's dad, who worked as a recruiter for the Army.

"I thought it sounded fun," James recounted. "So I reached out to a good friend in the Air National Guard. The next thing I knew, I was signed up."

James, the manager of nursing of an intensive care unit at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno, initially served in the Nevada Guard as an emergency medical technician/certified nursing assistant and is now a registered nurse.

Her current responsibilities as a registered nurse include teaching cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and advanced cardiac life support and training the nursing staff. It's her job to ensure everything is running smoothly and patients are progressing through the health care system.

James said the basics of military and civilian nursing are very similar. She noted her leadership abilities — honed primarily in the military — are skills she uses every day in her civilian occupation.

"As a leader, you are always growing and learning," James said. "With my military experience, I've learned how to be a charge nurse, supervisor and now a manager. The ability to delegate, prioritize and deliver crucial



Photo courtesy Capt. Jennifer James, 152nd Medical Squadron. In this file photo, Nevada Air Guard Capt. Jennifer James, left, and Master Sgt. Jessica Bean stand in front of the military hospital where both worked in Iraq in 2007. Injured military personnel entered the hospital via the Hero's Highway.

conversations — all things I learned in the military — has helped make my civilian job easier."

James said her Renown supervisors encourage and support her National Guard career.

"It's easy for me to balance nursing and the military when I have an employer who is so supportive," James said.

The highlight of her military career so far, she said, was her deployment to Iraq in 2007.

"It's an honor and pleasure to serve our

troops, but caring for people and civilians who needed help in another country was truly a special experience," James said.

"Taking care of the Iraqi civilians who were in the wrong place at the wrong time and seeing their gratitude for medical care they wouldn't otherwise receive was humbling — there are no words to describe how wonderful it was," James said. "There are things that I did and saw there I'll never forget for the rest of my life." ■

Air Guard deployments remain in full flight

Staff reports

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Deployment life hasn't slowed for the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing High Rollers and 232nd Operations Squadron Mustangs. As of late May, more than 50 Airmen were deployed in southwest Asia.

Three members of the services flight of the 152nd Force Support Squadron performed lodging, recreation and dining facility duties at an undisclosed foreign location this spring. The contingent is on a 210-day mission and should return home in mid-July. Staff Sgt. Spencer Kowis is on a back-to-back deployment for the squadron and has been deployed 13 of the last 19 months.

One Airmen from the 152nd Maintenance Group is deployed to Afghanistan on a six-month rotation and about 35 security forces troops are also in the middle of a six-month deployment in Southwest Asia. Based at Ali al Salem, Kuwait, one

Airman is deployed to Afghanistan and others are at al Jaber Air Base in southern Kuwait. The Airmen are performing security and law enforcement duties.

Six Airmen from the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron have been putting in long hours in al Udeid drilling wells, building shade structures and pouring concrete to improve the quality of life on the air base.

A handful of 232nd pilots and maintainers are deployed on a four-month rotation to Afghanistan and Kuwait supporting MQ-1 and MQ-9 operations there.

This summer, about 130 High Rollers from the 152nd Operations and 152nd Maintenance Groups will set out on varying-length deployments to al Udeid, Qatar. Working in tandem with the 165th Airlift Wing from the Georgia Air Guard, the group will take several aircraft and perform airlift and air drop missions throughout the region. ■

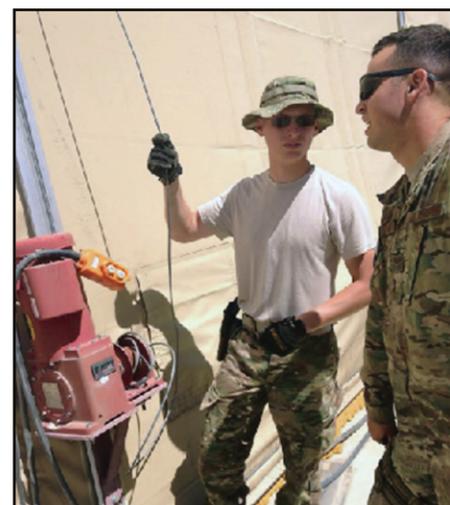


Photo courtesy 577th Expeditionary Squadron. Senior Airman Andrew Balko, left, repairs a lift for a hangar door at the largest airfield in Regional Command-South.

UNR, aviation unit share Wolf Pack logo

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Nevada Guard State Historian

STEAD – The University of Nevada, Reno, Wolf Pack logo on football helmets at Mackay Stadium and at center court at Lawlor Events Center is the same image casualties have seen while boarding Nevada Army Guard Black Hawk helicopters during medical evacuations around the globe for two decades.

The Nevada Army Guard's 1/168th Aviation (MEDEVAC) unit has sported the UNR athletics emblem with its silhouetted blue wolf revealing sharp teeth on its aircraft and used the call sign "Wolf Pack" on both domestic and international missions since 1996. The 1/168th's most recent deployment was in 2013 to Afghanistan. The unit includes seven UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters and 68 Soldiers.

Below the Wolf Pack insignia and above the entrance to each of the unit's seven helicopters is the phrase: "When I have your wounded."

Those were the last words of U.S. Army pilot Charles Kelly — killed during a medical evacuation mission in Vietnam in 1964 — after he was warned that his rescue mission had entered a dangerous location and was questioned if he should return to his base. Over the years, the phrase has evolved into a mantra for U.S. Army aviation units.

Kelly's quote and the Wolf Pack logo are the two unit standards that have welcomed wounded Soldiers entering the unit's Black Hawk during rescue missions since Operation Enduring Freedom began in 2001, said Lt. Col. Rich Ferguson, the commander of the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead. Since 9/11, the unit has deployed three times to Afghanistan and once to Fort Carson, Colo.

Ferguson, the commander of the unit during its first Afghanistan deployment, said he's met people who remember seeing the logo in combat.

While working in Washington, D.C., Ferguson was stopped by a man who asked about the Wolf Pack sports symbol on his jacket.

"A guy came up to me with a limp," Ferguson said. "I was not sure what had happened to him. He asked, 'You're from Nevada?' I said yes and then he explained how he saw the Wolf Pack symbol while being transported from combat in Afghanistan.

"It's emotional for me. It's very uncommon to use a sports team's logo, but then again, so is the pride of being a Nevedan."

Capt. Dustin Peterson, the current commander of the 1/168th, said the sporty call sign and aircraft logo instills a sense of pride in the unit's Soldiers.

"It definitely means a lot to us, especially



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs
Doug Knuth, the athletics director at the University of Nevada, Reno, gives the Wolf Pack hand gesture while aboard a Nevada Army Guard Black Hawk helicopter in April. Knuth was one of five UNR officials who took an orientation flight with the 1/168th Aviation (MEDEVAC) unit, which has displayed the Wolf Pack logo on its aircraft since 1996.

with so many UNR grads in the unit, including me," he said. "It's really nice to have your alma mater featured on the aircraft."

UNR officials including President Marc



Johnson received a first-hand opportunity to see the unit's Wolf Pack helicopters this spring when they took an orientation flight aboard the unit's UH-60L Black Hawks and toured the Army Aviation Support Facility at the Washoe County Armory in Stead.

Johnson said UNR was pleased the unit chose to stencil the Wolf Pack logo on its helicopters and joked no copyright lawsuits were pending. He said he knew the unit was using the emblem for years, but this was his first opportunity to see the Wolf Pack logo on Nevada Army Guard helicopters.

"We're very proud to have a relationship with the National Guard and to have a MEDEVAC unit carry our logo around the world," Johnson said. "And we're very proud to have so many University of Nevada graduates as a part of this unit.

"It's a very important connection." ■



Aviators: Drought dries up water resources

A Nevada Army Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter dips its water bucket into Stampede Reservoir, Calif. in May during wildland firefighting training. Officials worry that the four-year-drought will dry up water resources for the upcoming fire season.

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INCLINE VILLAGE — After four years of drought many state and federal agencies — including the Nevada National Guard — are literally running out of water to fight wildland fires.

From reports of Lake Tahoe’s lowest snow-pack on record to the Colorado River’s worst reported drought in history, the entire state feels the effects. Nevada’s 16 counties are designated as drought disaster areas, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Additionally, the drought also affects aerial firefighting.

“A lot of the dip sites we have used or could use in the past are no longer there because they’ve dried up due to the drought,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Stephen Nielsen, pilot at the Guard’s Army Aviation Support Facility

in Stead.

That means aviators in the Guard and the Nevada Division of Forestry believe they may have to start relying more this year on new techniques.

“Just take Washoe Lake,” said Scott Rasmussen, NDF state fire program manager. “It’s dry. Others will probably be way down if not completely dry. A lot of the rivers, like the Carson River, will be dry by the first part of July, and we won’t be able to dip there. We may have to start looking at different options.”

For example, NDF has the capability to pump water from low-standing sources into portable pools, or “pumpkins,” to pick up and drop on fire lines.

The Guard’s buckets include pumps that can fill the buckets to capacity when the pumps are submerged in at least 18 inches of water. Those bucket pumps are expected to be used more in drought conditions this year

At a glance: Nevada Guard domestic aerial firefighting missions

The Nevada Guard is a supplemental force available to fight state wildland fires. Black Hawk and Chinook crews are deployed annually for domestic firefighting operations.

The Mission: Transport water to fire lines to stop fire advances. Because of the drought, water sources are evaporating, making missions more challenging.

with depleted water sources because of the drought, Nielsen said.

Meanwhile, resource management always presents challenges, not just in drought years, officials said.

Nevada is more than 80 percent federal land where much of the state’s firefighting occurs. But, as NDF State Forester Bob Roper says, “Fires do not respect jurisdictional lines.”

The U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management have air tankers stationed at four air tanker bases around the state (Minden, Stead and Battle Mountain Airport; southern Nevada is served by the air tanker base at Cedar City, Utah). Along with state assets, interagency sharing of aircraft and resources becomes increasingly imperative, Rasmussen said.

NDF — the state’s first line of response in wildland fires — has three Huey helicopters in its fleet. The Nevada National Guard, a supplemental force that works in conjunction with NDF after activation from the governor, has seven UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and seven CH-47 Chinooks stationed at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead. Many of the Guard’s aircraft have deployed to Afghanistan in recent years, but both the 1/168th and 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalions units headquartered in Stead are not set for combat deployments this summer for the first time in several years.

“You get busy fire seasons with only so many assets allocated around the West, but dependent on how many fires there are you need a reserve force to call from and that’s where we come in,” Nielsen said.

“We have a very good relationship with the Guard,” Rasmussen said. “It’s worked well for years. Hopefully it will continue.” ■

1/421st RTI rebounds, regains accreditation at new Las Vegas home

Now located in southern Nevada at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center, the Nevada Army Guard's 1/421st Regional Training Institute passed the most important test in its history and regained its accreditation authority in May after a close examination by National Guard Bureau and Training and Doctrine Command officials. The RTI is now re-certified to instruct Soldiers in the 25 (signal corps), 31 (military police), and 88 (motor transport operator) series of military occupational specialties.

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Last year, the 421st lost its authority to certify that its graduating students met military standards, essentially nullifying the organization's entire mission, said Lt. Col. Rich Ferguson, the commander of the RTI.

The Army School System originally removed the RTI's accreditation authority entirely, but it later placed the school on probationary status for one year to give the RTI time to reorganize and meet requirements. The review marked the culmination of months of hard work by the RTI staff to regain the school's accreditation.

"This was a team effort and the staff has made some fantastic improvements. What I recognize is that there is obviously state support, which is critical," said Dave White, a

TRADOC re-accreditation official. "The end result is I will go back to TRADOC and tell them the 421st is ready to reassume its accreditation authority."

One of the biggest changes the RTI made in order to fulfill some NGB fiscal requirements was to move from Reno (at the Stead Training Site) to Las Vegas.

The move south made sound economic sense. According to Ferguson, the 421st was last in the nation in terms of cost per student among the nation's regional training institutes. The RTI's average cost per student before probation was \$6,289, but after



File
Students run during physical fitness training at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center. The NLVRC currently houses the Nevada Army Guard's 1/421st Regional Training Institute which recently transitioned from northern Nevada to its new home in Las Vegas. The RTI regained its federal accreditation status earlier this spring after restructuring and reorganization to improve costs and efficiency.

restructuring, it will eventually drop to \$3,765 per student.

Costs will decrease even more when the Army Guard builds a new home for the 421st near Nellis Air Force Base so students can use Nellis' dining facilities and billeting, Ferguson said.

Personnel was another issue for the RTI in 2014 as the RTI's TASS readiness rating of 30 percent was far below the national average of 84 percent. The low rating was partially due to a lack of qualified Soldiers in essential positions, Ferguson said. Ferguson is confident Nevada's RTI will attain a national average readiness rating by the end of the 2015 training year.

Several Nevada Guard units promise to assist the school by transferring well-qualified Soldiers to the institute to become instructors and leaders and ensure the school retains its accreditation decades into the future, said Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio, the 421st sergeant major. Many highly-qualified Soldiers have already transferred or will soon transfer.

The RTI will no longer conduct the Nevada Army Guard's Officer Candidate School program. That course has been transferred to the Recruiting and Retention Battalion.

The next major test for the RTI is an accreditation evaluation for the signal curriculum in 2016, White said. The 25 series instruction is the 421st's most popular course. ■

COMPETITIONS

150th Soldier blends, mixes culinary skills to win Silver Chef title

By Sgt. Walter Lowell
17th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – Staff Sgt. Samuel Wright's mixture of culinary skills blended perfectly during the Nevada Army Guard's Silver Chef competition in March as the 150th Maintenance Company cook won first place in the contest held at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center.

Four Soldiers in two teams representing the 150th Maintenance Company and 777th Forward Support Company participated in the event.

Each team prepared three pre-selected dishes within strict time and budget restraints, said state food service adviser Sgt. Vera Salazar, who cooked up the rules for the competition.

Salazar said the competition was inspired by popular shows on television and her desire to bring attention to a military occupation often overlooked by Soldiers.

The 777th team included first cook Spc. Aaron Lewis and senior food operations Staff Sgt. Michael McFarlane. The 150th team was composed of Staff Sgt. Samuel Wright and first cook Sgt. Darrell Hurlburt.

Nevada Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan and state sergeant major Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki attended the event to display their

support for the state's food service Soldiers.

Both teams were judged based on their preparation of a vast menu that included; spinach and apple salad; orange and rosemary honey-glazed pork chops; spiced fruit cup; and a dessert option of either lemon cookies, banana-coconut cream pie, Boston cream pie or chocolate mousse pie.

Each team received the recipes to feed 100 Soldiers according to military standards but

then had to calculate new recipes to feed 25 judges and guests.

The teams had a 2-hour time limit to shop for ingredients at a local grocery store and then two hours to prepare, cook and serve the three-course meal.

"The cooks were scored on their unique preparation of their respective dishes with an emphasis on creativity and presentation," Salazar said.

Points were deducted if the teams left out required ingredients, failed to meet a deadline, or did anything in an unsanitary manner.

In heated competition, the two teams cooked in close quarters with a limited number of utensils. The teams remained friendly, however, and shared utensils, pots, pans and even cooking space.

The teams then presented their meals to the guest judges and described their entrees in detail. The guest judges included Linda Burns, the hospitality program leader at the Southwest Career and Technical Academy in Las Vegas and two of her students, Erin Celestine and Carlos Pena.

"Culinary (arts) have been very trendy over the last few years," Burns said. "This competition is something people would likely want to watch and hear about because everybody likes competition, reality shows and food." ■



Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell, 17th Sustainment Brigade
Sgt. Darrell Hurlburt, foreground, and Staff Sgt. Samuel Wright of the 150th Maintenance Company prepare a meal during the Silver Chef cooking contest in March. Wright won the culinary competition to earn the title of Silver Chef within the Nevada Army Guard.



Biathlon team claims 3 top-20 places at Guard championships

Staff report

ETHAN ALLEN FIRING RANGE, Vt. - Three top-20 places by Nevada Guard biathletes highlighted the Silver State's skiers efforts here at the 40th annual Chief of the National Guard Biathlon Championships in March. A record 150 athletes from 23 states participated in the events that tested the National Guard's top skiers and marksmen.

The Nevada Guard's top result was 13th in the 4x7.5 kilometer relay race. The relay team included 1st Lt. Alex Stackhouse (757th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion), 2nd Lt. Jessica Miller (Medical Detachment), Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka (Joint Force Headquarters) and Spc. Jason Bang (Medical Detachment). The team completed the 18.6-mile course in 3 hours, 18 minutes, 3 seconds and hit 19 of its 40 shots at the 50-meter

range.

The biathlon team from the Vermont National Guard, including Tahoe-Truckee High graduate Spc. Jordan McElroy, claimed the gold medal in the relay race.

The same Nevada crew finished 14th in the 15-kilometer military patrol race on March 4. The team skied the 9.3-mile course in 1:44 and hit 100 percent of its targets.

Up front, Minnesota's team surprised Vermont to take the top spot on the podium with the time of 49:59.

Individually, the top performance was recorded by Miller in the senior women's 10-kilometer pursuit as she finished 14th in 2:13:24.

The team was coached by Staff Sgt. Joe Rutski from the Medical Detachment.

Every Nevada Guard Soldier and Airmen is eligible to compete for the Nevada Guard's biathlon team. ■

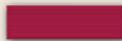


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, JFHQ
First Lt. Alex Stackhouse, right, hands off to 2nd Lt. Jessica Miller during the 4x7.5 kilometer relay in March at the Chief of the National Guard Biathlon Championships at the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Vermont. The Nevada Guard's relay team finished 13th.

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 SGT Christopher Bushey 485th MP Co
 SPC Eric Lundin 485th MP Co
 SPC Zachariah Zeise 485th MP Co
 SSG Chasity Orr 593rd Trans Co
 SGT Megan Steffey 593rd Trans Co
 SGT John Meteer 593rd Trans Co
 SPC John Brown 593rd Trans Co
 SSG Cameron Sather 593rd Trans Co
 SSG Wesley Brockman 593rd Trans Co
 SPC Joseph Lash 593rd Trans Co
 CPT Starr Chilson 17th Sustainment Bde
 SFC Jose Contreras JFHQ
 SGT Timothy Stephenson JFHQ
 CW2 Jonathan Wesley JFHQ
 CW2 Hermes Yen JFHQ
 1LT Sarah Kennard NVARNG Medical Det
 SSG Tara Pushkin NVARNG Medical Det
 CPT Geraldine Reyes NVARNG Medical Det
 SFC Nancy Sanchez NVARNG Medical Det
 SPC Nicholas Richardson 72nd MP Co
 SPC Wyatt Henningsen 72nd MP Co
 SPC Kevin Bonilla 72nd MP Co
 SPC Steven Delpozo 72nd MP Co
 SPC Manuel Gonzalez 72nd MP Co
 SPC Thelma Padilla 72nd MP Co
 SPC Dylan Smith 72nd MP Co
 SGT Hector Navarrete 72nd MP Co
 SPC Kristina Atia 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Tritawat Bhunyasirot 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Joshua Bowen 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV2 Christina Chavez 100th Quartermaster Co
 SGT Albina Karimova 100th Quartermaster Co

PFC Sara Lee 100th Quartermaster Co
 SGT Stephen Mitchell 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Ana Nunez 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC James Paragas 100th Quartermaster Co
 PFC Melissa Saludares 100th Quartermaster Co
 SGT Cystal Sanchez 100th Quartermaster Co
 SGT Keith Sanchez 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Mike Villareal 100th Quartermaster Co
 SGT Bobby Coffman 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Mark Tudela 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Callye Russell 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC David Cash 137th MP Det
 SPC Jeremy Fox 137th MP Det
 SGT Ivan Gonzalez 137th MP Det
 SPC Justin Sample 137th MP Det
 SGT Adrian Seijemei 137th MP Det
 PFC Steven Cobb 137th MP Det
 SPC Angel Serran-Cota 240th Engineer Co
 SGT Christopher Hall 240th Engineer Co
 CW4 Jeffrey Ducharme 991st Multi-Functional Bde

Army Good Conduct Medal



SSG Ryan Moorebase 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn

Military Outstanding Volunteer



MAJ Ronald Mckimmy JFHQ

Order of Nevada



LTC Terry Conder JFHQ
 LTC James Walker JFHQ
 CW4 Christopher Wolfe JFHQ
 CMSgt Charles Allen 152 Log Readiness Sqdn
 CMSgt Robert Taulman 152 Security Forces Sqdn

Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



SMSgt David Tilley 152 Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SMSgt Debra Graham 152 Force Support Sqdn
 MSGT John Albertson 152 Log Readiness Sqdn
 MSGT Cory Beattie 152 Maintenance Sqdn

Nevada Medal of Merit



SSG Brent Peden 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 TSGT Tristen Cornett 152 Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 MSGT Aaron Dawson 152 Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 MSGT Robert Marshall 152 Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 CMSgt James Warner 152 Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 CAPT Jennelle Kimsey 152 Force Support Sqdn
 SRA Brian Henning 152 Maintenance Sqdn
 TSGT Linden Maples 152 Maintenance Sqdn
 MSGT Curtis Martin 152 Maintenance Sqdn
 TSGT Calvin Reynolds 152 Maintenance Sqdn
 SRA Joshua Smith 152 Maintenance Sqdn
 SGT Oreana Henry NVARNG Medical Det

Nevada State Commendation Medal



SGT William Frederick G1
 1LT Michelle Dieters Education Office
 SGT Monique Peden JFHQ
 CIV Sandra McCord OTAG HRO
 1LT Michelle Dieters 17t Sustainment Bde
 SGT William Frederick 757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
 MSG Michael Eaton JFHQ
 SGT Christopher Sabatini JFHQ

Nevada Outstanding Airmen Ribbon



TSgt Sherdean Din152 Airlift Wing
A1C Rebecca Barber192 Airlift Sqdn
MSgt Marco Trejo232 Operations Sqdn

Adjutant General's Outstanding Graduate Award



2LT Felicia Booth150th Maint Co
SFC Luciana Irenze150th Maint Co
SFC Epifanio Rodarte1/189th Avitaion Co AV
SSG Jason Fincher757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
SSG Dennis Kemp757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
SSG Michael FrazerJFHQ
SSG Ronald SeagravesJFHQ
PVT Everett AlfreyNVARNG Rec/Ret
PVT Jacob BacaNVARNG Rec/Ret
PV2 Christopher BrownNVARNG Rec/Ret
PV2 Jada GonzalesNVARNG Rec/Ret
PV2 Perrin HamiltonNVARNG Rec/Ret
SSG Sara HargerNVARNG Rec/Ret
PV2 Arther NafarreteNVARNG Rec/Ret
PFC Katrina PersaudNVARNG Rec/Ret
PV2 Ethan FredstiRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PVT Katelynn LewisRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PVT Marcus MccollumRecruit Sustianment Pgm
SPC Jessica MillerRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PFC Sergio OregelRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PV2 Noel RodriguezRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PV2 Brittney SmithRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PVT Benjamin VanceRecruit Sustianment Pgm
PFC Tyvon WarrenRecruit Sustianment Pgm

Nevada First Sergeant Ribbon



MSgt Jason Farnsworth152 Medical Grp
MSgt Christopher Crawford152 Mission Support Grp
1SG Joseph Loader1/421st Regional Tng Inst
1SG Edward Franco422nd Exped Signal Bn
SGM Michael Ariztia991st Multi-Functional Bde
CSM Patrick Moore991st Multi-Functional Bde
1SG Bryan Soule991st Multi-Functional Bde

Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



A1C David Diegel152 Maintenance Sqdn

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Mary DevineJFHQ
Joanne Farris991st Multi-Functional Bde
Robert RidoutNVARNG Medical Det

MAJ/Maj

Scott Adair991st Multi-Functional Bde
Joseph ClarosJFHQ
Jeffery FigueiredoJFHQ
Phillip Gingrich1/221st Cavalry
Scott KathermanJFHQ
Shelly LubbeNVARNG Medical Det

CPT/Capt

Jeremiah Benardis3/140th Aviation Det
Troy Dandrea17th Sustainment Bde
Richard GilbertiNVARNG Rec/Ret
Jeffery GreerDet 45 OSA
Willard Hubler240th Engineer Co

Patrick HurleyNVARNG Medical Det
David Tole757th Combat Sust Spt Bn

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Edward HollerJFHQ
David JacksonJFHQ

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Edward Franco422nd Exped Signal Bn
Julio Guerrero422nd Exped Signal Bn
Michael Nelan152 Civil Engineer Sqdn
Michael Del Soldato152 Security Forces Sqdn
Gilberto Carrera232 Operations Sqdn

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Frederick Bartolomy92nd Civil Support Team
James Churches17th Sustainment Bde
Michael Clark1/421st Regional Tng Inst
George Condos777th Forward Spt Co
Ronald HagueNVARNG Medical Det
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Maria SpenglerJFHQ
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Jason Huth152 Mission Support Grp

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Adalberto Chavez152 Civil Engineer Sqdn
Cecil Levy152 Civil Engineer Sqdn
Amy Baker152 Force Support Sqdn
William Hartzler152 Maintenance Grp
Kathy McEwen152 Medical Group
Darren Pruden152 Security Forces Sqdn
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David EllisI Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Joseph Irenze137TH MP CO REAR
Howard Kemple422nd Exped Signal Bn
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Precious Lapuz422nd Exped Signal Bn
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David Morris152 Civil Engineer Sqdn
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Geane Weaver152 Log Readiness Sqdn
Michael Taylor152 Log Readiness Sqdn
Tyler Richards152 Maintenance Sqdn
Joseph Agrellas152 Maintenance Sqdn
Amanda Lindsey152 Medical Group
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Anthony Williams152 Military Operations Fit
Ruby Barrera152 Operations Supt Sqdn
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Charles Burow152 Maintenance Sqdn
Cody Hessler152 Maintenance Sqdn
Sonia Hernandez152 Maintenance Sqdn
Carson Fisher152 Maintenance Sqdn
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Seth Tuia152 Operations Supt Sqdn
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Elliot Canaday152 Security Forces Sqdn
Jonathan Van Engen152 Security Forces Sqdn
Sarah Hunt152 Security Forces Sqdn
Sean Bird192 Airlift Sqdn

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Sabrina Helmers152 Maintenance Sqdn	Jason Jeffries	100th Quartermaster Co	Peter Cothery1864th Trans Co
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Brittnee Dolley152 Medical Grp	Arnoldo Hernandez137th MP Det	Vinson Valdez1864th Trans Co

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Roy Stuart	240th Engineer Co	Robert Dawson	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Shannatel Huffsteter	72nd MP Co
Jose Fernandezcanfuch	240th Engineer Co	Stanley Snyder	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Corene Brooks	72nd MP Co
Brandon Kennedy	240th Engineer Co	Casey Niles	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Jessica Sanchez	72nd MP Co
Jessie Amador	240th Engineer Co	Sean Rawlins	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Osvaldo Rinconmendez	72nd MP Co
Antwaun Thomas	240th Engineer Co	Corey Soderberg	422nd Exped Signal Bn	James Nieblas	72nd MP Co
Nyamdelger Jalbajav	240th Engineer Co	Paul Schmidt	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Jazzmin Avalos	72nd MP Co
Jose Cortezgonzalez	240th Engineer Co	Reese Johnson	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Andrew Struck	72nd MP Co
Valencia Dickens	240th Engineer Co	Jomar Bejo	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Sean Orouke	72nd MP Co
Anthony Broady	240th Engineer Co	James Martens	485th MP Co	Vanessa Struck	72nd MP Co
Edgar Ruizrocha	240th Engineer Co	Matthew Buist	485th MP Co	Gabriel Uy	72nd MP Co
Jonathan Lee	240th Engineer Co	Isaac Gray	485th MP Co	Stevie Templeton	72nd MP Co
Christopher Losbanez	240th Engineer Co	Christopher Christiansen	485th MP Co	Andre Gonzalez	72nd MP Co
Muradnasser Jones	240th Engineer Co	Toby Spencer	485th MP Co	Karina Ramirez	72nd MP Co
Sterling Scott	240th Engineer Co	Leslie Mirandaquintana	485th MP Co	Damien Hatton	72nd MP Co
Makayla Spadafora	240th Engineer Co	Mychale Mcguire	485th MP Co	Christopher Varner	72nd MP Co
Patrick Johnson	240th Engineer Co	Chantel Hodges	485th MP Co	Jeremy Poolhill	72nd MP Co
Milton Reeve	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Mathew Fenlason	485th MP Co	Qwade Huff	72nd MP Co
Jason Fitzpatrick	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Kevin Noyolasilva	485th MP Co	Reyana Moore	72nd MP Co
Ryan Castano	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Autumn Blattman	485th MP Co	Leonardo Cabadas	72nd MP Co
Jaime Landaverde	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Brian Singson	485th MP Co	Mica Copeland	72nd MP Co
Karlo Samiling	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Carlos Cruz	485th MP Co	Aurelio Marinez	72nd MP Co
Robert Honeycutt	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Anttonya Thomas	485th MP Co	Michael Dacken	72nd MP Co
Marcos Ferrer	277th Engineer Haul Plt	Jesus Ramos	485th MP Co	Jesse Swigart	72nd MP Co
Yvette Hernandez	3/140th Aviation Det	Amanda Nelson	485th MP Co	Michael Perez	72nd MP Co
Colby Gillis	3/140th Aviation Det	Christina Perry	485th MP Co	Cynthia Johnson	72nd MP Co
Carl Martinez	3/140th Aviation Det	William Picton	485th MP Co	Joshua Sasser	72nd MP Co
Jason Johns	3/140th Aviation Det	Casey Carne	485th MP Co	Keanu Brooks	72nd MP Co
Adrian Grajeda	3/140th Aviation Det	Karolina Perez	485th MP Co	Benjamin Holden	72nd MP Co
Jeremy Lontayao	3/140th Aviation Det	Aaron Clark	485th MP Co	Jessica Narvaez	72nd MP Co
John Cooley	3/140th Aviation Det	Anthony Carter	485th MP Co	Sean Grube	72nd MP Co
John Trout	3665th Ordnance Co	Laural Whisenant	485th MP Co	Roger Arriola	777th Engineer Det
Michael Zook	3665th Ordnance Co	Lucus Jenkins	485th MP Co	Christian Hammond	777th Engineer Det
Zachary Herr	3665th Ordnance Co	Bryan Bedoy	485th MP Co	Austin Burgueno	777th Engineer Det
Michael Carreon	3665th Ordnance Co	Baron Bement	593rd Trans Co	Jorge Garcia	777th Forward Spt Co
Joseph Stoffel	3665th Ordnance Co	Marisalena Perez	593rd Trans Co	Lizette Rios	777th Forward Spt Co
Issaac Moon	3665th Ordnance Co	Wesley Huneycutt	593rd Trans Co	Joseph Bunting	777th Forward Spt Co
Rosa Anayapedroza	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Cindy Roblestrejo	593rd Trans Co	Syena Harshawcox	777th Forward Spt Co
Andrew Barton	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Joseph Young	593rd Trans Co	Marquise Franklin	777th Forward Spt Co
Conor Czyzniejewski	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Nicholas Johnson	593rd Trans Co	Jeffreen Rebibes	777th Forward Spt Co
Angelica Perez	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Arthaporn Chianchitlert	593rd Trans Co	Brandon Garciasazo	777th Forward Spt Co
Jose Madrid	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Edwin Delarivasalgado	593rd Trans Co	Adrian Castaneda	777th Forward Spt Co
Emmanuel Barba	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Ralph Abad	593rd Trans Co	Leif Dawson	777th Forward Spt Co
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Andre Lagance	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Daniel Garibayangel	593rd Trans Co	Zachary Brown	777th Forward Spt Co
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Aquavion Winbush	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Michael Seymour	593rd Trans Co	Wolfgang Snyder	777th Forward Spt Co
Martin Pineda	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Johnathan Bagley	593rd Trans Co	Briana Lopez	777th Forward Spt Co
James Davidson	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Morgan Mcroberts	593rd Trans Co	Kenneth Langevin	777th Forward Spt Co
Tania Resgonia	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Erick Boll	593rd Trans Co	Sadina Martin	777th Forward Spt Co
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Pauline Eliseeff	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Joseph Cianella	72nd MP Co	Todd Anderson	JFHQ
Howard Kemple	422nd Exped Signal Bn	Corey Coaley	72nd MP Co	Casey Avery	JFHQ
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 Amanda Rivera 1/221st Cavalry
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Nevada Guard names new SEL, Air Guard Chief

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
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RENO – The Nevada National Guard's enlisted leadership staff underwent multiple changes this spring.

Nevada Army Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki replaced Nevada Air Guard Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry as the state's senior enlisted leader, a position created six years ago to provide the adjutant general and the senior leadership team an adviser on enlisted issues.

Additionally, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Drisdale assumed the role as state command chief of the Nevada Air Guard.

Scurry, who has announced he will retire, was both SEL and state command chief at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City. Scurry became the second Nevada SEL when he took the position in April 2013 and replaced Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Sitton.

Kopacki will now hold two positions: SEL along with the position he already holds as Nevada Army Guard state command sergeant major.

"I can't thank Chief Scurry enough for the job he has done," Nevada National Guard Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, said during the change of authority ceremony in May at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. "Over the last year and a half I've really developed an appreciation for the work Command Sgt. Maj. Kopacki has done, too. I know he will pick up right where Chief Scurry left off and take us to additional heights."

Kopacki enlisted in 1984. He has served multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and as battalion command sergeant major of the 992nd Troop Command in Las Vegas before coming to Carson City.

"I will continue to provide (Brig.) Gen. (Michael) Hanifan with the same support I've provided him over the last couple years," Kopacki said in May. "Additionally, I promise I will be the voice to the adjutant general on not only Army issues, but also Air issues and concerns also."

In his speech, Kopacki said he had been reading up on the Air Force and joked about how



Changes coming to the Nevada National Guard's enlisted command staff include Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki, left, taking over as the state enlisted leader from Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry, right, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Drisdale, middle, is now the Nevada Air Guard's state command chief replacing Scurry. Scurry is set to retire.

working closely with the Air Guard made his father, a former Air Guardsman, pleased that his son had "finally got on a winning team."

Drisdale moves into his new role after serving as the 152nd Medical Group's superintendent and senior health services technician.

"Thank you for this opportunity for me to continue to give back to a military organization that I personally owe so much," Drisdale said. ■



The Nevada Army Guard's computer network defense team includes, left to right: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Etrik Eddy, Staff Sgt. Ron Seagraves, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Heather Case-Hall, Sgt. 1st Class Ken Hodes and Sgt. Marcus Soulier. Photo courtesy J-6 Communications Section

Simple tips can safeguard security



By CW3 Heather Case-Hall
Computer Network Defense Team

A quick scan of your home's locked doors and windows allows you to promptly double check your physical security. But double checking your online security, including finance, credit card and medical information, is far more complicated.

In order to double check the online security of the Nevada Army Guard, a computer network defense team was formed to check the proverbial windows and doors of the state's technology network.

This spring, the team of eight Soldiers performed a statewide security audit of the Nevada Army Guard network. The two-week exam tested the communication network, the public website, interacted with users and databases and aimed to increase security awareness throughout the Nevada Guard.

Here are a few tips to keep you, your family and your finances safe:

The unexpected and unusual: While something unusual to you might not be considered weird to those who fix your computer, you use your computer every single day and can tell when something is different. The CNDT recommends reacting to a computer issue the same way we were trained to react to fire: stop, drop and roll.

Stop what you're doing, **Drop** a line to your favorite computer

expert and then **Roll** over to the information technology section personnel in Carson City. If you are remote and unable to visit the information technology office, be sure to keep them apprised of the unusual occurrence.

Passwords are Passé: The CNDT encourages people to forego passwords and use passphrases instead. The ideal passphrase is 15 characters in length and a combination of numbers, upper, lower and special characters.

Who can remember something that long? The CDNT suggests that if your passphrase is actually a sentence or phrase; it is far more memorable and secure.

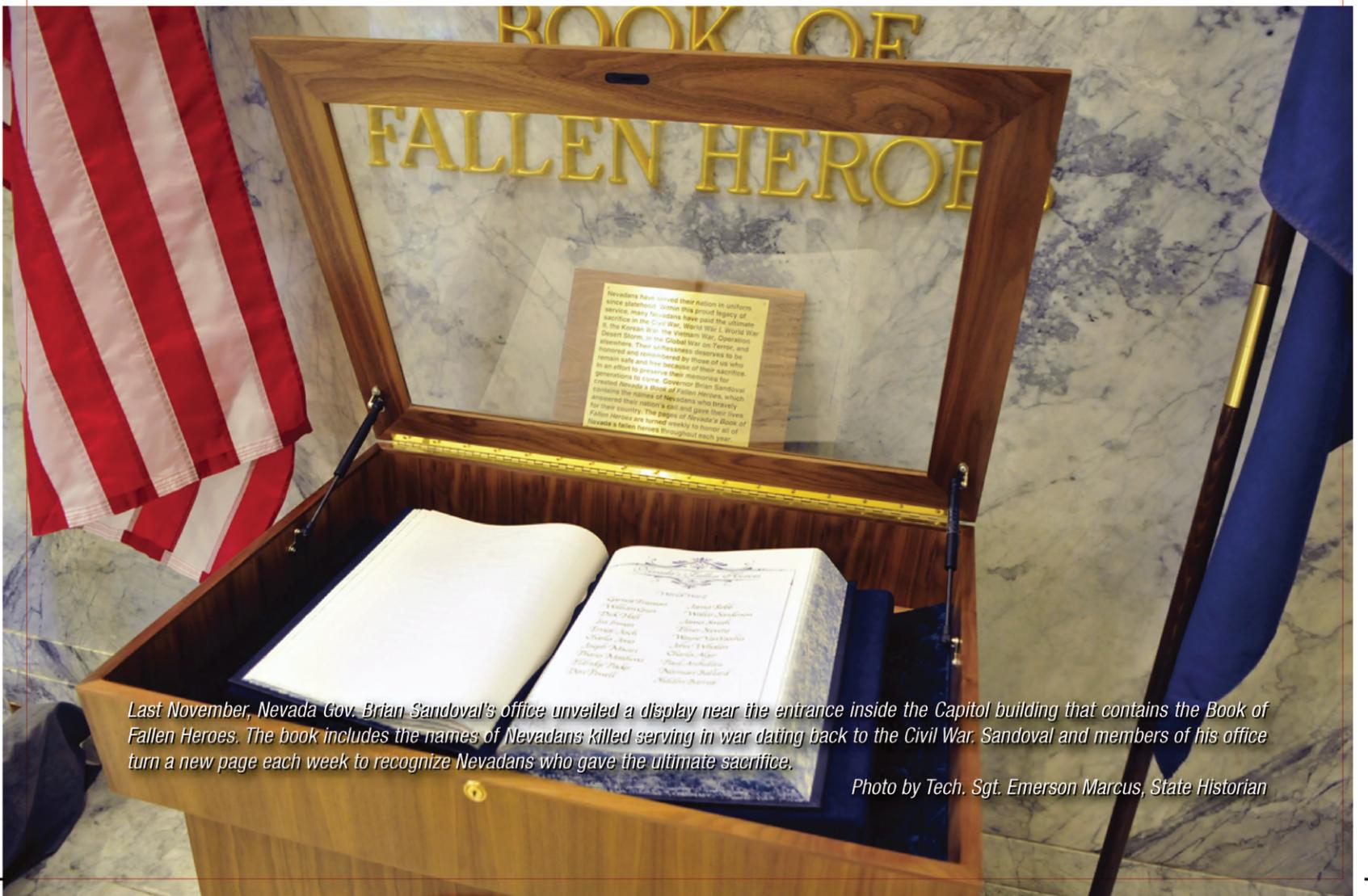
Backups: When all else fails, backups will save the day. The team encourages Soldiers to use their shared drive or Q drive while on the Army network and Airmen should use their U drive.

At home, you should also have a backup strategy. When your computer goes to the technological heaven in the sky, all of your photos, music and documents are likely gone forever.

A backup plan can be as simple as acquiring an external hard drive and copying your files. But don't take risks. At a minimum, you need to check monthly that those backups are working and that you can recover your data.

These simple tactics can go a long way toward ensuring our entire Nevada Guard network and your personal information remains secure. ■

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Last November, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval's office unveiled a display near the entrance inside the Capitol building that contains the Book of Fallen Heroes. The book includes the names of Nevadans killed serving in war dating back to the Civil War. Sandoval and members of his office turn a new page each week to recognize Nevadans who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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