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ON THE COVER: A pair of C-130s display the old, background, and the new foreground, tail flashes of the 152nd's C-130 fleet. The unit will have eight new C-130s by early 2016.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus.

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FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Inspector general: extension of commander



By Lt. Col. Todd Hourihan
Command Inspector General

CARSON CITY — An Inspector General is an impartial fact finder who serves as the extension of the eyes, ears, voice and conscience of a Commander. The mission of an IG is to examine and report on the discipline, efficiency, readiness and economy of the Army and Air Force components within their respective organizations.

The IG system entails four major functions including investigations, assistance, teaching and training and inspections. Although each component is structured differently, both the Army and Air Force are responsible for executing all four functions.

Although confidentiality is not fully guaranteed, the IG aims to protect confidentiality to the fullest extent possible. Safeguarding a person's identity may help protect against reprisal. Reprisal is taking or threatening an unfavorable personnel action or withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable personnel action for talking to an IG, member of Congress and other officials.

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Airmen to the proper authority for issues outside the IG's realm.

There are two IG offices available for Soldiers and Airmen belonging to the Nevada National Guard. One office is located at the Office of The Adjutant General in Carson City. The IG staff within this office are fully qualified to assist both Army and Air Force personnel. The second office is located in Reno at the 152nd Airlift Wing. The staff at this location is fully trained to assist Air Force personnel only. The Nevada Command IG is currently pursuing coverage to the southern units. An office location will be announced once an IG is confirmed and fully qualified.

To contact the inspector general office, call 775-886-7789. ■

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Don't underestimate wisdom of 'Guard Grandpa'



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

CARSON CITY — When I first joined the Nevada National Guard nearly two decades ago, I was fortunate to be mentored by a squad leader affectionately nicknamed "Sgt. Grandpa." With infinite patience, he took me under his wing and showed me how to do everyday tasks like complete a travel voucher and informed me about educational and financial programs. Like most unenlightened youth, I did not appreciate Grandpa at the time; 20 years later, I now realize he was the most helpful Soldier I've encountered in the Nevada Guard.

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Nowadays, few Soldiers and Airmen are lucky enough to have a Guard Grandpa to help them navigate the basics of the National Guard. I will never claim to be as knowledgeable as Sgt. Grandpa, but here are a few essential tidbits of information from surrogate Grandpa Sgt. Stu that everyone should know.

Justice for all

Not even Sgt. Grandpa could have predicted a time when all Nevada Guardsmen would have access to free legal assistance. Nevada's Soldiers and Airmen are extremely fortunate to live in the only state in the union that features this extraordinary perk.

Established by Nevada Attorney Gen-

eral Adam Laxalt in November, the Office of Military Legal Assistance provides Guardsmen pro bono civil legal services. The office links service members with attorneys for myriad civil matters including consumer fraud, military rights, immigration, landlord and debt issues.

For information, visit: nvagomla.nv.gov or see Page 20.

Start a nest egg now

All Guardsmen are eligible for the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan. The plan is a retirement savings and investment plan very similar to civilian 401(k) retirement plans.

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Pondering a new path for your career ? Warrant officer jobs worth a look

Warrant Officer Vacancies

Joint Force Headquarters:

Property Accounting Technician
Supply Systems Technician

150th Maintenance Company:

Electronic Systems Maintainer
Armament Systems Maintainer

422nd Expeditionary

Signal Battalion:

Information Systems Technician
Network Management Technician

17th Sustainment Brigade:

Electronic Systems Maintainer
Supply Systems Technician
Food Service Technician
Airdrop Systems Technician
Petroleum Technician
Automotive Maint. Technician

3/140th Aviation Detachment:

UH-72A Helicopter Pilot



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

Prior to piloting a CH-47 Chinook helicopter for a training mission, Warrant Officer Cassidy Howell attends a crew briefing on the flight line. The briefing ensures every participant is familiar with the mission and knows their respective roles.

By Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Baumann
Command Chief Warrant Officer

CARSON CITY
— Nevada Army Guard Soldiers and Airmen who wish to enrich their military career should consider the opportunities currently available in the warrant officer corps and pursue becoming a warrant officer.



The Nevada Army National Guard is aiming to fill 20 current warrant officer vacancies.

A warrant officer's primary task is to serve as a technical expert who provides guidance and expertise on their particular career field to commanders. Warrant officers can command a unit or detachment activities, pilot aircraft, maintain equipment and protect computer operating systems.

The Nevada National Guard employs warrant officers in two types of positions: technical and aviation.

A trained Nevada Guard aviation warrant officer can potentially fly one of four airframes: the CH-47 Chinook helicopter, the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, the UH-72 Lakota helicopter or the C-12 fixed wing aircraft.

Nevada Guard technical warrant officers specialize in a single technical area including property accountability, construction engineering or electronic missile systems maintenance.

Experience and training gained as a warrant officer gives an individual knowledge, skills and abilities that benefit both you and your employer in your civilian career. And if you're a full-time employee of the Nevada National Guard, you could have additional opportunities open to you as a warrant officer.

Applicants must meet minimum prerequisites to become a warrant officer candidate.

One can gauge the training and experience required for a specific warrant officer field by reviewing the job's duty description at www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/WOgeninfo_mos.shtml.

Approval for the pursuit of a warrant officer position is granted only if the Army proponent for the vacancy believes you have the skills and experience needed to justify approval of the pre-termination packet.

All warrant officer career fields require a minimum score of 110 on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, commonly called the ASVAB, and candidates must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent.

In addition, an applicant must pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, meet height and weight standards and pass a Chapter 2 Physical Examination (flight physical for aviators).

For information on the warrant officer corps, call 775-887-7360 or email karen.r.harris12.mil@mail.mil. ■

DROP ZONE



Photo courtesy 92nd CST

BEATTY — Members of the 92nd Civil Support Team prepare to depart to the site of an explosion and subsequent fire at a closed, low-level radioactive waste dump last year. The 92nd crew was the first on the scene and tested for harmful substances in the air and dirt. Multiple tests determined there was no threat. For information on the 92nd CST, see page 24.



Photo courtesy Staff Sgt. Jeffery Sarkis

RENO — Staff Sgt. Jeffery Sarkis with the 152nd Airlift Wing proposes to his girlfriend, Missy Flory, upon his arrival from deployment to Southwest Asia. She said, "Yes!"



Photo courtesy 92nd CST

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — From left: Command Sgt. Maj. Boyd Dunbar, Pfc. Kelsey Jacobson and Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Burkett pause for a photo before cutting a cake celebrating the National Guard's 379th birthday. Dec. 13, 1636, is officially recognized as the National Guard's birthday because that day marks when North America's first militia regiments were organized in Massachusetts.



Photo courtesy 17th Sustainment Brigade

MOUNT CHARLESTON — Soldiers with the 17th Sustainment Brigade shoot azimuths at the Mt. Charleston land navigation site near Las Vegas. The 17th deployed in early 2016 to Kuwait for the state's largest deployment since 2010. For information on the unit, see page 7.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jerzy Horst

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Nevada Air Guard Chief Master Sgts. Robert Martinez, left, and Thomas Glover, right, meet with Glover's son, Army Pvt. Colter Glover, during his first deployment. The father and son's deployment schedules overlapped and allowed the pair to spend some time together while deployed.



Photo by David Lakin, Resolute Support Public Affairs Office

AFGHANISTAN — Spc. Jose Gamino, left, and Sgt. Chelsea Cruz, of the Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company, pose for a photo in front of a memorial to the fallen at Resolute Support Mission Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. Cruz and Gamino are two of the 30 Soldiers in the 72nd Military Police Company who arrived in Afghanistan last summer to relieve the first rotation of 72nd policemen who had been in Kabul since 2014. Gamino is a paralegal for a law firm in civilian life and wants to become a Las Vegas police officer. Cruz also wants to work for the Metropolitan Police Department and is aiming to earn a degree in business management while learning to speak Arabic.



Photo via Defense Video and Imagery System

KUWAIT — From left: Capt. Reed Kobernick, Capt. Merridy Stephenson, Master Sgt. Lyle Smith and Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Glover display their medals from the Marine Corps Marathon Forward race last year. Running marathons while deployed presented unique challenges to the four Airmen. Smith spent the night before the race flying; Glover and Stephenson had to fly a mission two hours after the marathon; and Kobernick was on 'alert' status during the marathon, so he could have been notified to fly at any time during the race. The quartet of runners returned safely to Nevada during the last holiday season.

DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP

Air Guard wraps up hectic year

Staff reports

RENO — One of the larger deployments of the year ended in November when more than 90 Airmen of the 152nd's operations, maintenance and logistics readiness groups returned from deployment to an undisclosed location in southwest Asia.

Airmen returned on staggered flights over the course of a week with dozens of families and friends waiting their return on the flight line at the base in Reno.

No return surprised as many as Staff Sgt. Jeffery Sarkis' return from a five-month deployment. He greeted his girlfriend on the flight line with a ring and one four-word question: "Will you marry me?"

Sarkis' girlfriend, Missy Flory, said, "Yes."

After the November return, there will be 10 remaining Nevada Air Guardsmen deployed in various locations around the world. Additional deployments are scheduled this winter and into spring.

Bittersweet holiday for 137th Soldiers

NORTH LAS VEGAS – It was a bittersweet Thanksgiving this year for Soldiers of the 137th Military Police Detachment. The Soldiers of the Henderson-based unit departed for mobilization training and an eventual year-long deployment to Afghanistan right after the holiday.

The unit held its mobilization ceremony at the Aliante Hotel in North Las Vegas in front of more than a hundred guests, including Gov. Brian Sandoval, Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, U.S. Rep. Crescent Hardy, R-Nev., and North Las Vegas Mayor John J. Lee.

"You have my full commitment of the unwavering support from our state and the entire Nevada family," Sandoval said during his speech.

The unit deployed more than 30 Soldiers to Afghanistan to provide garrison
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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Senior Airman Alanna Vick, loadmaster with the 152nd Operations Group, greets her children at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno following deployment to southwest Asia.

law and order operations.

It was the unit's second deployment since its activation in 2007. The detachment mobilized about 50 Soldiers for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in 2010.

In the months leading up to the deployment, the unit conducted its monthly training in North Las Vegas because of the Henderson Armory's ongoing renovation.

Brigade ready for state's largest mobilization since 2010

LAS VEGAS – More than 250 Soldiers

in the 17th Sustainment Brigade prepared for the Nevada Army Guard's largest deployment since 2010 at various Las Vegas armories in November and December. The brigade marked the start of its deployment with a ceremony at the Mandalay Bay Resort on Jan. 4.

The 17th Sustainment Brigade spent three consecutive weeks in November training for its mission to Kuwait. Instructors tailored the training to simulate what the Soldiers will experience overseas. The unit will be based in Kuwait and will feature satellite teams in Jordan, Qatar, the United

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All in the family



17th Brigade kin set for deployment

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

Sgt. 1st Class Nicolas Allred, a transportation logistics sergeant, and Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Allred, a senior human resources sergeant, are one of two married couples with the 17th Sustainment Brigade. Left: Spc. Jared Deitch, left, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeffrey Deitch, an information technology specialist, are one of two father/son duos in the 17th Sustainment Brigade. Right: Spc. Dominick Musumeci, left, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, and Sgt. Angelica Musumeci, a material management sergeant, are one of two sets of siblings in the 17th Sustainment Brigade.

By Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks
17th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeffrey Deitch went on a trip to Oregon and Catalina Island, Calif., with his son, Spc. Jared Deitch.

Siblings Sgt. Angelica Musumeci and Spc. Dominick Musumeci traveled to New York and California.

Sgt. 1st Class Nicolas Allred and Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Allred, married since 2013, vacationed in Hawaii and San Diego.

Family who serve together in the Nevada Army Guard's 17th Sustainment Brigade have recorded countless previous excursions, but none have taken a trip like the one they'll take together in February when the 17th kin deploys to Kuwait.

The younger Deitch, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, is eager to share the deployment experience with his father, an information technology specialist.

"It'll be a cool thing to say. Not many people can say they deploy with their dad,"

Deitch said. "It's cool to say we served together and at the same time."

The Deitchs plan to pursue personal goals together while deployed. Jeffrey plans to help his son earn his bachelor's degree while Jared encourages his father to improve his 2-mile run time.

"Jared's going to push me physically and I'm going to push him academically," the elder Deitch said.

Growing up, neither of the Musumeci siblings planned on joining the military. After being surrounded by sorority sisters at college, Angelica decided she wanted a "change" and a "challenge," so she joined the National Guard and now works as a material management sergeant. After her brother graduated from high school, she convinced Dominick to join the Nevada Guard and he is now a wheeled vehicle mechanic.

The siblings are close and one will often finish the other's sentence as they verbalize their excitement about heading overseas together. They've vowed to watch out for each other and assured their mother they will

remain responsible for each other in order to alleviate her fears as she temporarily says goodbye to two of her three children.

Sandra Allred is a senior human resources sergeant and looks forward to sharing her deployment experiences, joys and frustrations with her husband, Nicolas Allred, a transportation logistics sergeant.

"I'm glad he's going because we'll be together," she said. "Communication will be easier because he won't have to figure out when to call. I don't have to explain Army terms and it's easier to talk 'Army' with him."

Nicolas is optimistic about the situation.

"I've deployed with married couples before, and it always seems to go better for them," he said.

Other family ties in the 17th include: Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson and his son, Spc. James Richardson Jr.; siblings Master Sgt. Gertrude Franco and Danise Montano; and spouses Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Ard and Sgt. 1st Class Catherine Ard. ■

HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK



A NEVADA MYSTERY

SOLDIER'S MEDAL OF HONOR REVEALS 148-YEAR-OLD ERROR

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

This cave in Humboldt County is where Pvt. James C. Reid earned his Medal of Honor in 1868, but it is unknown if Reid ever received the medal. The War Department's records incorrectly said the location of where the medal was earned was Arizona, not Nevada.

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

PARADISE VALLEY — The only Medal of Honor approved for action inside Nevada's borders remains unrecognized in official record and the answer to whether or not the recipient ever received the medal remains a mystery.

On April 29, 1868, a group of 17 Paiutes ambushed a search party of four U.S. cavalry Soldiers, one rancher and an Indian guide looking for alleged horse thieves while traveling through snowpack near Hinkey Summit, about 50 miles north of Winnemucca in Humboldt County.

Three Soldiers suffered gunshot wounds.

Pvt. James C. Reid, the only Soldier of the four without a wound, dismounted from his horse and dragged the injured Soldiers through the snow into a nearby cave as the rancher ran for help. Reid held off the

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Paiutes into the evening while in the cave. Pvt. Thomas Ward and Sgt. John Kelly eventually died of their wounds. Second Lt. Pendleton Hunter, the detachment's commanding officer, survived.

For his efforts, Reid was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Reid's citation for the Medal of Honor, though, was issued more than a year later on July 24, 1869 — after his unit, Company A, 8th U.S. Cavalry, re-located to Arizona. Reid's Medal of Honor citation says the incident occurred in Arizona, not Nevada.

Additionally, Reid's command never received it, according to several letters written between Reid's command and the War Department in the summer of 1869.

Fierce fighting

The two Soldiers killed as a result of the skirmish near Paradise Valley were hardly

the first casualties in the region during battles between Paiutes and the rapidly growing settlement in Paradise Valley.

After the Comstock boom in 1859, the need for food products — livestock, animals and grain crops — increased across northern Nevada. The Pyramid Lake War in 1860 was the bloodiest consequence of growing hostilities. In other places like Paradise Valley, white settlement created increased competition for resources and several years of continued conflict with the native Paiute, Shoshone and Bannock in the region.

"Fighting became far more intense as one side's attack became the other side's justification for reprisal," said retired Nevada Guard Col. Dan C.B. Rathbun, author of "Nevada Military Place Names of the Indian and Civil Wars." "Many Indians who had been ambivalent or peaceful before took up the fight against the whites."

Animosities grew in 1867 after the killing of Nevada Speaker of the Assembly, James A. Banks, who was fishing at a creek in the northern portion of Paradise Valley near the newly-constructed military post, Camp Winfield Scott.

Soldiers at the nearby post became concerned when the Nevada lawmaker failed to return at nightfall. A search party eventually found Banks “shot through the breast, the assassin having stripped and mutilated his body,” according to Myron Angel’s “History of Nevada,” written in 1881. Lt. John Lafferty, stationed at Camp Winfield Scott, “took his entire available command and started upon the war-path,” according to Angel’s history. He and his troops killed several Native Americans in retaliation.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

The cave where Pvt. James C. Reid made his defense during an attack from Paiutes sits under a perpendicular rock formation in the Nevada desert.

An immigrant and veteran

After a particularly harsh winter quieted hostilities, an “outlaw” Paiute band allegedly stole stock from ranchers in the valley the following spring.

One lieutenant and three enlisted Soldiers set out to find the stock, particularly one rancher’s prized horse.

Among them was Reid, an immigrant born in 1833 in the southern Ireland town of Kilkenny. It’s not known when Reid arrived in America, but he enlisted Nov. 18, 1861 in Company B, 1st Regiment of the Oregon Cavalry, a volunteer unit that stayed in Oregon during the Civil War. Reid discharged out of service in Oregon in 1866 and re-enlisted in Company A, 8th U.S. Cavalry at Camp Winfield Scott in Nevada. Of the 12 companies in the 8th U.S. Cavalry, Company A was the only one in the Nevada. Most were in California and the Pacific Northwest.

There are no known records of Reid’s first-hand account of the incident leading to his Medal of Honor. In the incident report to the War Department following the skirmish, Lt. Joseph W. Karge, Camp Winfield Scott commander, wrote: “I cannot forebear to make special mention of the heroic behavior of Pvt. James C. Reid, who, being the only sound man in the party, stood nobly to his work in defending the lives of his disabled comrades.”

Karge, using anti-Native American rhetoric of the time, said his Soldiers had been “hotly pursued by blood thirsty foes”

and held them off in an “oblong cave some one hundred feet in circumference surrounded on the side by high and perpendicular rocks affording a solitary entrance.” Hunter suffered gunshot wounds to the right upper hip and right forearm. The detachment sergeant, John Kelly, was shot through the right thigh and also the left collarbone and seriously injured his ribs and left lung. He later died of his wounds. Pvt. Thomas Ward, shot through the lungs, died quickly. All their horses were killed.

The “Humboldt County Register” recognized the soldiers involved in an editorial written June 20, 1868, but not without railing against the Military Department of the Pacific, which they alleged had failed to provide “sufficient material for the protection of our frontier.” The newspaper admitted some considered Hunter’s search a “mistake,” given his men ended “so badly cut up.”

However, the newspaper defended Hunter’s action: “We advise some of the other officers to make the same mistake, as such conduct will show a good intention on their part, while the citizens will feel a vast deal more secure in both life and property to know that such officers are at hand and ready to move and slaughter their treacherous foes.”

Similar rhetoric advocating action was widespread in editorials of frontier newspapers and showed a growing demand for military intervention in the face of escalating hostilities — as was the case in Paradise Valley in the late-1860s.



Image courtesy of Google Maps

This map shows the surrounding area where Reid earned the Medal of Honor.

The following year, the War Department engraved and sent 40 Medals of Honor to Army Department Headquarters in San Francisco for Soldiers fighting in the American West.

According to letters written between Reid’s command and the War Department, Reid’s medal failed to make it out west. The letters, available in Reid’s Medal of Honor file at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., say the medal was engraved and sent, but never received. The final letter concerning the medal was written Aug. 12, 1869, acknowledging the War Department’s error. But that’s the final letter written concerning the matter, or

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10 YEARS LATER, MUSTANG 22 FLIES ON IN MEMORIAL AND MEMORIES



Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton

A memorial to Mustang 22 stands at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead. The Chinook helicopter was shot down on Sept. 25, 2005, in Afghanistan. The Soldiers were Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Flynn, Sgt. Patrick Stewart, Warrant Officer Adrian Stump, Sgt. Tane Baum and Sgt. Kenneth Ross.

By Sgt. Mike Orton
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

RENO – Last autumn marked the 10th anniversary since the Nevada National Guard lost two Soldiers in the worst helicopter accident in Nevada Guard history. Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Flynn and Sgt. Patrick Stewart were killed on Sept. 25, 2005 when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter, Mustang 22, was shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade while flying over Afghanistan. Warrant Officer Adrian Stump and Sgt. Tane Baum, both with the Oregon National Guard, and active duty Sgt. Kenneth Ross of Arizona were also killed in the incident.

Flynn and Stewart were the second and third Nevada Guard Soldiers to die while fighting the Global War on Terrorism. The first was Spc. Anthony Cometa, who was killed three months earlier in a rollover accident on June 16, 2005, in Iraq.

A memorial ceremony allowed a large

group of attendees to pay respect to the fallen at the Mustang 22 memorial at the Nevada Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead. Brig. Gen. Robert Herbert, then Col. Zachary Doser and Col. Joanne Farris were in attendance.

"Today we reflect on the tremendous sac-

cherished. My prayers go to the courageous families of these brave Soldiers who will never forget but have the courage to move on."

Ten years ago, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Roger Capps was the commanding officer of the Mustang 22 crew and the rest of the "Mustangs" attached to the Nevada Army Guard's D Company, 113th Aviation Battalion, known today as 1/189th Aviation.

After the crash, Capps spoke at the ramp ceremony in Kandahar, Afghanistan, to honor the Soldiers of Mustang 22 who would never return home. Capps shared the same eulogy he gave 10 years ago during the memorial.

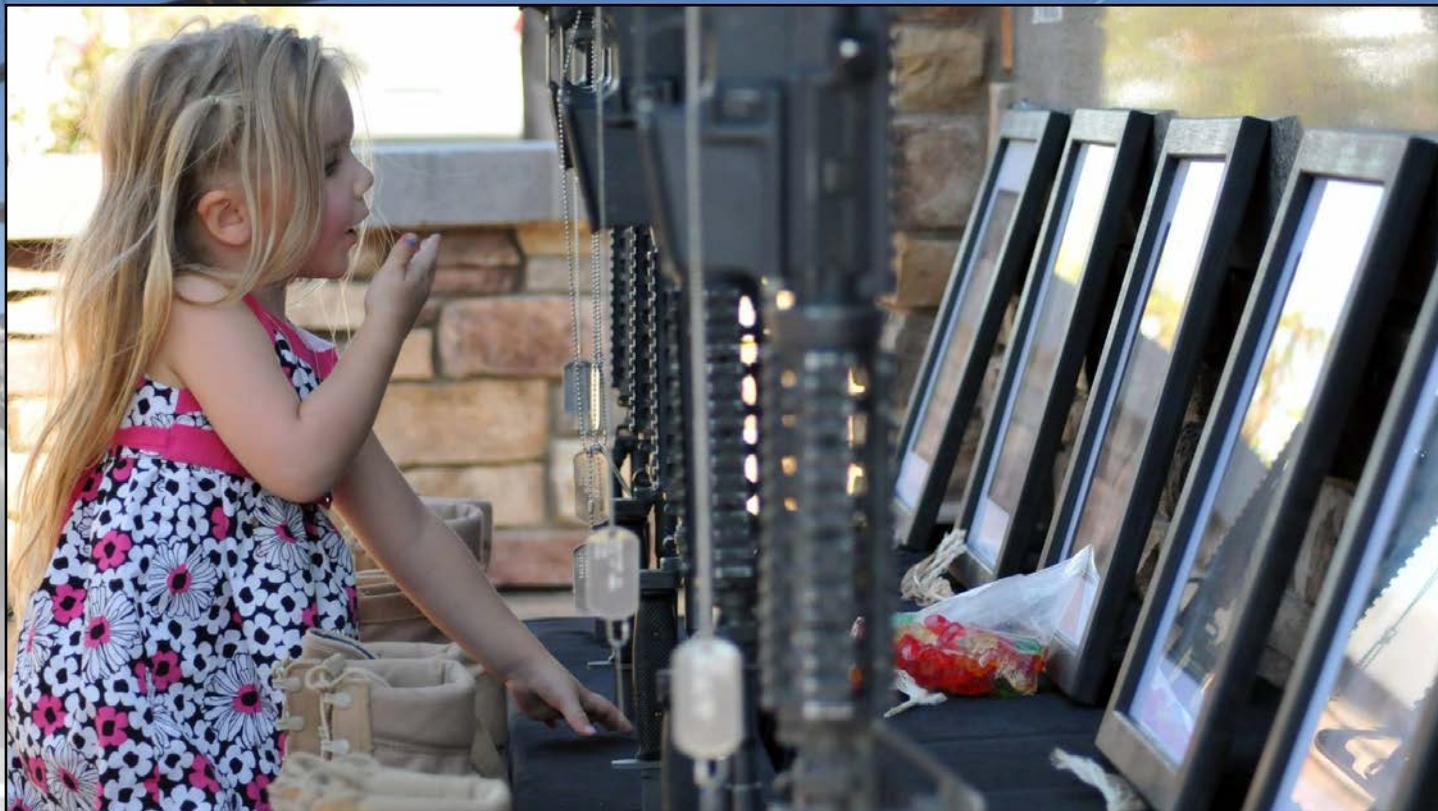
"As those indelible words came through the SATCOMM (satellite communications) radio – 'Total loss' – I still search for the meaning," Capps said. "After the flight in the Black Hawk, which seemed to take forever, and then standing in the midst of the crash site, I understood



Nevada National Guard file photo

Left: Sgt. Patrick Stewart. Right: Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Flynn.

rifices made by our Nevada Guard Soldiers," Farris said during the ceremony. "Each of them knew their duty, but surely dreamed of going home to people they loved and the life they



Jayde Danae Murphy, 3, blows a kiss to a memorial of her grandfather, Sgt. Patrick Stewart, a Nevada Guardsman killed in 2005 when his helicopter was shot down in southwestern Afghanistan. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

half of the meaning of total loss. The other half would come watching the reactions and emotions of my Soldiers and how they were dealing with the news. I wish I had the power to take the burden off their shoulders.”

During their 2005 deployment in Afghanistan, the Mustangs were assigned to Task Force Storm and flew operations throughout the warzone. On the morning of Sept. 25, Mustang 22 led a deliberate assault team of three CH-47 Chinooks, two AH-64 Apaches and two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters into the mountains in search of Taliban insurgents.

About 180 miles outside of Kabul, Afghanistan, Mustang 22 reached its destination and unloaded a company of 173rd Airborne Brigade Soldiers. Shortly after takeoff, Mustang 22 was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed, killing all five on board.

“We have a dangerous occupation, which we’ve all accepted at one point or another, and we manage the pain of remembering our friends that perished as a crew doing what they loved,” Capps said at the memorial ceremony. “Every one of us in aviation knows the risk, relish in the excitement and remember the joy. Basically, we love to be around helicopters and marvel at the sight, the sound and the capabilities that they have. This is not just love, but a lifestyle we share and the crew of Mustang 22 knew it best of all.”

On Sept. 25, 2010, the Nevada National Guard dedicated a memorial to the Soldiers of Mustang 22 at the AASF. The memorial was designed to honor Mustang 22 in several ways. One side of a large granite plaque bears the names and short biographies of each Soldier, while the other displays a large Chinook helicopter and the words, “In Memory of Mustang 22.” The memorial’s outer wall measures 60 feet in circumference, which is the same length as a Chinook’s rotors, and the inner wall measures 22 feet in circumference in honor of the helicopter’s name. A set of clock hands point to 0305Z, or 7:35 a.m. – the time Mustang 22 was shot down.

Flynn was born and raised in Reno and enlisted with the Nevada National Guard’s 1150th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) before graduating from Reno High in 1987. In 1992, he graduated from aviation pilot training at Fort Rucker, Ala. and returned to the unit as a pilot. As recognition for his flight skills, Flynn was selected to attend the CH-47 instructor’s pilot course in 2001.

Stewart was also a Reno native and graduated from Washoe High in 1989. He later enlisted with the active duty Army as a medium helicopter mechanic and subsequently joined the Nevada Army Guard in 2002. Stewart was a Wiccan and his wife, Roberta Stewart, fought for many years to have a Wic-

can pentacle on the headstone of his grave at the Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nev.

In November of 2006, Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn approved the pentacle to be placed on Stewart’s headstone, and the following year, Americans United for Separation of Church and State announced that the religious symbol was officially included among the emblems allowed on all veterans’ headstones and grave markers.

“Pat loved to fly,” said Roberta Stewart. “For him, it was an honor to serve his country, and for me, today was very special to honor him, but also honor all the Mustangs for the job they did.”

During their deployment, 18 of the Mustang’s helicopters sustained damage during combat operations. The unit completed 159 air assault missions, 259 quick reaction force missions, 320 medical evacuations and 1,015 combat service support missions. The Mustangs flew 6,799 combat hours, pumped more than 3 million gallons of fuel and transported more than 10 million pounds of cargo and 47,000 passengers.

“To our friends, the crew of Mustang 22 – you will always be with us, may you always have a tailwind and may the skies always be clear for you and your journey,” Capps said. “For tomorrow we will all say, ‘One and two clear to flight.’” ■



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

Staff Sgt. Christopher Rozario shops at the commissary at the Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nev. Guardsmen have unlimited shopping privileges at military commissaries, where the Defense Commissary Agency estimates shoppers can save 30 percent on their shopping bills in comparison to civilian grocery stores.

Military commissaries: Guard membership has its privileges

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

FALLON – The ultimate discount shopping coupon comes in the form of a military identification card for Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen.

Since the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act in 2003, Nevada Guardsmen, retirees and their authorized family members have enjoyed unlimited access to the state's military commissaries at the Naval Air Station here as well as at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. Many Nevada Guardsmen are also within close proximity to the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Commissary in Coleville, Calif. (Before 2003, Guardsmen were limited to 24 commissary shopping days annually.) More than half of Nevada's Guardsmen live within 30 miles of a military commissary.

Commissaries supply groceries, meat,
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Nevada Commissary Information

Bridgeport Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Commissary:

1003 Champagne Ave., Coleville, Calif.

Store phone: 530-495-1272. Store manager: David Palmer.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday.

Naval Air Station, Fallon, Commissary:

4755 Pasture Road, Bldg. No. 340, Fallon, Nev.

Store Phone: 775-426-3420. Store director: Wendy Matuszak

Hours: Tuesday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.;
Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Nellis Air Force Base Commissary:

4200 Mountain Home St., Las Vegas, Nev.

Store Phone: 702-632-5500. Store director: Richard Means

Hours: Sunday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.



COMPARISON SHOPPING: COMMISSARY VS. GROCERY STORE

Item	Naval Air Station	Fallon Safeway	Difference
Cheerios Cereal (18 oz.)	\$3.50	\$4.99	-\$1.49
Whole Milk (1 gal.)	\$4.64	\$3.59	+\$1.05
Orowheat White Bread (Loaf)	\$2.80	\$4.49	-\$1.69
Apples (Gala, 1 pound)	\$.89	\$1.99	-\$1.10
Tide Laundry Soap (64 oz.)	\$11.99	\$11.99	\$0.00
Tri-tip Roast (1 lb.)	\$7.29	\$6.99	+\$.30
Pepsi Cola (Case)	\$5.48	\$5.99	-\$.51
Minute Maid Orange Juice (.5 gal.)	\$2.39	\$3.49	-\$1.10
Ground Beef (1 lb., 93% lean)	\$4.10	\$6.99	-\$2.89
Watermelon (Each)	\$4.49	\$5.00	-\$.51
TOTAL COST	\$47.57	\$55.51	-\$7.94 (14%)



*Survey conducted July 10 in Fallon on 10 randomly chosen, pre-selected grocery, fruit and sundry items.

produce, health and beauty supplies and a myriad of sundries to military personnel worldwide via a chain of more than 200 stores. The agency employs more than 15,000 people globally and records more than \$5 billion in annual sales.

Patrons purchase their goods at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge that covers the cost of new commissaries and modernization. The agency estimates shoppers save an average of 30 percent on their purchases in comparison to commercial prices. An independent survey by the Nevada Guard's public affairs staff revealed a savings of 14 percent on 10 random, common purchases.

"We love having Guardsmen and reservists shop here; it's definitely a privilege they've earned," said Fallon store director Wendy Matuszak. "Access to commissaries is often an overlooked perk of being in the National Guard. Access is an important aspect of military pay and benefits."

Staff Sgt. Christopher Rozario of Fallon, a supply sergeant in the Lands and Ranges Section of Joint Force Headquarters, shops at the Fallon commissary monthly and verified the cost savings claims.

"What costs me about \$120 at the civilian grocery stores costs about \$100 at the commissary," Rozario said. "Just like shopping anywhere, you need to know what the values are and predetermine what you are shopping for."

Rozario, 40, said his family of four shops at the commissary about 25 percent of its total shopping excursions and he likened a trip to the commissary to a visit to Costco.

"There really are some great sales; it's a good place to go to stock up, especially for dry goods such as cereal, noodles and beans and condiments. I always stock up on toaster



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Petty Officer 3rd Class Cesar Gallegos stocks up on beverages at the Naval Air Station Commissary in Fallon.

strudels and barbecue sauce there," Rozario said. "Although the price is very similar, the quality of the meat at the commissary is better than at local stores."

Matuszak said shoppers could increase their savings by joining the Commissary Reward Card program. Cardholders receive automatic deductions on certain goods. She said each commissary hosts several bulk and case lot sales each year; call the local commissary for sale dates. Also, commissaries accept any manufacturer's coupon and an array of coupons are usually available at the entrance to Nevada commissaries.

Guardsmen do not have to be in uniform or acquire a vehicle pass in order to enter the Naval Air Station in Fallon; military identification at the main gate will suffice.

For information on the Defense Commissary Agency, visit: www.commissaries.com. ■



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to shop in the commissary?

A: Authorized Department of Defense commissary patrons include active duty, National Guard and reserve members, military retirees, Medal of Honor recipients, 100 percent disabled veterans and their authorized family members.

Q: Can retired Guardsmen who are eligible for full retirement benefits at age 60 shop in a commissary between retirement and age 60?

A: Yes, retired National Guard and reserve retirees and their authorized family members have unlimited access to commissaries in the United States, Guam and Puerto Rico. At the commissary entrance or at checkout, patrons must show an appropriate Department of Defense Military or Family Member ID card.

Q: Can an eligible shopper bring a guest who is not an authorized patron into the commissary while shopping?

A: Yes, Department of Defense regulations permit an authorized patron to bring guests into a commissary during shopping visits. However, guests are not authorized to make commissary purchases and the eligible shopper is not permitted to make commissary transactions for guests.



Photo illustration by Maj. Derek Imig

Soldiers in the 1864th Transportation Company gather for a prayer during their 2004-2005 deployment in Iraq.

1864TH SOLDIERS RECOUNT DEPLOYMENT A DECADE LATER

By Keith Rogers
 Courtesy Las Vegas Review-Journal

one of their own, Spc. Anthony Cometa. He was a gunner and the first Nevada National Guard Soldier to die serving in the Global War on Terrorism while rounding a curve in Iraq as it escorted an Iowa National Guard convoy traveling in Kuwait on June 16, 2005.

LAS VEGAS – It was a fitting coincidence that the Nevada Army Guard 1864th Transportation Company’s initial deployment to Iraq concluded on Nevada Day in 2005.

On Nevada Day 2015, exactly a decade after their arduous deployment finally ended, both current and former 1864th Soldiers from the southern Nevada unit marked the 10-year anniversary of their first Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment with a reunion in Henderson.

They used the occasion to launch a scholarship fund to honor the memory of 14 / **BATTLE BORN** / Winter 2016

Spc. Anthony Cometa Memorial Scholarship

Alumni of the 1864th Transportation Company have established a fundraising goal of \$10,000 to provide scholarships for deserving members of the 1864th families — deployers, their children or their grandchildren — from the 2004-05 deployment to Iraq. The Spc. Anthony Cometa Memorial Scholarship was established in the name of Anthony Cometa who died June 16, 2005, on deployment. Cometa was the first Nevada National Guard Soldier to die serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

The criteria for awarding of the scholarship(s) will be determined by Nancy Fontana-Cometa, Anthony’s mother, and a collective voting group.

For information regarding the Spc. Anthony Cometa Memorial Scholarship, visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/1864threunion>.

Guard Soldier to die in the nation’s post-Sept. 11 wars when his Humvee flipped

meta,” Oscarson said. “Although it was only a year, for most of us it was a time

The Cometa scholarship funds will go to current or former members of the 1864th and their immediate families, said Lt. Col. Neil Oscarson, who was the company’s commander in 2005.

Oscarson was glad to reunite with his 1864th comrades.

“We are thankful for the opportunity to bring the team together again, even if only a few hours, to share some stories and to recognize the memories of Specialist Cometa,” Oscarson said.



All photos courtesy 1864th Transportation Company

Top: 1864th Transportation Company Soldiers pose for a unit photo during pre-deployment training at Fort Lewis, Wash., in 2004. Pfc. Anthony Cometa holds the guidon in the lower left of the photo. Below Left: 1864th TC Soldiers survey the situation while halted on a convoy mission in Iraq. The unit came under attack several times while deployed. Below right: Then 1st Lt. Derek Imig checks the convoy line while deployed on the 1864th's first deployment to Iraq. He subsequently commanded the unit on its second deployment to Iraq in 2009-2010 and has now attained the rank of major.



in our lives that has defined who we are, not only as professionals, but as individuals as well.”

The 1864th, its nomenclature based upon the year Nevada became a state, was a medium truck company from Henderson on Nov. 1, 2004, when it departed for Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to haul supplies, equipment and escort convoys in Iraq. It supported Army infantry, armor and cavalry divisions, brigade combat teams and Marine expeditionary forces.

During its year-long deployment, the company, now headquartered in North Las Vegas, completed 310 missions, drove 1.6 million miles and came under attack 64 times.

Maj. Derek Imig said he believed the

1864th Soldiers had made a difference in Iraq but he's disappointed the country's beleaguered military still apparently requires assistance.

“It's kind of heartbreaking. I spent two years of my life in that country,” said Imig, who was a platoon leader in 2005 and commanded the company on its subsequent deployment to Iraq in 2009.

In 2010, Imig compared the two deployments.

“The populous was friendly and glad to see us. The interactions were on better terms,” Imig recounted. “Our Soldiers weren't attacked as much and Iraqi Soldiers were policing on their own.”

In light of recent announcements by officials to continue supporting southeastern

Asian allies, Imig said: “I'm glad we're not giving up.”

Oscarson said that, while he's no expert on national strategic decisions, “anyone who reads the paper or watches even a few minutes of daily television news can conclude Iraq remains a potentially dangerous place and ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and Levant) is a regional security concern.”

“After spending a year in the region 10 years ago, I can state that at the level in which we had a responsibility, we made a difference. This is undeniable,” Oscarson said. “If asked to go again, we would, even the guys who are retired or who have moved on to careers other than one in the Army.” ■

Around the globe every 30 days

Hilo, Hawaii, to Las Vegas, Nev. — 2,664 miles

Diegem, Belgium, t



Photo courtesy Island Pediatrics

Col. Joseph D'Angelo departs from his medical office in Hilo, Hawaii, for pre-deployment training with the 17th Sustainment Brigade. The brigade surgeon travels more than 5,000 miles round trip each month to attend drill.

Surgeon leaves paradise behind for Guard drills, deployments

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

CARSON CITY – It's not a stretch to say Col. Joseph D'Angelo leaves paradise each month in order to drill with his Nevada Army Guard unit.

D'Angelo, 51, a medical doctor who resides in Hawaiian Paradise Park, Hawaii, has made a monthly 5,328-mile round-trip commute from the Big Island of Hawaii to North Las Vegas for the past five years to serve as the squadron and brigade surgeon for the 1-221st Cavalry and 17th Sustainment Brigade. Later this winter, he'll leave paradise behind yet again to deploy with the 17th to Kuwait.

D'Angelo began his long-distance commutes to Las Vegas in October 2010 when he transferred from the Hawaii Army Guard to the Nevada Army Guard's 1-221st Cavalry. He served as the Cav squadron's surgeon for more than five years before transferring to the brigade in November in advance of 16 / **BATTLE BORN** / Winter 2016

its upcoming year-long deployment. While with the Cav, D'Angelo was promoted to the rank of colonel by Gov. Brian Sandoval in a ceremony at the state capitol last March.

"The commute is hard," D'Angelo said. "I fly on my own dime so it can be costly and I am lucky to break even.

"It's worth the sacrifice, though; I say to myself 'If I am coming this far for drill, I need to be focused and committed to training with my unit.'"

D'Angelo's initial encounter with the Nevada Army Guard occurred in another location unlikely to ever be confused with paradise — Afghanistan. D'Angelo was a doctor in a Hawaii Army Guard unit in Methar Lam, Afghanistan, when he first met 1-221st Cavalry Soldiers during the squadron's 2009-2010 deployment. D'Angelo and the Cav troopers clicked and now-retired Lt. Col. Kurt Neddenreip and Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson asked D'Angelo to consider filling the squadron's surgeon vacancy once the respective deployments

concluded.

Although the proposition seemed unlikely at the time, D'Angelo enjoyed the rough-and-ready attitude of the Cav troopers and he was likely going to have to island hop to Oahu to reach his Hawaii Guard position anyway.

"I decided I would just as soon come to Nevada," D'Angelo said. "I liked the frontier mentality that still exists in Nevada. Medicine is a frontier of science and Nevada is a literal frontier — I appreciate both frontiers."

Cav officials said D'Angelo assimilated well with the troopers and he even earned his cavalry silver spurs by completing the 2014 Spur Ride. He was the oldest candidate in the 2014 ride and is quick to reveal the Blackhorse tattoo on his right arm.

"Neither his rank nor his position kept Col. D'Angelo from getting his hands dirty during unit activities," said 1-221st Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Kinsey. "Col. D'Angelo (COMMUTE page 29)

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am, to Reno, Nev. — 5,336 miles



Handout photo
Col. Todd Starbuck, Nevada Air Guard Director of Logistics, gives a work presentation in Europe for DHL. Starbuck travels from Diegem, Belgium to the Reno Air Guard Base for drill which makes for a roundtrip total of more than 10,000 miles.

Worldwide travel keeps Airman constantly in transit

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

CARSON CITY — Talent. Temperament. Technology.

Each plays a vital role in Nevada Air Guard Director of Logistics Col. Todd Starbuck's trans-Atlantic commute to drill, he said.

"I am based in Diegem, Belgium but spend a majority of my time around the globe," said Starbuck, the executive vice president, chief customer officer of DHL where he manages more than 1.7 billion euros of new business revenue for the logistic company's supply chain division.

Additionally, Starbuck maintains his Guard duties with daylong flight travel for drill weekend and middle-of-the-night teleconference meetings with Nevada Air Guard State Headquarters staff during the month.

He juggles both positions with help

from talent around him, technology at his fingertips and temperament during long hours in airports and in flight, he said.

"My wife reminded me many years ago that I didn't have a lot of patience, but global travel has changed that," said Starbuck, who moved to Europe in 2009 after living three years in Singapore.

Countless parallels in the two jobs make transferring skills learned in both professions possible, he said.

"Quality, strategic planning, customer centricity, efficiencies, talent development, mentorship, jointness — working across other business units — and many, many more topics are fully transferable," Starbuck said. "I work hard to bring those concepts into my role in the Nevada Air National Guard. We don't have to forget a lot of these learnings when it comes to Nevada, I always enjoy incorporating these concepts into my roles with the unit and have strived to leverage these best practices as part of the State Headquarters Strategic Plan. I always enjoy

incorporating these concepts (learned at DHL) into my roles with the unit and have strived to leverage these best practices as part of the State Headquarters Strategic Plan."

So why still make the commute?

"The Nevada Air National Guard has helped shape who I am as a leader and that means you have to pay it back," he said. "Call me old school but when an organization like the Nevada Air National Guard has so much potential and you are able to work with 1,100 of the nation's finest, you find a way to make the connection and be a part of that tradition of excellence. Transitioning to another unit overseas just wouldn't feel the same - Nevada is home."

Starbuck owns a cabin in Truckee where he says he occasionally "disconnects electronically" to enjoy the remoteness of the Sierra — removed from email, constant teleconferences and the stress of worldwide travel.

"No internet is a blessing sometimes," he said. ■



Photo by Sgt. Brandon Banzhaf, 3rd BCT PAO, 1st Cavalry Division
Twenty-nine M1A2 Abrams tanks travel by rail to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Nevada's 1/221st Cavalry is set to receive 14 M1A2s in 2016.

As Army braces for personnel cuts, Nevada Guard on track for growth

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

CARSON CITY – Despite expected nationwide military personnel reductions, the Nevada Army Guard is unlikely to send out any pink slips to either traditional Guardsmen or its full-time employees.

In fact, in contrast to the upcoming cuts anticipated by the Army Guard nationally, the Nevada Army Guard plans to increase the number of Soldiers in its ranks over the next four years, according to Nevada Army Guard director of personnel Lt. Col. Randy Lau. Lau expects the Nevada Army Guard to increase by more than 300 Soldiers from its current total of 3,181 Soldiers by 2020, mainly due to a new truck company in northern Nevada and the addition of a tank company to 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry.

“The Nevada Army Guard has positioned itself well to demonstrate it can assume additional force structure,” Lau said. “We’ve effectively managed our strength by reducing our attrition and increasing our reenlistment rates. We’ve earned a top-5 ranking nationally (in personnel statistics.)

“We’ve proven to National Guard Bureau that our state – in addition to maintaining our strength – has the ability to add to our strength.”

The increase of the number of Nevada Soldiers is a juxtaposition to recent Department of Defense plans. According to a National Guard Bureau report released in November, the Department of Defense warned the National Guard to expect its personnel end-strength and force structure to drastically decrease in the near future because of Army force reduction plans. As a result of the reduction plans, many units across the nation will be inactivated and more than 15,000 Soldiers will be cut from the National Guard’s ranks nationwide.

According to Department of Defense plans, the Army Guard’s present end strength of 350,200 Soldiers is scheduled to drop to 342,000 Soldiers by September 2016 and then to 335,000 Soldiers by September 2017.

In conjunction with the drop in Guard Soldier numbers nationwide, Lt. Gen. Timothy Kadavy, the director of the Army Guard, said more than 1,700 full-time military technician and Active Guard and Reserve positions would be

cut across the nation.

Those cuts will trickle down and affect the Nevada Army Guard, as its technician force will be reduced by 34, from 312 to 278 by September 2016, said Nevada Guard human resources director Lt. Col. Michael Peyerl. The AGR force will remain at 258 Soldiers.

A reduced military budget isn’t the cause of the technician losses this year per se, Peyerl said. He said the reason the Nevada Guard was losing technicians was due to a recalculated “managed level resource” formula imposed by NGB on Nevada that includes manpower, unit and equipment density to determine a state’s technician work force. In recent years, Nevada had enjoyed a favorable formula in comparison to the majority of other National Guard states and territories.

Despite the loss of 34 positions, human resources, Peyerl remains confident no technician will receive a pink slip and be laid off.

“We won’t have to cut technicians,” Peyerl said. “Through attrition, we can achieve that number of 34. We have an average attrition of close to

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Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton
Brig. Gen. Bill Burks addresses Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt during the official launch of the Office of Military Legal Assistance. The office coordinates pro bono legal services to servicemembers and their families.

Office of Military Legal Assistance offers servicemembers free legal help

By Sgt. Mike Orton
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

CARSON CITY – Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt's vision of providing free legal services to current and retired troops came to fruition last fall with the launch of the Office of Military Legal Assistance. The office is the nation's first attorney-general facilitated, private-public partnership that focuses on assisting servicemembers with legal issues regardless of branch or duty status.

"A generation of our servicemembers are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and they all need affordable legal services," Laxalt said. "So we created the Office of Military Legal Assistance, which will be a great service to our men and women of the military in our communities."

The program connects private sector lawyers with members of the military who need legal help — help that comes free of charge. The office had a soft launch last summer and had facilitated 25 cases since then, Laxalt said last fall.

At the time of the official launch, about 150 attorneys had agreed to offer pro bono services for military clients on legal matters including: consumer protection, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reem-

ployment Rights Act of 1994, landlord and tenant laws and other common cases, officials said.

The office is able to provide legal assistance to troops in cases when the military's judge advocate general staff is restricted by law from becoming involved in certain situations.

"Due to Army regulations and Air Force instructions, military legal offices can only advise National Guard members and are unable to represent military clients in civilian court," said Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, the adjutant general of the Nevada National Guard. "This new office's ability to direct military members to attorneys who can represent them in court — free of charge — will bridge a gap in current services and provide members much needed legal representation."

The primary goal of the program is to maintain a servicemember's military readiness if confronted by legal matters outside the military's realm of responsibility, Burks said. The program will aid Nevada National Guard families, especially those of deployed members, who will benefit from accessible and affordable legal representation.

"Since the beginning of the program, our joint legal office has referred approximately two cases per month, which has contributed greatly to troop morale by alleviating the stressors of legal representation," said

Capt. Dana Grigg, an assistant judge advocate with the Nevada National Guard.

Senate Bill 60, the legislation that created the new office, passed last spring, ensuring the program costs nothing to Nevada taxpayers, officials said. The program can only operate on money raised through donations, bequests, gifts or grants.

"Resources are always an issue for all levels of government," Laxalt said. "We wanted a way to offer legal services to our military community with no cost to taxpayers. We came up with this concept of a public-private partnership program, which we are absolutely ecstatic about and believe is going to be absolutely great for our state."

The Office of Military Legal Assistance is one of several public initiatives that Nevadan officials have proposed or advocated in support of Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval's stated goal to make Nevada the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation.

"In recent years, Governor Sandoval has gone to great lengths to shape Nevada into the premier military state in our country. This program helps ensure that we are the most military-friendly state in the country," Laxalt said.

For information about the Office of Military Legal Assistance, visit: www.nvagomla.nv.gov. ■

Cavalry SPUR RIDE



“NEVER
BROKEN”

Photos by Maj. Mickey Kirschenbaum
A pair of silver spurs sit on a camouflaged tablecloth awaiting their recipient from the 2015 1/221st Cavalry Spur Ride.

1-221st Cavalry veterans spur on newcomers during annual ride

By Maj. Mickey Kirschenbaum
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

NORTH LAS VEGAS – Driving out to the southern Nevada desert, two distinct groups emerged among the 1-221st Cavalry Soldiers for the annual Spur Ride.

One group was comprised of the Soldiers hoping to earn silver spurs and become full-fledged Cavalry troops. They were the ones equipped with all of their gear, including their Kevlar helmet and combat vests.

The other group included the squadron's Spur Ride veterans clad in black shirts, Stetson hats and boots adorned with silver spurs. The confident, swaggering veterans were ready to put the spur candidates through numerous tests to see if the newcomers had what it takes to earn silver spurs.

The Order of the Spur is a cavalry tradition that allows Soldiers to earn spurs by successfully completing a Spur Ride or by serving in combat as a member of a cavalry unit.

Sunday's ride marked the second consecutive year the 1-221st hosted its Spur Ride. **20 / BATTLE BORN / Winter 2016**



Sgt. Junrey Pancho, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Karim Khaldy, right, pull a HMMWV during the 2015 1/221st Cavalry Spur Ride. The Spur Ride included numerous demanding challenges for the contestants.

Ride in Las Vegas. Before 2014, there had been a break of almost a decade between spur rides because of deployments and scheduling conflicts.

A Soldier who has earned both silver and gold spurs is known as Master Spur Holder. The spurs are worn with Army military uniforms during squadron or regimental ceremonies and events or as determined by the cavalry unit commander.

“The goal of the spur ride is to test the cavalry Soldiers' knowledge, skills and abilities in challenging conditions,” said Sgt. Maj Scott Brown, the squadron's top operations sergeant and the director of this year's spur ride. Brown earned his own silver spurs more than a decade ago.

In order to earn their spurs, cavalry Soldiers were historically required to become equestrian experts able to handle a



Photos by Maj. Mickey Kirschenbaum

A group of Soldiers stand in front of their unit before being presented with hard-earned Silver Spurs after completing the grueling 2015 1-221st Cavalry Spur Ride



Left: Staff Sgt. Steve Grossman and 2nd Lt. Thomas Robb drag a tire during the Spur Ride. Center: A group of Soldiers listen to instruction before a Spur Ride event. Right: Sets of Silver Spurs await their recipients after the completion of the 2015 1/221st Cavalry Spur Ride in North Las Vegas. Contestants competed in a series of physical and mental exertion tests and 19 out of 30 Soldiers met the requirements to earn their spurs.

sword even while on horseback. The tails of their horses were shaved, a signal to those around them to give them a wide berth while they were in training. The trainees were known as “shaved tails.” Only after they had proven to be proficient while mounted could the cavalry Soldiers wear spurs.

Today, Soldiers don’t need to display their equestrian and swordsmanship skills to gain acceptance. These days, Soldiers need to prove that they can work as part of a team to earn their spurs.

“Earning spurs is the highest honor a cavalryman can attain,” said 1-221st Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Kinsey, himself a spur holder. “Few people realize how many Army

traditions stem from cavalry traditions.”

In order to earn their spurs, sleep-deprived candidates had to demonstrate their skill in weapons proficiency, land navigation, medical evacuation, small unit tactics and equipment layout and inspection.

The Spur Ride had begun with an enhanced Army Physical Fitness Test. Any total score under 250 or less than a score of 70 on a single event abruptly ended a candidate’s chances for silver spurs. After the fitness test came a written test on unit and cavalry history.

The ride ended with the “Cav-Olympics” and a six mile ruck march. The event culminated at the unit’s barbecue area where successful candidates received their spurs.

“To earn your spurs, it is all about

heart, perseverance and motivating your teammates to never give up,” said squadron commander Lt. Col. Michael Peyerl, who earned his silver spurs last year.

In addition to testing candidates physically and mentally, Peyerl said spur rides help build unit cohesion and camaraderie. The spur ride bonds Soldiers, links them with their cavalry roots and trains them to perform under stress, he said.

One of the youngest Soldiers to receive his spurs was Spc. Devan Chambers, who was pleased to have survived the grueling Spur Ride test.

“It was just what I expected,” Chambers said. “It was a lot of hard work, but it was great training.” ■

152ND AIRLIFT WING UPGRADES C-130 FLEET



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Top: Col. Karl Stark, commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing, applies a new "High Rollers" tail flash to one of the unit's recently-acquired C-130 aircraft. Below: Two C-130s display the two new tail flash logos — white team and blue team.

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

RENO — For the second time in its history the 152nd Airlift Wing has upgraded its entire fleet of C-130 Hercules aircraft just as the U.S. Air Force seeks total fleet modernization in the face of nearing federal upgrade deadlines.

"It is a significant upgrade and it should help increase mission capability with more reliable equipment," said Col. Karl Stark, commander of the 152nd.

By this spring, the 152nd — known as the "High Rollers" of the Nevada Air National Guard — will have acquired each of its six C-130 H3 models and two H2.5 models. These models are about a decade newer with nearly 10,000 fewer flight hours than the unit's previous C-130 H2 models manufactured more than 30 years ago. The incoming models also include new wing boxes.

Along with increased longevity as a result of fewer flight hours, the newer models — manufactured in the late-1980s and 1990s — include upgraded engines with digital flight instruments and fuel gauges. The unit's previous aircraft included analog instruments. The majority of those aircraft are being dispersed to units around the country to make room for the new aircraft in Reno.

The upgrade comes just as the U.S. Air Force seeks modernization of its C-130 fleet. The Air National Guard accounts for 40 percent of the Air Force's total C-130s at locations in states around the nation. But Federal Aviation Administration mandates demand new avionics beginning in 2020. This will leave several units without upgrades necessary to enter air space, including the Nevada Air National Guard's aircraft.

Among upgrades needed are new radios, a digital flight recorder and enhanced air traffic alert system.

"They want to modernize the C-130 fleet, but which ones are you going to do it to?" said Senior Master Sgt. Cameron Pieters, a flight engineer with the unit. "Are you going to do it to the oldest ones or the newest ones? For the Nevada Air National Guard to get ahead of the newer ones, that's definitely a good thing."

Several of the aircraft have already arrived and been adorned with a revised tail flash that updates the font for the "High Rollers" moniker.

"It's exciting for our Airmen to work with more advanced technology," Stark said.

This marks the 152nd's second C-130 upgrade in its history. The unit transitioned in 1995 from a tactical reconnaissance mis-



sion with F-4 aircraft to an airlift support mission with C-130s. The first C-130s that arrived in Reno in 1996 were E models. Some of those aircraft were manufactured in the 1960s. In 2002, the 152nd received H2 models, primarily made in the late-1970s and 1980s.

For more than 60 years, the Lockheed Martin-manufactured C-130 has earned the reputation as the workhorse of military aircraft, adept at dirt strip takeoff, troop dropping and supporting humanitarian aid missions.

The 152nd Airlift Wing includes about 1,000 Airmen stationed at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. Hundreds of Nevada Guard Airmen have deployed overseas to Southwest Asia and around the world for tactical air delivery missions and expeditionary combat support with the unit's C-130s. Additionally, the aircraft is capable of executing domestic missions for cargo transportation, search and rescue and emergency response support during natural disasters.

"It's bittersweet," Pieters said of having to say goodbye to C-130s he's worked on for more than a decade. "For me, I started out working on the E models. I got to know and love those airplanes. To watch them go away, it's kind of sad."

"But we're going to extend the longevity of our fleet based on airframe hours alone. That's good for the Nevada Guard and it's good for the community." ■

Civil support team finds new home in capital city

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CARSON CITY – Since its inception more than a decade ago, the Nevada National Guard's 92nd Civil Support Team enjoyed the hot summers and mild winters of its southern Nevada home in North Las Vegas. The team is still adjusting to the snow and colder temperatures of its new home in Carson City, but a warm reception from the community and other regional first responders has helped ease the 400-mile move north.

This past summer, the 92nd CST, composed of 18 Soldiers and three Airmen who specialize in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) technology, relocated from Clark County to the capital at the request of the governor to improve the state's hazardous material response capabilities in northern Nevada. The unit became fully operational out of its new headquarters in August. Since then, the unit has already responded to several CBRNE emergencies.

In October, heavy rains caused a reactionary explosion and fire near Beatty, Nev., and the team was called in to monitor post-explosion radioactivity. The unit also responded to a chemical fire near the airport in Carson City in early November. Recently, the team helped the Carson City Sheriff's Office examine a suspicious powder delivered in a package. In all cases, the substances were harmless and no injuries were reported.

The team moved north this past year to disburse the state's hazardous material response units. In 2004, the same year the 92nd CST was created, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department



Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton

Members of the 92nd CST take CBRNE readings during an evaluation exercise in Carson City. The unit is evaluated every 18 months to ensure they meet federal requirements for CBRNE reaction teams.



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Members of the 92nd Civil Support Team scan a doorway for hazardous material during a training exercise. With Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department covering the majority of HAZMAT emergency responses in southern Nevada, the 92nd relocated to Carson City in 2015 to better support emergency response needs across the rest of the state.

established its Armor Task Force that included several law enforcement and fire-fighting agencies in southern Nevada. The Armor Task Force was similar to the civil support team and received the majority of incoming calls concerning hazardous material incidents, leaving the Nevada Guard unit underused.

"Governor Sandoval's decision to move our unit up here gave the entire state the same response capabilities that already exist in Las Vegas," said Maj. Brett Compston, commander of the 92nd CST. "There were HAZMAT resources in northern Nevada, but none of them specialized in weapons of mass destruction response. We're the only state asset that specifically has that capability. By moving us up north, the whole state is now better covered."

Another reason to move the 92nd CST to Carson City was to give the team proximity to Nevada Guard aerial assets in Reno. Now, the CST has quick access to both Army Guard helicopters and Air Guard C-130s. The 92nd's trucks can fit into a C-130 and the CST Soldiers and Airmen can easily travel to southern Nevada for training and missions, including providing assistance at the annual New Year's Eve mission and large events such as the National Finals Rodeo and NASCAR races, Compston said.

"The 92nd CST brings a ton of expertise to the table," said Jim Antti, battalion chief with the Tahoe Douglas Fire District and Bomb Squad. "It's nice to have their capabilities in close reach with a short response time, particularly their critical communications and lab capabilities. We're definitely glad to have them up here now." ■

'Worst post in the West' tells story of Nevada Guard roots



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Re-enactors and members of the Nevada National Guard and Western Shoshone tribe raise American and Western Shoshone flags last fall during the opening of the interpretive trail at Fort Ruby.

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RUBY VALLEY — Soldiers stationed at Fort Ruby, Nev., in the 1860s unsuspectingly signed up for an assignment at the remote, halfway point of the Great Basin.

“These soldiers were told they were going to fight in the Civil War,” said retired Nevada National Guard Col. Daniel C.B. Rathbun, author of “Nevada Military Place Names of the Indian Wars and Civil War.” “This was not their first choice.”

More than 50 people attended the opening of the Fort Ruby interpretive trail last fall, about 70 miles south of Elko at the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Capt. Christopher Yell, commander of the Nevada Guard’s 593rd Transportation Company of Elko, spoke at the event on the fort’s unique history in the state.

“The Nevada National Guard’s foundation begins during the formation of these volunteer and civilian militia units of the state, including one stationed at Fort Ruby,” Yell said.

The “worst post in the West,” named by soldiers stationed there, now includes historical displays and refurbishment of

remaining ruins thanks largely to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service. Both agencies share the land where the fort sits today.

Fort Ruby was constructed in 1862 as a military presence for overland travel and mail service. They guarded the route from Austin to the Utah Territory border. In 1864, it became the first post entirely manned by Nevada volunteers, Company B, 1st Nevada Volunteers, the origins of the present-day Nevada National Guard.

Anywhere from 100 to 300 soldiers could be found there before it closed in 1869.

The trail’s opening culminated a 15-year effort spearheaded by the wildlife service, which obtained the land where the fort sits in 2000 after more than a century of private ownership.

“It was covered in old trailers, sagebrush and trash,” said Lou Ann Speulda-Drews, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service historian. “We had to find out if there was anything still there from the fort.”

Early searches found a number of items, including U.S. Army uniform buttons, coins and the small head of a 19th century porcelain doll. In 2005, Speulda-Drews began a cleanup effort annually one

week in the summer with archeologists and volunteers, funded by the forest service’s Passport in Time program.

Little remains other than the springhouse, used for cold storage, and foundation rock located at the entrance of the officer’s quarters.

In addition to its military history, the fort includes a connection to the native population of the Ruby Marsh. In 1863, then-Nevada Territorial Gov. James Nye agreed to the Treaty of Ruby Marsh at the fort with members of the Western Shoshone, a critical moment in the settlement of eastern Nevada. The treaty was forced and represents a broken promise for the Western Shoshone, said Evelyn Temoke-Roche, a Ruby Valley resident who helped with the writing of the interpretive exhibits at the fort.

Only a fraction of the cattle guaranteed were given and the creation of a Ruby Valley reservation never occurred.

“It’s emotional,” said Temoke-Roche, a member of the Western Shoshone tribe who provided a spiritual blessing during Saturday’s opening. “(This history) brings back memories. It brings back emotions. But emotion is a good thing. We can’t forget.” ■

AWARDS • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

MOVING UP AND MOVING ON • AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2015

Meritorious Service Medal



CSM Paul Kinsey 1/221st Cavalry
 1SG Michael Davis 1/221st Cavalry
 SMSgt Angela Ash 152nd Airlift Wing
 MSgt Sara Schweppe 152nd Airlift Wing
 SMSgt Rommie Brown 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
 MSgt Jason Fritz 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
 SSG Richard Dalton 17th Sustainment Bde
 SFC David Sousa HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 COL Eric Wishart JFHQ
 LTC Karsten Hall JFHQ
 CW3 Zachary McPherson JFHQ
 SMSgt Luis Loe JFHQ
 TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin JFHQ
 SSG Matthew Koepke NVARNG Rec/Ret

Air Force Commendation Medal



TSgt Darrin Walker 152nd Airlift Wing
 Lt Col Donald Speth 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

Army Commendation Medal



CPT Andrew Simbeck 106th PAD
 SFC David Starkey 1/221st Cavalry
 SFC Joshua Zamzow 1/221st Cavalry
 SFC Ryan Bongiovanni 1/221st Cavalry
 SSG Benjamin Rogers 1/221st Cavalry
 SSG Curtis Mcguire 1/221st Cavalry
 SSG David Ellis 1/221st Cavalry
 SSG Steven Grossman 1/221st Cavalry
 SPC Anton Ryzhuk 1/221st Cavalry
 SPC Timothy Evans 1/221st Cavalry
 CPT Michael Abercrombie 17th Sustainment Bde
 SSG Austin Slate 17th Sustainment Bde
 SFC Tommy Rodriguez 421ST RTI
 SSG Michael Silva 593rd Trans Co
 SSG Timothy Carter 593rd Trans Co
 SGT Morissa Baker 777th Forward Spt Co
 SPC Kenneth Lourenco 777th Forward Spt Co
 SGT Linda Nelson HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 SGT Robert Williamson HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 SSG Savannah Ellis JFHQ
 SGT Darren Hailey JFHQ
 SGT Eduardo Conde JFHQ
 SFC Eric Hintermeyer NVARNG Rec/Ret
 SSG Jason Coleman NVARNG Rec/Ret
 SSG Ivan Parsons Recruit Sustainment Co

Air Force Achievement Medal



SrA Shelby Desimone 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn

Army Achievement Medal



SSG Patrick Kelley 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
 SGT Manuel Gurule 1/221st Cavalry
 SSG Jacob Fisher NVARNG Medical Det
 SPC Joseph Olmo NVARNG Medical Det
 SPC Joshua Bigham NVARNG Medical Det

Army Good Conduct Medal



1SG Kevin Painter 991st Multi-Functional Bde

Order of Nevada



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

Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



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

Nevada State Commendation Medal



Mr. Brian Woodford 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. David Fruchey 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Eulisel Montoya-Lopez 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Irving Gellman 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Justin Polke 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Michael Link 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Renato Vitagliano 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Richard Rhyno 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Roosevelt Brooks 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Mr. Wade Hollis 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Ms. Peggy Wood 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSG Benjamin Alves C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn

Adjutant General's

Outstanding Graduate Award



SGT Reem Hassan 1/221st Cavalry
 SSG Michael Bacon 17th Sustainment Bde
 SFC Stanley Harvey JFHQ
 LTC Keith Kamachi NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PFC John Hunter NVARNG Rec/Ret
 PV2 Arthaporn Chianchirlert NVARNG Rec/Ret

Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



SMSgt Luis Loe JFHQ

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 Michael Leclair 152nd Airlift Wing
 James Ferris 192nd Airlift Sqdn

CPT/Capt
 Shay Gilliam 152nd Airlift Wing
 Kevin Porter 152nd Medical Group

1LT/1st Lt
 Quinn Lundbom 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Kevin Porter 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Omar Eltakrori NVARNG Medical Det

2LT/2nd Lt
 Timothy Buxton 152nd Airlift Wing
 Tristan Hutchinson 152nd Force Support Sqdn
 Titus Roberson 152nd Force Support Sqdn

Justin Hanselman 152nd Operations Support Sqdn
 Kenneth Leeper 152nd Operations Support Sqdn
 Nicole McCray 152nd Operations Support Sqdn

1SG/MSG/SMSgt
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 Tommy Herrera Rodriguez 1/421st Regional Tng Inst
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 Eddie Manuel Rivera C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 Benjamin James Pagni NVARNG Rec/Ret

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 Heather Renard 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Joshua Mann 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

Daniel McMillan 152nd Communications Flt
 Meagan Castro 152nd Communications Flt
 Robert Randall 152nd Communications Flt

Russell Tom 152nd Comptroller Flt
 Jorge Garrido 152nd Force Support Sqdn
 Brandon Reinier 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn

Chad Gogel 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
 Geane Weaver 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
 Jack Hunter 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn

Javier Contreras 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
 Michael Taylor 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
 Joseph Agrellas 152nd Maintenance Sqdn

Ryan Pratt 152nd Maintenance Sqdn
 Amanda Lindsey 152nd Medical Group
 Dion Richardson 152nd Medical Group

Ruby Barrera 152nd Operations Support Sqdn
 Jana Morales 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 Chad Landon Reese 609TH Engineer Co

Paul Thomas Jarrett 72nd MP Co
 Vera Brianna Salazar 777th Forward Spt Co
 Steven Dennis Frey C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn

Jeffrey Lee Spurlock Jr HHC, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
 Nickolas Jaccob Huttinga HHT 1ST SQDN 221ST CAV
 David Wayne Gallagher 1 Troop, 1/221ST Cavalry

William Alexander Mariona K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
 Benjamin Adolph Hanus Pesis L Troop, 1/221ST Cavalry
 Heather Jill Harris NVARNG Rec/Ret

Justin Arthur Canniff NVARNG Rec/Ret
SGT/SSgt
 Laura Magee 152nd Airlift Wing

Trevor John Siedlecki 1/189th Aviation Co
 James Hieatt 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 Joseph Ramirez 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn

Mathew Chanez 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 Robert Pembrook 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 Steven Boles 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn

Charles Jorgensen 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Christopher Dugger 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 Christopher Wagner 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

Brian Skach 152nd Communications Flt

PROMOTIONS

BG/Brig Gen
 Zachary Doser JFHQ

COL/Col
 Joann Meacham HQ Nevada Air Guard
 Todd Starbuck HQ Nevada Air Guard

LTC/Lt Col
 April Conway 152nd Force Support Sqdn
 Michael Ramsay 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 David Evans JFHQ

MAJ/Maj
 Peter Fuller 17th Sustainment Bde
 Starr Chilson 17th Sustainment Bde
 Jami Cavins 92nd Civil Support Team

Nicholas De La Rosa	152nd Communications Flt	Natetoryen Howard	150th Maint Co	Braxton Skog	485th MP Co
Sherdean Din	152nd Communications Flt	Williams Mulvihill	150th Maint Co	Courtney Oneal	485th MP Co
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Mason Vokes	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Jonahthan Zbella	152d Comptroller Flt Adam	Noah Jennings	485th MP Co
Spencer Kowis	152nd Force Support Sqdn	O'Connor	152d Security Forces Sqdn	William Joralemon	485th MP Co
Christopher Disuanco	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	David Bowman	152d Security Forces Sqdn	Jezalea Segura	486th MP CO
Christopher Tribble	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Sean-Michael Tatro	152d Security Forces Sqdn	Alexa Cocolletzi	593rd Trans Co
Garrett Madsen	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Theo Chao	152d Security Forces Sqdn	Austin Tucker	593rd Trans Co
Jerami Esquer	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Terry Wise	152md Mission Spt Group	Cory Luce	593rd Trans Co
Kraig Kimball	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Aubrie Nolan	152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn	Jordan Fasolini	593rd Trans Co
Timothy Contreras	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Justin White	152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn	Leslie Mina	593rd Trans Co
Jessica White	152nd Maintenance Group	Scott Rothenberg	152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn	Samuel Robles	593rd Trans Co
Brandon Herbert	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Amber Groll	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Tarrell Thomas	593rd Trans Co
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Brian Henning	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Brian Butler	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Jordan Snow	609th Engineer Co
Brian McGary	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Casey Rodela	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Kameron Franco	609th Engineer Co
Carson Fisher	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	D'AJoun Johnson	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Ryan Preto	609th Engineer Co
Chad Debock	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Douglas Murphy	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Sean Botelho	609th Engineer Co
Corey Moffett	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Heather Renard	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Amber Rosenfeld	72nd MP Co
Dylan Weber	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	John Inwood	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Carina Johnson	72nd MP Co
Eric Mckenzie	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Logan Draper	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Daniel Rosales	72nd MP Co
Ernest Perreiraq	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Nicholas Hunter	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Ellen Mclaughlin	72nd MP Co
Henry Serrano	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Nickolas Camit	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Jayden Jacobson	72nd MP Co
Jeffery Sarkis	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Paul Valedz	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Kevin Barber	72nd MP Co
Jessie Pascual	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Jesse Manizer	152nd Communications Flt	Luke Stang	72nd MP Co
Jose Flores	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Justine Wallace	152nd Communications Flt	Skarleth Lopez	72nd MP Co
Kevin Horsch	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Bradley Day	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Allison Harriman	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Linden Maples	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Erica Steele	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Idaliz Ferris	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Louis Davis	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Kenneth Leeper	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Jason Lollikunkel	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Mason Blair	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Norma Aguiar	152nd Force Support Sqdn	Joshua Phillips	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Michael Depszgay	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Breana Kjeldgard	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Lucas Mosher	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
Nicole Hazen	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Casey Kelly	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Sork Allen	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn
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Taylor Kunz	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Jericho Schumacher	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Nikolay Minkov	777th ENG DET
Ariel Van Winkle	152nd Medical Group	Kelly Burns	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Dylan Huff	777th Forward Spt Co
Elizabeth Caperell	152nd Medical Group	Oilivia Seo	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	Jelisa Johnson	777th Forward Spt Co
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Matthew Stewart	152nd Medical Group	Casey Dirsra	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Anthony Hollis	C Co, 422nd Exped Signal Bn
Michael Wilcoxson	152nd Medical Group	Charles Mendoza	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Nicholas Mosher	Det 45 OSA
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Christopher Des Roches	152nd Operations Support Sqdn	Devan Seamans	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Aaron Debusk	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
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Devan Hedgcorth	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Martin Escobar	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Mathew Stanley	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Elliott Canaday	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Michael Beaton	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Mike Azcunaga	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Jonathan Van Engen	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Michael Seamans	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Toby Sims	HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
Kylea Sherman	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Noel Mauyao	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Antonio Patlan	I Troop, 1/221ST Cavalry
Matthew Thomasson	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Raven Cole	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Crystal Galvez	I Troop, 1/221ST Cavalry
Roddrick Reed	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Remy Bryant	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Juan Morenoarias	I Troop, 1/221ST Cavalry
Sarah Hunt	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Ryan Crowder	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Wilfredo Matul	I Troop, 1/221ST Cavalry
Trevor Hall	152nd Security Forces Sqdn	Steven Smith	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Andrew Johnson	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Hicks Rachel Davis	17th Sustainment Bde	Angel Chavez-Gonzalez	152nd Medical Group	Gomez Vega	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Montano Danise Earvin Zabal	17th Sustainment Bde	Breanna Rivera	152nd Medical Group	James Ioane	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Billy J. Johnson	192nd Airlift Sqdn	Erica Morga	152nd Medical Group	James Ortega	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Erin Evans	192nd Airlift Sqdn	Gregory Fellows	152nd Medical Group	Tyler Holmes	K Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Hannah Kapczynski	192nd Airlift Sqdn	Joshua Carrio	152nd Medical Group	Cody Ladrangan	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Jonathan Turner	192nd Airlift Sqdn	Marshall Sprott	152nd Medical Group	Daniel Gourlay	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Rita Middleton	192nd Airlift Sqdn	Simon Nuegent	152nd Medical Group	Olman Meza	L Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
Jeremiah John Sams	485TH MP Co	Alex Copenhagen	152nd Operations Support Sqdn	Danielle Swanbeck	NVARNG Medical Det
Zachariah Ziese	485TH MP Co	Paul Riedel	152nd Operations Support Sqdn	Lizeljamie Jackson	NVARNG Medical Det
Anthony Lindmeier III	991st Multi-Functional Bde	Ryan Renard	152nd Operations Support Sqdn		
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		Broderick Keitt	1864th Trans Co		
		Iris Ramirezchavez	1864th Trans Co		
		Kenneth Sanchez	1864th Trans Co		
		Samuel Gilbert	192nd Airlift Sqdn		
		Adam Smith	240th Engineer Co		
		Audry Javan	240th Engineer Co		
		Misty Penny	240th Engineer Co		
		Spencer Ostrowsky	240th Engineer Co		
		Tania Sanchez	240th Engineer Co		
		Matthew Miller	277th Engineer Haul Plt		
		Aaron Crisp	3/140th Aviation Det		
		Christopher Stayton	3/140th Aviation Det		
		Michael Consul	3/140th Aviation Det		
		Bryanna Chaffee	3600TH JAG Trial Def		
		Jonathan Ansonge	3665th Ordnance Co		
		Jonathan Rivera	3665th Ordnance Co		
		Alexandrea Wahlmeier	485th MP Co		
		Brandon Patterson	485th MP Co		

ACCESSIONS

Adam Fisher	1/168th MEDEVAC
Arden Ruckman	1/189th Aviation Co
Cheyenne Shoup	100th Quartermaster Co
Joseph Roldanespada	100th Quartermaster Co
Nakiyyah Altalac	100th Quartermaster Co
Panupong Hiranrak	100th Quartermaster Co
Thomas Knickmeyer	100th Quartermaster Co
Uganda Cothron	100th Quartermaster Co
Ivan Gutierrez	137TH MP Det
Reinani Baranowski	137TH MP Det
Christian Collmar	150th Maint Co
Dylan Williams	150th Maint Co
Elizabeth Blanco	150th Maint Co
James Brooks	150th Maint Co
Mario Arzamendi	150th Maint Co

RETIREMENTS

SFC David Cornell	1/168th MEDEVAC
SGM Don Gable	1/189th Aviation
SSG Steven Watson	1/189th Aviation
SFC Fredy Valladares	1/221st Cavalry
SSG Michael Getten	106th PAD
SSG Aaron Parks	150th Maint Co
SSG John Diemer	150th Maint Co
SF7 David Dawson	150th Maint Co
SFC Larry Clawson	150th Maint Co
MSgt Damon Breshears	152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
MSgt Mark Gonzalez	152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
MSgt Michael Ryan	152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
CMSgt Gregory Bartlett	152nd Airlift Wing
MSgt Sara Schweppe	152nd Airlift Wing
MSgt Scott Fleming	152nd Airlift Wing
TSgt Brett Vegeto	152nd Airlift Wing

TSgt Darrin Walker	152nd Airlift Wing	MAJ Blain Holmes	17th Sustainment Bde	Lt Col Mark Hall	JFHQ
MSgt Charles Atkinson	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	MAJ Todd Hine	17th Sustainment Bde	LTC Brian Shackelford	JFHQ
MSgt Lancer Maciel	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	1SG John Bogdan	17th Sustainment Bde	MAJ Daniel Thielen	JFHQ
MSgt Timothy Ng	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	SFC Sargent Kolterayah	17th Sustainment Bde	CW5 David Anderson	JFHQ
TSgt Paul Spencer	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	SSG Lawrence Johnson	17th Sustainment Bde	CW4 Sherlyn Aboumrad	JFHQ
SSgt Donald Speth	152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn	Lt Col Brian Thayer	192nd Airlift Sqdn	CSM Gregory Cook	JFHQ
SMSgt Steven White	152nd Communications Flt	SSG Michael Coffers	277th Engineer Haul Plt	CSM Robert Boldry	JFHQ
MSgt Amias France	152nd Communications Flt	SSG Thomas Lydon	277th Engineer Haul Plt	SGM Douglas Ramey	JFHQ
TSgt Shelton Lacy	152nd Communications Flt	1LT Terence Sterba	422nd Exped Signal Bn	SMSgt Luis Loe	JFHQ
MSgt Nemiah Rutledge	152nd Force Support Sqdn	CSM Robin Sheets	422nd Exped Signal Bn	MSgt Pamela Kimberlin	JFHQ
TSgt David Smith	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	PFC Timothy Carr	422nd Exped Signal Bn	SFC Gloria Rems	JFHQ
TSgt Harry Wheeler	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	1SG Daniel Prothro	593rd Trans Co	SFC Larry Hancock	JFHQ
SSgt Stacy Walters	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn	SFC Luis Alvarez	72nd MP Co	SSG Henry Zelaya	JFHQ
MSgt Glen Stebbins	152nd Maint Operations Flt	LTC Wilson DaSilva	757th Combat Sust Spt Bn	SSG Henry Zelaya	JFHQ
MSgt Seth Dextraze	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	SFC David Hartsell	777th Forward Spt Co	SGT Darren Hailey	JFHQ
TSgt Richard Grubb	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	LTC Kristian Kirkland	991st Multi-Functional Bde	SGT Eduardo Conde	JFHQ
TSgt Walter Spargo	152nd Maintenance Sqdn	Col Bartley O'Toole		1SG Darcy Tiedeman	NVARNG Rec/Ret
Lt Col Kevin Knuf	152nd Medical Group	Col David Snyder		MSG Thomas Lima	NVARNG Rec/Ret
MSgt Randolph Isgriggs	152nd Medical Group	COL Enrique De La Paz		SFC Christopher Hammond	NVARNG Rec/Ret
MSgt William Vineis	152nd Medical Group	COL Johnny Isaak		SFC Linda Winslow	NVARNG Rec/Ret
MSgt Frank Tolete	152nd Operations Support Sqdn	Col Kenneth Hall			
MSgt John Fairbanks	152nd Operations Support Sqdn	Lt Col Jeffrey Zupon			

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The plan is voluntary and all income received is based on contributions and the earnings on those contributions. Guardsmen do not have to serve 20 or more years to receive their funds.

Guardsmen can allocate a percentage of their base, special and incentive pay to the program. Unfortunately, Guardsmen don't receive matching funds from the military.

I'm no financial planner and there is no guarantee your investments will grow, but it's worth considering starting a Thrift Savings Plan no matter how small the amount you can afford. Take a look at the details at www.tsp.gov.

Insure against catastrophe

Guardsmen can easily sidestep the perplexing, bewildering world of health

care insurance by acquiring coverage that's open only to National Guard and reserve services members. The comprehensive coverage includes TRICARE Reserve Select for medical coverage and the TRICARE Dental Program for dental coverage.

The programs require premiums and are voluntary. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and the sponsor and dependents must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Federal employees eligible or enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, including Army and Air Guard technicians, are not eligible for the TRICARE programs.

The medical premiums for 2016 are

\$47.90 per month for the member only and \$210.83 for a member and family.

A Guardsman may join the dental plan at any time but must remain enrolled for at least one year. Monthly premiums are about \$11 for the sponsoring Guardsman and/or about \$84 for a family (prices will likely change in February 2016).

If retirement is on your horizon, it might be time to investigate the TRICARE Retired Reserve and TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, especially if you are set to leave the National Guard before age 60 and will require coverage to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

Visit www.tricare.mil for information on the coverage plans. ■

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15 percent. We will get there. Technician hiring is frozen and we will not backfill losses until we reach that number."

Attrition includes losses due retirements, relocation, military boards and performance.

Peyerl said his difficult decisions will come if certain sections lose a disproportionate number of technicians. If that situation were to occur, personnel officials could directly command a technician from one position to another.

Peyerl said the organization will undoubtedly experience the negative effects of a shorthanded technician workforce.

"We will do less with less," Peyerl said. "There are going to be things we can no longer do. For example, mainte-

nance will be affected. A shop may have had 10 technicians before and now it has seven to fix equipment. With 10 technicians, the shop could have met equipment readiness standards, but with seven, the rates will start to drop."

Peyerl, who is also the commander of 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry, said the squadron expects to add a tank company complete with 14 M1A2 Abrams tanks by late 2016. It hasn't been determined where the new company will be housed.

The new Delta Company will boast about 60 tanker Soldiers. The addition of the company will also create 110-150 new ancillary maintenance and medical jobs in Cavalry's forward support company and other units, known as troops in the Cavalry, in Yerington and Las Vegas.

Also, the other Cavalry troops will acquire 18 new Bradley Fighting Vehicles to increase their total number of fighting vehicles to 41.

Lau said the new truck company will be tabbed the 1859th Transportation Company and its 150 Soldiers will be headquartered in northern Nevada, likely Reno. It's possible the 593rd Transportation Company will relocate to southern Nevada as a result of the creation of the 1859th.

The final decisions on the headquarters location for Delta Company and the 1859th will be determined by general officers by 2017. ■

Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy of the National Guard Bureau contributed to this report.

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Arab Emirates and Iraq, said brigade deputy commander Lt. Col. John Kruthaupt.

The 17th is set to logistically support all types of operation occurrences in the region. They will support both U.S. forces and U.S. allies.

The 17th left Las Vegas in early January and then was scheduled to spend a month at Fort Hood, Texas, for additional training. It will arrive in Kuwait in early February.

Signal battalion ready for Africa mission

RENO – The 422nd Signal Battalion's forward element is set to deploy about 40 Nevada Soldiers and about 10 Arizona Soldiers in February to support Operation Enduring Freedom - Horn of Africa.

The signal Soldiers will provide, install, operate, and maintain communications systems for teams operating throughout the area of operations.

The entire battalion includes 343 Soldiers and is based in Reno. It traditionally

provides command and control as well as administrative and logistical support for an expeditionary signal battalion. It also oversees the engineering, installation, operation, and maintenance of communication equipment.

The battalion mobilized 374 personnel from January 2011 - February 2012 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided coalition forces beyond-line-of-sight communication and connectivity for three networks throughout Southwest Asia. ■

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at least the final letter preserved in Reid's Medal of Honor file. That same week, Reid left the unit and enlisted in service in the Pacific Northwest.

"He (Reid) is one of many on the list, the majority of which were recognized for actions in Arizona," Laura S. Jowdy, archivist for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society in Fort Knox, Ky, said in an interview earlier this year. "I find it likely that this is where the mistake occurred."

According to Army statistics, 1,948 Medals of Honor were awarded during the Civil War and Indian Campaigns, more than half of the nation's total, 3,465. Some Civil War Soldiers received the medal simply for re-enlisting.

That changed when Congress passed legislation in 1917 striking the names of more than 900 people who were awarded the medal. In 1918, other medals were created, including the Silver Star, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. But unlike many removed from the record, Reid received his medal in battle, resulting in him saving the life of his lieutenant.

However, Reid's discharge and pension records make no mention of his Medal of Honor.

After leaving Camp Winfield Scott in 1869, Reid re-enlisted with Company A, 1st U.S. Cavalry and returned to service in the Pacific Northwest. He served in Portland,

Ore., and at Fort Walla Walla, Washington Territory, until ending his 21-year military career 1882.

In 1882, after being hospitalized for chronic alcoholism and diagnosed with rheumatism, Reid, aged 52, applied for entrance in a Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C. Records after his application for veteran benefits and information on his death weren't available.

The fighting between settlers and tribal members in northern Nevada subsided in the 1870s as the tribal members were forced from their homeland to reservations around the state.

Uncovering history

In the 1970s, the U.S. Forest Service surveyed land in the region east of Hinkey Summit, where the skirmish occurred. The survey showed a cave in the area, according to the Forest Service.

Last October, I visited the area with Nevada Guard Public Affairs Officer Maj. Mickey Kirschenbaum, U.S. Forest Service Archeologist Chimalis Kuehn and retired Nevada Guard Col. Daniel C.B. Rathbun.

On the eastern side of Hinkey Summit, where the mountain depresses into a gulch, is a large perpendicular rock formation with a cave at the base, matching the description and spot noted in the incident report.

"I'd say it's likely this is the cave where the fighting occurred," Rathbun said.

Kuehn inspected the area around the cave for shrapnel or other elements possibly left from the 1868 skirmish, but found nothing.

Of about 3,500 Medal of Honor recipients since the U.S. military created the designation in the Civil War, four have connections to Nevada.

Two recipients lived in Nevada at the time of their deaths, while another had enlisted in Nevada.

The fourth, Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Avery Van Voorhis, a bomber pilot of Fallon, Nev., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his mission in the Solomon Islands in 1943. In an urgent mission to save American lives, Van Voorhis destroyed several Japanese planes and communication devices on a 700-mile night flight, according to his citation for the medal.

According to Jowdy and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society: "As of this point, there are no known MOH actions that took place in Nevada, unless you include Reid's, which I can't because the official record hasn't been changed."

Correcting the mistake in the official record can take more than a year and must be approved through petition to U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Jowdy said. The Nevada National Guard Public Affairs Office is in the process of writing that petition. ■

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didn't shirk tough training. His participation often motivated young Soldiers to perform well even in harsh, adverse conditions.

"We miss him in the Cav."

In his civilian occupation, D'Angelo, is a cardiac pediatrician at Island Pediatrics,

Inc., in Hilo, Hawaii. He graduated from medical school at University of California, San Diego, in 1992.

D'Angelo said Island Pediatrics will do fine while he's deployed as two other providers are set to staff the office during his absence. He's more concerned about time

away from his 4-year-old daughter, Gabriella. (He also has a daughter, Grace, 20, and a son, Vincent, 19.)

"It's going to be a hard time for my daughter," D'Angelo said. "But I am obliged to the state and to my unit. Of course, they are not going without me." ■

CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History



Other Events and Functions

FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Four Chaplain's Day	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19 Coast Guard Reserve birthday	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		21	2 1861: Nevada becomes a territory	3 Navy Reserve birthday	4	5 Seabee birthday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 U.S. K9 Corps birthday	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 1931: "wide open" gambling legislation approved
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day	31		

APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Gold Star Wives Day	6	7	8	9 1996; first C-130s arrive at Air Base in Reno
10	11	12	13 Thomas Jefferson's birthday	14 Air Force Reserve birthday	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 1948: Nellis AFB jet collides with passenger jet, killing 49	22	23 Army Reserve birthday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Photo by Sgt. Mike Orton
Cadets with the Reno High School Huskie Battalion Junior ROTC program hold an American flag under the famous Reno arch during the 2015 Reno Veterans Day parade.