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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Maj. Gen. Cindy Kirkland



Incredible efforts

As I write this second article for *Battle Born*, I just returned from theater and am filled with such pride and amazement at the incredible effort being made by our soldiers and airmen.

The day after arriving in Kuwait with State CSM Stephen Sitton, we had the opportunity to visit with the soldiers of our own 1-221 Cav in Kuwait. We helped present some awards to these great patriots, one of them a Purple Heart. I told them how proud we all are of their accomplishments, and most of all for their commitment in volunteering to serve after already serving a very long mobilization at Fort Irwin. Their spirits are high and the list of accomplishments too long to share here. Please take the opportunity to seek out these soldiers and hear thier amazing stories. Although they wouldn't allow us to visit our units deployed in southern Iraq, we did go into Baghdad and got a lot of briefings and updates on operations and the outlook. We got lots of feedback from leadership that the work of the 593rd, the 152nd and all our deployed Nevada Guard members is making a big difference in theater. Thanks to everyone, those deployed and those providing support from home, for all you do in support of the Global War on Terrorism as well as here in Nevada.

Nevada native returns home for assistant adjutant general position

By Capt. April Conway, Joint Force Headquarters



Brig. Gen. Bill Burks takes the oath of office at the state Capitol as he's pinned to brigadier general.

It took 11 years, but Brig. Gen Bill Burks is again wearing a Nevada patch on his BDUs. Burks was selected by Maj. Gen Cindy Kirkland to serve as the assistant adjutant general for air, a traditional Guard position, upon the retirement of Maj. Gen. (NV) Mike Gullihur. Burks began his Guard career in Reno in 1977 as a navigator in the 152nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron's RF-4. He attained the rank of major and was a master navigator before a fortuitous stopover to visit a friend in Washington, D.C. in 1996 diverted his attention. That friend, another former Nevada Guard member, then-Col. Ron Bath, turned into a job opportunity at the staff integration office for the National Guard Bureau.

Over the next several years, Burks quietly advanced in rank and responsibility level, working for the Air National Guard planning branch, for the Air Staff at the Pentagon, and eventually working as a division chief. Burks most recently served as the director of staff with the U.S. Air Force's newly established Quadrennial Defense Review Office in the Pentagon. All the while, though, he kept a close eye on the growth and the changes within the Nevada Air Guard.

"I'm impressed by the modernization of the base, the growth in the Predator unit in southern Nevada and by the inroads being made in the 57th Wing (at Nellis Air Force Base)," Burks said.

Burks will continue to live in the D.C. area, but Kirkland believes that's an asset for

the High Rollers.

"I think the experiences he's gained while he was working at the national level will be very beneficial to the Nevada National Guard," said Kirkland. "He's bringing back a lot of knowledge that will be very good for the state."

Burks said even as a general officer, he's still getting an education. "I'm welcoming the opportunity to learn more about the Army Guard in Nevada," he said.

"The faces have changed," Burks said as he came back for his first drill in Reno, "but I see that the professionalism has remained the same as when I left."

A Wooster High School and University of Nevada, Reno graduate, Burks is also a decorated combat pilot with more than 2,000 flight hours in the RF-4C Phantom aircraft and is a veteran of 29 combat missions during the Gulf War.

As a civilian, Burks is a certified public accountant. \blacksquare

Capt. Conway is a dedicated Seattle Seahawk fan, though she was bummed they released defensive end Grant Wistrom.

The Guard has been in the forefront, both in the State and in Congress. The most significant program approved by the state is our new ChalleNGe program. It was one of the governor's priorities and a program much needed in the state. As our team begins the work to put the program together, there will be many opportunities for involvement in getting Nevada's agenda up and running by July 2008. We were also successful in getting the funding approved to continue the Patriot Relief Act programs for book reimbursements, SGLI reimbursements for deployers and emergency assistance for the families of those deployed. A run-down of all the legislation approved that affects the Guard will be provided as soon as it is all weeded out.

On the federal side, key legislation authorized by Congress includes funding for a new vehicle maintenance facility at the Air Guard, an imagery system that was developed through the experience and expertise of our own Nevada Counter Drug folks, as well as several other equipment needs. The appropriation phase is under way and we hope to be successful in securing the funding needed for these important programs.

There are a lot of tough issues being discussed in Washington, many of which



Who's got your six?

By Command Chief Master Sgt. John Ternau, Nevada Air National Guard State Command Chief

The Nevada Legislature has finished another session, Congress is still in session, tuition assistance checks are in the mail, and some of you stopped by the commissary recently to do some shopping. What do these things have in common, why do they go hand in hand, and why should you care? As airmen and soldiers, the benefits we receive like tuition assistance and commissary privileges come from our legislative bodies of government as bills passed into law by Congress or the state legislature.

These benefits and others are not merely handed out by our lawmakers without some outside influence. More often than not they are the result of an organized lobbying effort from a number of individual constituents and organized groups of constituents.

For those that don't know or remember, commissary privileges were only available to Guardsmen when they were on orders such as two weeks of annual training. The rest of the year the commissary was offlimits to all but active duty.

A lobbying effort from EANGUS (Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States) changed that. EANGUS petitioned Congress to change the law to allow Guardsmen to use the commissary 12 additional times per year, not associated with annual training orders. That benefit expanded from 12 days to what we have today. Now, anytime you want to stop into a commissary anywhere, you can do so.

Tuition assistance for Nevada schools also began as a lobbing effort at the state level. The initial benefit of 50 percent tuition reimbursement (after the Guardsman had already paid) expanded over the years, but one must remember the efforts of organizations such as EANGUS and NGAUS as well as individuals that lobbied to maintain and expand those valuable benefits.

What about the future and what is pending that will affect us down the road? Capitol Hill is busy with legislation such as concurrent receipt for all veterans drawing disability and retirement checks; moving all Montgomery GI Bill provisions together so the Guard is the same as the active duty; improving TRICARE benefits while still keeping fees at current levels; introducing the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007; and reintroducing many provisions of last year's bills.

These bills and others require support from senators and congressmen to get passed and become law. In turn, those senators and congressmen need to hear the opinions of the airmen and soldiers they represent, what will benefit them most, and what airmen and soldiers want to become law.

Whether that voice is heard by the representatives of the various military associations or as individuals, it must be heard loud and clear. Without the numbers have a direct impact on Nevada. Your entire leadership team is well engaged and working to make sure the missions and resources needed are obtained. Recruiting is key in deciding where those limited resources go.

It is an incredible honor to be your adjutant general. Along with the whole command team, I want to thank you for your commitment, your passion and your service. \blacksquare

She's no cave-dweller, but Maj. Gen. Kirkland's summer vacation was largely spent 70 ft. underground at Kokopelli's Cave in New Mexico.



in our organizations or the many individual letters to our representatives, these bills and the benefits they bring will not become law. Numbers is the name of the game and with more numbers, the louder the voice becomes for more hard-earned benefits for the valuable service the Guard provides.

Congress is listening and seems willing to advance and pass legislative goals regarding airmen and soldiers in the National Guard. All they need is a voice to tell them what is needed and what direction to go. Engage them often with individual letters, e-mails, or phone calls. Not in the letter writing mode? Become a member of one of the many organizations available to you. These organizations need numbers behind them to be successful and have professionals on Capitol Hill who follow every piece of legislation through the process.

Chief Ternau enjoys all outdoor activities, but especially fishing at Lake Tahoe. You can find him at O-dark-thirty during the winter at Sand Harbor boat launch. After his daughter's June wedding expenses, he may have to rely on his catch to put meat on the table.

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FROM THE ARMY GUARD COMMANDER

Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales

General's heavyweight expectations for successful Guard career

By Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales, Nevada Army Guard Commander



It's been just a year since I took command of Nevada's Army Guard. In that year I've done my best to meet every soldier and communicate my leadership philosophy and what I expect of each soldier. Many have heard my message, but I can't be everywhere and I want to reiterate what I expect of every soldier now and throughout their military career.

Soldiers are a very unique breed of individuals striving for the ultimate team goal of defending our state and nation. Soldiers are the most dedicated individuals on earth. We send our great soldiers to defend our freedoms and pay the ultimate price in doing so. Each soldier is a great American and a true citizen of our great nation.

Soldiers aren't able to do their job if the leadership isn't in place to guide them in achieving all of their goals. I do my best to take care of our soldiers and their families. We must always train and care for our soldiers. Never turn away a soldier without giving a possible solution.

Chain of command works. Use it!

No matter what, it comes down to the Army team direction to achieve the goals. The total force must be unified under one direction and one command. Everyone must pull together. If you're unable to comply, then you must look for other employment opportunities.

Every soldier is trained to understand and reflect the Army's values and do so with the best possible attitude. Deliver on your commitments. Understand and live the Army values. These values are what make us what we are – great Americans. Have fun and enjoy your duty. Our state and our country need you, and they are grateful for your service.

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The 152nd Airlift Wing and 152nd Intelligence Squadron continue their year-long rotation in and out of Iraq. Tech. Sgt. James Wallis of the 152nd Maintenance Group is welcomed home by Congressman Dean Heller on the flightline in Reno. Late this summer Wallis is set to deploy to Southwest Asia for the fifth time.

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152nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters pose in front of a mural they painted near their fire station in Baghdad. The group spent four months deployed. Clockwise from top left are: Tech. Sgt. Timothy Daniels, Senior Master Sgt. Michael Brown, Master Sgt. David Todd Curtis, Senior Airman Matthew Hoff, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Albee, Staff Sgt. Jason Leggett, Staff Sgt. James Strandberg and Master Sgt. Robert Eastman.



Specialists James Montez and Arnold Rodgiruez practice an injury wrap as part of the 150th Maintenance Company's annual training in Hawthorne. The unit also focused on force protection measures to help mitigate insurgent attacks, defensive convoy techniques, securing perimeters, close quarters combat within buildings, evaluating casualties and securing enemy prisoners of war.



Senior Airman Angie Rincon, Senior Master Sgt. Greg Johnson, Staff Sgt. Beth Lambert and Senior Airman Rachel Allen, all of the 152nd Medical Group, are in the midst of a four-month deployment aboard the U.S. Navy hospital ship Comfort. Comfort is performing humanitarian aid missions throughout 12 nations in the Caribbean and Latin America. The former oil tanker stretches the length of three football fields and is packed with about 800 crew and medical staff from all branches of service, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and some non-governmental organizations.

Allen says after getting her sea legs, training has been non-stop. "Everyone on board is very supportive of the fact that we all come from different services, have different knowledge levels and experiences."



Firefighters from the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron and from Joint Force Headquarters traveled to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, to participate in joint training with chief officers of the Turkmen fire service. The High Rollers trained with the Turkmen on high rise firefighting, wildland firefighting, confined space rescue techniques, the incident command system and hazardous material mitigation. Master Sgt. Tim Spencer presented the group with traditional American toy helmets as part of a goodwill gesture.

The trip included Lt. Col. Butch VanLeuven, Maj. Eric Wade, Master Sgt. Tim Spencer, Tech. Sgt. Mike Krysztof and Tech. Sgt. Robert Sandoval.

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152nd Medical Group Senior Airmen Jessica Bean, right, and Jennifer James are attached to the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group and show off the Hero's Highway at their base in Iraq. Every single injured service member passes through the Hero's Highway before entering the ER. It's one way to show the soldiers they are in American hands and that they're going to receive the best care possible, James said.

Staff Sgt. Michelle O'Connor and Senior Airman Justin Juergens (at a separate location) also deployed to Iraq from the medical group. Among the four, they track patients entering and leaving the hospital, drive ambulances, perform CPR, run IVs and perform other basic nursing care.

James said everything she does is stuff she learned in tech school, "But this time it's real life rather than simulation. I've seen every battle wound you can imagine and have sat by soldiers who have lost their lives."

The foursome deployed for about two months.





Members of the 593rd Transportation Company, 152nd Airlift Wing and 152nd Intel Squadron were able to take advantage of the Villa Basque Deli's donation of 100 pounds of chorizo during a BBQ at their base in Iraq. The deli is located in Carson City.



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Healthcare delivered to Bocas del Toro, Panama

By Staff Sgt. Frank L. Marquez, 106th Public Affairs Detachment



Col. David Lind, a pediatrician assigned to the Wyoming National Guard, prepares to examine an unidentified Panamanian infant. Photo: Capt. Jeff Johnson, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

BASE CAMP RAMBALA – Nearly 600 Panamanian citizens arrived en masse for healthcare provided by the U.S. Army National Guard at a school in the small village of Punta Pena recently. It was medical attention the local population had not seen for months or even years.

In the spirit of "Estamos Unidos," and the mission named New Horizons, 35 National Guard soldiers based in Cheyenne, Wyo., offered medical services to the local population in a village that sits in Panama's northernmost province, Bocas del Toro. In the days to follow, the unit will travel to remote communities Quebrada Pasto and Norteno. Both Panamanian and U.S. officials expected to see up to 10,000 by the end of 10-day mission.

Four members of the 106th Public Affairs Detachment, Nevada Army Guard, went along with the Wyoming group, performing photography, video and print journalism missions.

The MedCom, led by Col. Joseph Horam, arrived at base camp less than 24 hours before propping up green tables and a wide array of medical equipment in classrooms throughout the school. "Treatment will vary," said Horam, who has twice deployed to Iraq in Balad and Bagdad. "Some may have had minimal care in some locations with remote access. As word spreads, we may see more people coming from the outlying areas."

Those who come will be welcomed and seen by doctors, optometrists, dentists, a physician's assistant, and one nurse practitioner, according to Horam. "We'll align with local heathcare providers, hopefully setting the example," he said. "We will learn some things as well. It is important to keep in mind that we are ambassadors here."

Capt. Jason Vogt brings that spirit. A pediatric dentist on Ioan from the Nebraska National Guard in Omaha knows the value of such missions, having taken his expertise to Moracco, Belize and South Africa. "Here, we're mainly limited to extractions," he said. "In Moracco, we (pulled) about 250 teeth a day. But, there's a likelihood of seeing other things we haven't seen in the States."

The missions performed by the 106th, information dissemination in a variety of formats, allow the Wyoming Guard, and other Air Force and Navy Reserve units participating, to shine in the spotlight. Photos, print stories and video news stories were sent to a variety of Guard and Reserve news outlets. The small team also made a morale music video for the medical units and spread the word of the New Horizons mission.

Spec. Cheri Cramutolo, a broadcast journalist with the 106th, has covered stories around the world, but found soldiers more motivated for this mission than expected. "People were so happy to be making a real difference for the people and the schools in Panama," she said.

Mireya Castillo, the director of the school in Punta Pena, wishes the soldiers could be here every year. "Our community is fairly poor," she said, "A lot of people don't have insurance. The majority of people work the land, and they don't always have the economic means to afford healthcare."

Castillo, an educator for 28 years, guides 1,080 students in preschool through the ninth grade. She talked with the students' parents, with whom she has close relationships, to help spread the good news. "We try to have everyone come and take advantage because it's free, and it's good service," she said. "Having this type of service available motivates them to come, and the experience in the end is that everyone is glad to be here."

Francisca Montenegro, a resident in Punta Pena, brought her two girls, Zuleimi Sanchez, 7, Zulini, 10, and her niece Yuleiza Delmengor, 8. She said she's been waiting about a month for a visit to the doctor. Montenegro tried to take her daughter to the



Nearly 600 Panamanian citizens stood in line Thursday morning for health exams provided by the Wyoming National Guard in the village of Punta Pena. Photo: Capt. Jeff Johnson, 106th Public Affairs Detachment



Navy Cmdr. Guidon Valdes examines Zuleimi Sanchez Montenegro, 7, while her older sister Zulini, 10, and her mother Francisca look on. Photo: Capt. Jeff Johnson, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

clinic, "but it takes too long. The office ran out of numbers," she said, about the process for making the first appointment.

Coordination for the units' arrival began a year ago with a directive by Panamanian President Martin Torrijos Espino. A few months later, the order settled into the able hands of Dr. Antonio Holder, a dentist by trade. Holder took the reigns in coordinating all humanitarian medical missions for Panama's Ministry of Health with the U.S. Embassy in Panama City for New Horizons.

"The president determined what areas would be served. In Bocas del Toro, 30 to 40 percent of the population lives in poverty and lacks adequate health services," he said. "Most of these people live in the mountains and jungles."

Holder explained that the country's doctors would rather practice their specialties in Panama City than to work in the remote locations of northern Panama. "All we have is a medical assistant in each of the communities," he said. "All these assistants have is an exam room and small pharmacy. When they do travel out to the remote locations, they can only manage illnesses such as colds and small parasites."

Soldiers like Spec. Jeffery Dannemiller, a combat medic, from Cody, Wyo., learned about the demand first-hand. He watched with the fellow soldiers of his unit as a line grew outside the school grounds and along the gate that stretched from one end of the school to the other. He worked patiently, saying this is an opportunity for him to learn from doctors and nurses in his first overseas mission.

Dannemiller, 20, currently attends the University of Wyoming majoring in pre-med. "When I was a kid, I always wanted to be a part of the military," he said. "I also knew that college was important. So, being with the Guard allowed me the opportunity to pursue this life-long dream."

After the first day, soldiers and the townspeople of Punta Pena expressed their gratitude. "You come away with a greater appreciation for everything," Vogt said. "You come out of here a little more humble. I tell soldiers to go on these missions for the chance to see things they have never seen before."

Castillo captured what it meant to the community, "I know that a lot of the soldiers have come so far to be here, and we are grateful."

When Staff Sgt. Marquez isn't writing stories for the 106th, he's probably going through your luggage at McCarran International Airport while working for the TSA. You can also find him wandering the halls of UNLV finishing a master's degree.

Air Guard graduates 15 with associate degrees

Fifteen Air Guard members earned 16 associate degrees this spring from the Community College of the Air Force. The college is one of several federally chartered degree-granting institutions, but it is the only 2-year institution exclusively serving enlisted personnel. The college awards the associate in applied science degree after a student successfully completes a degree program designed for an Air Force specialty. The Community College of the Air Force is accredited through Air University by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree.

- Tech. Sgt. Theresa Beggs, 152nd Intelligence Squadron Communications Applications Technology
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- Tech. Sgt. Reina Breitmeyer, 152nd Maintenance Squadron Information Management
- Tech Sgt. Angie Brodeur, 152nd Military Support Flight Human Resources Management
- Tech Sgt. Patricia Clark, 152nd Intelligence Squadron Communications Applications Technology
- Master Sgt. William Elliott, 152nd Communications Flight Electronic Systems Technology
- Tech Sgt. Benjamin Foster, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron Ecological Controls

- Master Sgt. Sherri Hackett, 152nd Intelligence Squadron

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 Applications Technology
- Staff Sgt. Michael Henderson, 152nd Support Group – Financial Management
- Master Sgt. Luis Loe, 152nd Airlift Wing -Human Resources Management
- Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Martini, Jr., 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron – Aviation Maintenance Technology & Human Resources Management
- Senior Master Sgt. Victoriana Miller, Det. 1, NVANG Information Management
- Staff Sgt. Teddy Sim, 152nd Communications Flight Audiovisual Production Services
- Master Sgt. Victoria Windsor, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
- Staff Sgt. Courtney Woodward, 152nd Intelligence Squadron – Avionic Systems Management

The CCAF has awarded 298,591 associate in applied science degrees since April 1977.

593rd Transportation Co. puts the pedal to the metal

Story by Lt. Col. Steve Ranson, Joint Force Headquarters Photos courtesy of the 593rd Transportation Co.

Truck drivers from the 593rd Transportation Co. are traversing some of the most dangerous highways a half-world away from the Silver State.

Guardsmen involved in transportation-related tasks have literally been "putting the pedal to the metal" in pushing their fuel or heavy equipment tractor-trailer trucks across worn-torn Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Capt. Amadeo Flores of Sparks, commander of the 593rd, with detachments in Winnemucca, Elko and Las Vegas, said many of the company's 150 troops volunteered for the mission, and for some soldiers, it is their second deployment to the country.

Soldiers appear to be upbeat about their 18-month deployment to one of the most volatile regions in the Middle East.

Sgt. Tracy Castro of Spring Creek said 3rd Platoon has adjusted well to all the changes in Iraq and training continues to be an ongoing challenge.

"In between convoys and during other periods of down time, training has been a major priority," Castro said. "We performed mostly convoy, IED and ambush training, culminating with a mounted live fire."

Meanwhile, Headquarters Platoon achieved a high degree of operational readiness.

"The mechanics jumped in and began arduously laboring to bring the vehicles to new life," said Chief Warrant Officer Ben Valdez of Las Vegas.

Despite some minor setbacks, he said the unit's achievements far exceeded the disappointments. Valdez said soldiers have been tasked with new missions such as manning guard towers and training on new equipment.

Staff Sgt. Juan Sandoval, another Guardsman from Spring Creek, recently became a convoy commander responsible for the preparation and execution of a convoy. Instead of driving a truck, he sits in the passenger's seat carrying an M16. Sandoval said he didn't realize the scope of being a convoy commander.

"We have a lot of responsibility while on the road," he said, "but



there is a lot of preparation that goes into a mission prior to leaving the gate."

Before the convoy begins its mission, drivers inspect their trucks and trailers, and then go to the onward movement yard to pick up their loads. Sandoval said once drivers load their vehicles, all the convoy commanders review battle plans for different situations. The mission begins sometime the following days.

"We meet at the convoy briefing center where we get our intel for our mission," Sandoval said. "After the brief, the chaplain says a prayer, we have dinner and load our trucks to begin our mission."

Sandoval said the scope of the mission has changed several times since the unit arrived in Iraq. The 593rd also hauls supplies to different forward operation bases in Iraq, primarily to the ally's largest support base north of Baghdad called Camp Anaconda and to the international airport 15 miles south of Baghdad.

Spec. Richard Samson of Reno said missions come and go.

"Sometimes being on the base can get boring, so we are always looking forward to getting out on the road," Samson said. "Getting out on the road is exactly what we are trained to do. When we are out on the road, we travel at designated speeds which are dictated by our escorts (gun trucks).

"Some are slow and some are a bit quicker. We travel at night

looking down the road and the sides of the road with our dull headlights and spotlights, which are not too bright, either. We look for anything out of the ordinary that could possible be a roadside bomb."

Spec. Jennifer Palomino of Las Vegas agrees. "When we are on the road, we all work together to complete a mission," she said. "Time goes by faster when we are on the road."

Although Palomino is focused on her mission's hazards, she still has time to view the beauty of the country.

"We get to see a lot of the country. Although this country is nothing we would call home, we have seen the most amazing sunrises and sunsets."

Performing mechanic duties has been distant to Spec. Theresa Gutierrez's civilian job in Las Vegas. The Las Vegas resident



Several members of the 593rd pose on the Iranian border.

now works underneath a truck checking for oil leaks. Gutierrez said the preparation for a convoy is extensive.

The average mission on the road ranges from five to seven days.

When Guardsmen remain at camp, they have some of the comforts of home. The post has an exchange and mess hall. Small, two-person housing units have electricity, while trailers provide showers and toilets. Some FOBs also have nationally known fast-food restaurants.

Other soldiers endure more primitive "luxuries."

"Did I mention how much I hate to use port-a-potties?" penned Gutierrez. "This is exactly what I am talking about. It's the small things that you soon learn to appreciate."

Palomino, though, said most of all, soldiers love letters.

"The most important thing in our daily life is receiving mail from home," she said. "Nobody understands or ever will understand the true meaning of a letter in the mail. And when we get packages, it feels like Christmas at our house."

There's no joy in Mudville when Lt. Col. Ranson trades in Army green for umpire gear in Fallon's youth baseball leagues. He's umped youth games at all levels for several years.



Improvise, adapt and overcome is the motto for some 593rd soldiers. Sgt. 1st Class Harry Schroeder takes advantage of the sun to dry his laundry.

Diary excerpts from a deployed Guard member

Spec. Jenna Snyder's diary excerpts are a personal glimpse into her life as a Guard member serving with the 593rd. Snyder is 20 years old and from North Las Vegas. She said she always knew she'd join the military, but appreciates the Guard because she likes getting to choose where she lives. Prior to deploying, she was a cadet for the North Las Vegas Police Department. When not in Iraq, Snyder attends the Community College of Southern Nevada pursuing a degree in criminal justice, but is thinking about attending officer candidate school and volunteering for a second deployment when her unit returns to Nevada sometime this autumn.



Civil Engineer playground project: some

Story and photos by Capt. April Conway, Joint Force Headquarters

Worry clouded his usual smiling face and Maj. Robert Nicholas looked long and hard at his wrist watch. If you've ever seen assembly instructions for a kids' swing set, you can appreciate the look Nicholas gave as he opened the 100-page booklet for the \$12,000 play set his airmen were set to build in just two days.

Airmen of the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron are known for their engineering and construction assistance for groups like the Girl Scouts and Citizens for Affordable Homes Inc. in northern

> Staff Sgt. Barron Brooks tries out the slide on the new playground equipment.

Nevada. So when Nicholas was asked whether his structural engineers could take on an Eagle Scout playground project for an in-need elementary school, he readily agreed.

Of course, agreeing and doing are two separate things.

About a dozen airmen, 18 boxes, more than a thousand pieces in 90 degree heat later, the kindergartners at Desert Heights Elementary School in Stead have new playground equipment.

"Our pre-school and kindergarten classes haven't had anything outside but dirt," said school Principal Dr. Mavis Leathley. "Now they'll have playground equipment, a xeriscape garden, a covered area for shade and an incredible opportunity to cooperatively play and learn."

Eagle Scout candidate Brandon Mierau began working with the elementary school and through fundraisers, bought the \$12,000 play set. "I had a difficult time getting engineering help to prepare the land put together the parts, though," Mierau said.

The equipment had sat in boxes since December, but Leathley said she relies on the community to help get projects like these moving. That's when a friend of a friend called Nicholas. He thought it might be a good project for some of his surveyors and structural airmen and signed on.

"At first I thought getting it done in one drill weekend would be a snap," Nicholas said. "Then I saw the instruction booklet," he laughed, "and thought again."

Countless hours of preparing the land, digging holes, leveling, assembling, sometimes reassembling, and then putting on the finishing touches, the CE squadron completed its project. And the school kids couldn't be happier.

"We're very grateful to the Air National Guard," Leathley said.

Capt. Conway is embarrassed by the fact that playground swings make her dizzy.

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Airmen attach a look-out bubble.

Staff Sgt. Randall Lemas tightens a bolt on a new platform for the kindergartners at Desert Heights Elementary



Senior Airman Patrick Pathamavanu checks the level in preparation for another hole.

"What do you do in the real world?"

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Tori Windsor, 152nd AW Public Affairs

"What do you do in the real world?" That's the question that always comes up when traditional Guard members meet during drill weekends. What do you do in civilian life?

For Staff Sgt. Barron Brooks, the answer is all about public service. He is currently a Structural Journeyman – with masonry, welding and wood framing skills – in the 152 Airlift Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron, Nevada Air National Guard. He just finished working with the Nevada Assembly for the 2007 Legislative Session as a committee secretary for the Ways and Means Committee.

"The Ways and Means Committee is extremely interesting because of its importance in regard to formulating the state's budget and moving any legislation carrying a fiscal impact on the state," said Brooks, who recently graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a political science degree. "I've enjoyed gaining a better understanding of the politics that affect our day-to-day lives."



Air Guard member Staff Sgt. Barron Brooks was honored for his work during the 2007 Legislative Session as a committee secretary for the Ways and Means Committee.

A Carson High graduate, Barron's participation in the United States Model House of Representatives led to a semester-long internship in U.S. Senator Harry Reid's office in 2006.

"I was able to get a firsthand look at national politics," he said. "I enjoyed helping Sen. Reid's advisor for defense issues, (Nevada Army Guard soldier) Col. Robert Herbert. Wanting to see the political process at the state level, I applied for the Nevada Assembly position."

After taking notes and recording the discussion during committee meetings, Brooks' job was to produce the minutes that become public record and are posted on the Internet. The transcribing was not only an educational experience, he said, but often a source of comic relief.

"People who came to the hearings unprepared would often say some pretty strange things."

Overall, he said the legislators, staff and citizens he observed were "hard-working, passionate people who really do care about the larger-than-life issues in our society."

Brooks said coming from a military family, he always wanted to serve in some way. Although his father Bentley Brooks retired from the Nevada Army Guard's medical aviation detachment, Barron's older brother chose the Air Force and flies the T-6 as an instructor pilot. Barron, 24, enlisted in the Air Guard in 2003.

"The location, educational benefits and opportunities at the Air Guard were a perfect fit for me," he said. "It's important for us in the Guard to take an interest in our state government, because we are an integral part of it. The more we know and the more we are involved, the better off the state will be for all of us."

As a Guard member, Brooks exemplifies involvement and achievement. He was recently part of the community outreach project to build a playground for Desert Heights Elementary School in Stead. He was the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Airman of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2005, and the fourth quarter of 2006. Eventually, he would like to transfer to the base's intelligence squadron and attend the master's program at the Joint Military Intelligence College in Washington, D.C.

"I'm grateful for all the knowledge I've acquired about Nevada," Brooks said. "From the inner workings of its government to its colorful history, Nevada is unrivaled in terms of uniqueness. I have never been prouder to say that I am a Nevadan."

Although she doesn't own an Evel Knievel jumpsuit, Master Sgt. Windsor is a thrill-seeker who includes skydiving, whitewater rafting and gliding among her worthwhile lapses in reason.



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New intelligence building a *smart move* for Air Guard

By Master Sgt. Veronica Jasper, 152nd Intelligence Squadron

The 152nd Intelligence Squadron will soon have a new building to call home – more than 36,000 square feet of new building to be exact.

Completion of the \$16 million facility, with the help of congressional funding, will house all intel squadron functions including command, administration, mission support, operations and training, is scheduled to be completed next summer.

It wasn't easy, though. Nevada's entire Congressional delegation fought long and hard for the facility to be included as a line item in the 2006 Congressional session. Adding in anything is tough but pushing through a facility with such a high cost is nearly unheard of.

The Reno air base has a number of construction projects ongoing and office space is at a premium. The intel squadron is currently split among four separate locations. With 24-hour operations supporting both deployed and in-garrison missions, operating from four locations has created somewhat of a logistical nightmare but the airmen are used to it.

The new state-of-the-art building will bring the squadron family together under one roof for the first time since the unit stood-up in 1994.

"Since we're in three different buildings at the moment, it hasn't been the best set up for us," said Senior Master Sgt Bill Sexton. "This new building will give us more room to work more efficiently without being spread out in the different areas on base."

The building will house the latest technology and security systems, allowing the squadron to increase its capability to take the fight to the bad guy through their distributed operations.

"I wouldn't say this is a lifelong dream," joked Lt. Col. Les Gonzalez, the 152nd Intel Squadron commander, "but it's pretty high up there."

The Scathe View section will gain much needed space for training and maintaining the sensors used for the C-130 reconnaissance mission. A six-week turnaround for a simple Scathe View repair? When there are adequate facilities maintainers will be able to turn those repairs around in less than half the time.

"This building is built specifically for us," said Gonzalez. "Our folks won't be working out of a flight simulator, or a finance building, or a maintenance facility that's been dubbed an intel building. It's designed specifically for our missions."

The 152nd IS was the first in the Guard to take on the Distributed Common Ground System mission, excelling where many thought there could be only failure. It is also the only unit in existence with the Scathe View capabilities.

This facility is just another example of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron leading the

way for the old and the newly formed intel units around the country.

A formal groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled this fall. \blacksquare

Master Sgt. Veronica "Stormi" Jasper, a native Nevadan, joined the intel squadron right out of high school and never looked back. In her off time she's into woodworking, photography and most of all, her newborn daughter.



The former 152nd Communications Squadron building was demolished last spring to make space for the new intel building. Photo: Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Connell







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Airmen praise freedom of religion in Kyrgyzstan

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Jack West, 376th AEW Chaplain's Assistant

The primary reason for forming the original 13 colonies was the desire for religious freedom.

Having left a country with an established national church, the founding fathers knew the importance of making sure that would not happen in the newly founded United States.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "Congress

shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..."

Chaplains in the military are here to help service members celebrate their religion – whatever that may be. Maj. Gen. Charles Baldwin, Air Force Chief of Chaplains, states that the core values of the U.S. Air Force Chaplain Service are "Glorifying God, Honoring Airmen, Serving All."

Glorifying God – The Chaplain Service is here to help members honor their God according to the tenets of their belief. The Air Force recognizes more than 2,000 religious groups, which include Catholic, Protestant, Latter-day Saint, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Wicca faiths.

Honoring Airmen – Every airman has the right to worship in accordance with his or her faith or to not worship at all. No airman should ever feel pressured to believe a certain way or feel persecuted because they believe differently or not at all. The goal of the Air Force Chaplain Service is to help all airmen, regard-

less of their faith group affiliation, to worship in accordance with their system of beliefs.

Serving All – The Chaplain Service provides for the religious needs of all people assigned to the base.

Frequently, military members will ask chapel staff about how they can practice their faith when services aren't offered on-base for their particular group. Sometimes, "serving all" requires the Chaplain Service to look beyond which they are able to provide on the base.

TSgt West and Capt. Randall aren't the only airmen taking the lead in the 152nd's religious affairs overseas. Lt. Col. Chaplain Tim Gregory is currently deployed to Iraq serving a four-month tour. Below are some of his thoughts about his current mission.

I'm having the time of my life. It's hard for me to go home and go to bed because of all the ministry opportunities here. My boss is at the point of ordering me to go home at a certain time and to take a day off. I'm really enjoying the deployment. With that said...

We've had five deaths and four memorial services since my arrival. Last Friday morning at 0200 we lost an F-16 and pilot. I ministered non-stop for almost 48 hours. I was able to perform a Patriot Detail ceremony in the back of a C-17 and over 125 airmen attended. On Tuesday I led the memorial service honoring the pilot and hundreds attended, standing room only.

This has been one of the hardest ministries I've performed in my career. The squadron is a Guard unit from Toledo, Ohio. Some of the

Being stationed in a foreign country can present challenges both logistically and linguistically for the expeditionary chapel staff not always encountered stateside.

Recently, the chapel staff worked closely with force protection personnel, the wing leadership, and a local synagogue to arrange for Jewish personnel to take part in a Passover service. Kosher

Meals Ready to Eat were also ordered by the dining facility to accommodate Jewish dietary restrictions.

"I really appreciate that the chapel staff and the services squadron did so much to help me experience the Passover holiday in the fullest extent possible," said Airman 1st Class Rochel Leah Goldblatt, 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

One of the most important services chaplains provide is counseling. A benefit of coming to the chaplains for counseling is chaplains have absolute confidentiality.

"I have seen countless times that in order for people to function at a higher than normal state that they must learn to perform wholly at spiritual, emotional and physical levels," said Chaplain (Capt.) Sean Randall. "I teach that people are physically and spiritually what they eat and they are emotionally what eats them. The Chaplain Service exists to provide an atmosphere for the continually developing person."

Whether it's accommodating religious needs,

providing a listening ear, or giving sound advice through counseling, the U.S. Air Force Chaplain Service is here for you.

TSgt Jack West and Ch. Randall, both of the 152nd Airlift Wing, served a four month tour in Kyrgyzstan. \blacksquare

Tech. Sgt. West is a serial airman. He has served in the active duty Air Force as well as being part of Alaska, Oregon, Tennessee and Nevada Air Guard organizations.

folks knew the pilot from grade school. The group reminded me a great deal of our unit and all the friendship and family ties that exist.

I am just now digging out from last week's grief ministry to the squadron. It has been very fulfilling to say the least.

The insurgents have a unique way of letting us know they haven't forgotten about us. On Monday morning, we received a coordinated attack – several mortars shot from various locations at the same time. That was a bit unnerving. I get a little mad that there is someone on the other side of the wire that is trying to kill me and he or she doesn't even know me. I guess that's just the type of business we're in.

Our Sunday morning worship experiences have been good. I enjoy preaching and we have a great band that leads our praise times. It fascinates me how God engineers the paths of people to bring them together at a point in time to accomplish His purposes. It's just fun seeing God work in people's lives and using people's gifts to bless others.

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Youth Council takes on Mother Nature

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

Sixteen teenagers representing the National Guard Youth Council of Nevada took a relaxation day in June to go on a canoe trip through the Black Canyon on the Colorado River as part of a "thank you" from the Nevada National Guard for their selfless efforts.

"Since only a few of the kids have been canoeing," said Youth Council Coordinator Karen Ammons, "We wanted to do something for them – to give them an exciting reward for their hard work in youth programs."

The council is active throughout the year, supporting Soldier Readiness Programs, involving its members in the Veterans Day Parade on Fremont Street in Las Vegas, providing a network of support for military children whose parents deploy to missions in Iraq or wherever the state's soldiers and airmen may be needed, and bringing awareness to such matters as bicycle safety. Often, the youth council joins in events with the Foreign Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the local 4-H Council chapters throughout the state.

During their midweek jaunt, many of the children, like their parents in the military, relied on teamwork. The canoe trip, coordinated through Nellis Air Force Base Outdoor Adventure Trips, began at the base of Hoover Dam on the Colorado River. On canoes, kayaks and a pontoon boat, the group wound its way through 14 miles of the Black Canyon to Willow Beach.

Along the way, the kids took several off-river hikes lead by Nellis outfitter and guide, Greg Rees, who explained many of the features along the river. The kids soaked their feet in Sauna Cove, climbed along numerous water falls and paddled through Emerald Cave. Rees also explained the remnants of days gone by when engineers built the Hoover Dam.

For information on the National Guard Youth Council of Nevada contact Coordinator Karen Ammons at (702) 632-0513. For more information on outdoor recreation available to Guard members, call Greg Rees at 652-2514. ■

Staff Sgt. Marquez rowed frequently as a Boy Scout in Nebraska, but that was years ago. Although sore and blistered after miles down the Colorado, the 42-year-old Soldier would gladly make the trip again.



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Recruiter receives national honors

Story and photo by Sgt. Cheri Cramutolo, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

A Nevada Air National Guard NCO recently was named the Air National Guard's 2006 Production Recruiter of the year. Master Sgt. Al Schilling from 152 Military Personnel Flight earned the top honors for enlisting 48 people into the Nevada Air Guard and for his outstanding community service.

"I don't really feel like I'm worthy because I'm doing the job I asked to do and love doing," Schilling said. "Getting a reward like this is the epitome of my career and one of the happiest moments of my life."

The gold badge on Schilling's uniform announces his accomplishment as top recruiter for the nation.

"I've never won the gold badge. As an active duty Air Force recruiter I've won the Senior Silver Badge twice, which meant I exceeded the goals for the region. It wasn't until switching to Air National Guard that I exceeded the goals for the nation."

Schilling accredits his overall success to the implementation of the tools he learned while serving as a recruiter while on active duty.

"There is a lot more pressure placed on active duty recruiters to produce, so you learn a lot of tricks of the trade," he said. "As a member of the active duty Air Force, you need to be a recruiter, training instructor or training leader if you want to get promoted."

With six years of recruiting experience, he advises other recruiters to work hard, but – be themselves.

"Have fun with the job! If you're not having fun and don't like recruiting, then get out," said Schilling. "Expect to work longer hours at the beginning of your career to build your market. Eventually, through perpetuation and referrals, the hours will become shorter and the rewards greater. Learn from the successful recruiters out there and use their tools. We are one team striving for the same result, putting the finest young men and women in our service."

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The future is wide open for Schilling.

"Eventually I would like to move into the wing retention NCO position and eventually into the recruiting and retention superintendent position. Being a recruiter definitely takes time from my family, but it pays off in the end. I couldn't have gotten where I am today without their support."

After organizing her first boycott at a restaurant at age 14, Sgt. Cramutolo knew law school was in her future. She plans to attend the Boyd School of Law at UNLV in the fall of 2008.





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The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles has added new National Guard license plates to its veteran series. Unlike the traditional Guard license plates that simply spell out "Nat'l. Guard" in blue letters, the new, more colorful plates show the applicable Air National Guard or Army National Guard logo, and the seal of the National Guard Bureau. "Veteran" is spelled out at the bottom.

Also, while the traditional Guard license plate is only available to members of the National Guard, the new plates are available to spouses, parents and children of Guard members. On top of that, the new plates are fundraisers for the state veterans home.

The first-time fee for a veteran license plate is \$60 plus a \$1 prison industry fee. The \$61 total is in addition to all other registration fees and governmental services taxes. The renewal fee for a veteran license plate is \$30 in addition to all other registration fees and governmental services taxes. According to the state DMV, the initial \$60 and subsequent \$30 are charitable donations you can write off on your income taxes.

"The Nevada Office of Veterans Services is pleased the

National Guard now has their own license plate as a way to show their pride, and that a portion of the funds support veterans residing at the Nevada State Veterans Home," said Tim Tetz, the executive director of the Nevada Office of Veterans Services.

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The new plates join a series of veteran plates that include all four branches of military service, the U.S. Coast Guard and specialized Army Airborne and Navy Seabee plates.

"Because we're now producing with a digital process, we can issue plates that are more graphically complicated, with more options for logos and emblems," said Tom Jacobs, the lead public information office for the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles.

The traditional Guard plates are still available for a \$5 fee plus a \$1 prison industry fee and require a commanding officer certification. All application forms are available online at www.dmvnv.com but you must visit a DMV office to obtain the new veteran plates. ■

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SEPTEMBER 2007							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5	6	7 422nd SB, 1/221 CAV, 150 MC, 991 TC	8 422nd SB, 1/221 CAV, 150 MC, 991 TC, 152nd AW/IS, 992 TC, NVARNG JFHQ, 1/234 VCP, 1864 TC, 1/168 AVN	
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23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29	

	OCTOBER 2007							
	SUNDAY	IV	IONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7		8	Columbus day	9	10	11 422 SB	422 SB, 991 TC, 1/221 CAV, 72 MP, DET 1 72 MP	422 SB, 991 TC, 1/221 CAV, 72 MP, DET 1 72 MP, 152nd AW/IS, NVARNG 5H-0, 992 HHD, 1/234 VCP, 137 140 485 MP
14	422 SB, 991 TC, 1/221 CAV, 72 MP, DET 1 72 MP, 152nd AW/IS, NVARNG JFHQ, 992 HHD, 1/234 VCP, 137 140 485 MP	15		16 CSM/SGM Call	17 NVARNG E5/E6/E8/E9 Promotion Board	18	19	20 RTI HHD
21	RTI HHD	22		23	24	25	26	27 NEVADA DAY
28		29		30	31			

NOVEMBER 2007							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1	2 1/221 CAV	3 1/221 CAV, 72 MP DET 1 72 MP, 152nd AW/IS, JFHQ, 422 SB, 991 TC, 992 TC, Det 1 150 MC	
4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 1/221 CAV, 152nd AW//S, JFHQ, 422 SB, 991 TC, 992 TC, Det 1 150 MC	5	6	7	8	9	10 1864 TC	
11 VETERANS'S DAY 1864 TC	12	13	14	15	16 421 RTI	421 RTI, NVARNG Resource Management Conference	
18 421 RTI, NVARNG Resource Management Conference	19	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29 NVARNG State NCO/ Soldier of the Year Board (Through Dec. 2)	30 NVARNG State NCO/ Soldier of the Year Board (Through Dec. 2)		

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