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ON THE COVER: Sgt. Juan Marquez of the Nevada Army Guard Honor Guard drapes the United States' flag over the casket of deceased 1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield on October 20 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City, Nev. Hartfield was one of 58 victims in the country music shooting incident in Las Vegas on October 1.

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Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell.

LAS VEGAS — A Soldier assigned to the 3/140th Aviation (MEDEVAC) Company gathers his equipment before departing the Cheyenne Air Center for Oregon to assist with wildland firefighting. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown issued a state of emergency in July for the fires fueled by scorching heat and lack of rainfall. Several states, including Nevada, responded to the call for aid.

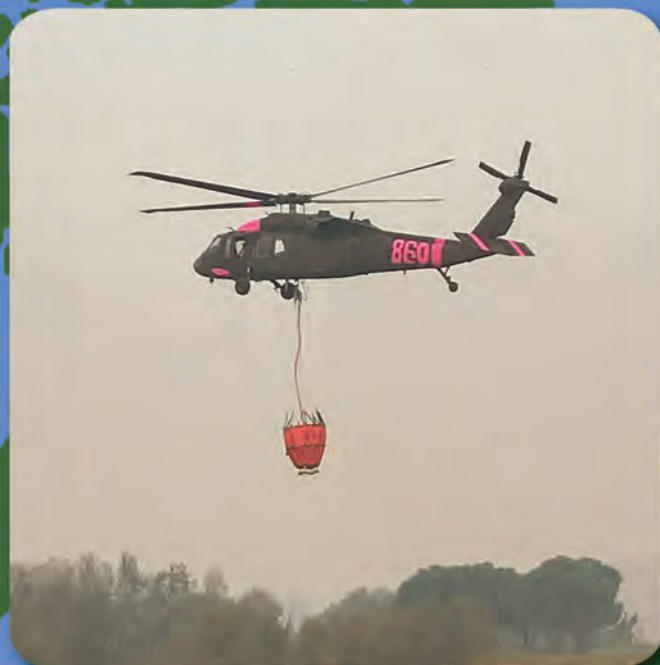


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SONOMA COUNTY, Calif.: A Nevada Army Guard Black Hawk helicopter helps Cal Fire contain wild fires in northern California in October. The Nevada Guard supported the fire suppression with one CH-47 Chinook and one UH-60 Black Hawk operating out of Petaluma, Calif., to battle several blazes, including the Nuns Fire.



Photo courtesy Capt. Jon Buescher
152nd Civil Engineering Squadron

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Airmen from the 152nd Civil Engineering Squadron repair a simulated bombed-out runway with quick-curing concrete during the Silver Flag training exercise here in November. About 35 Airmen from the squadron participated in the 15-day exercise designed to simulate a contingency environment. During the exercise, the civil engineers teamed with Airmen from the Nebraska Air Guard and the active duty to plan and build a miniature base complete with water, electricity and temporary housing. This year's exercise in Germany marked the first time since 2009 the Nevada Air Guard traveled to Europe to participate in a Silver Flag exercise.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Greiner

RENO — Tech. Sgt. Daniel L. McMillan prepares to deploy with five other Nevada Airmen in October to California to provide communication capabilities for fire fighting crews battling wildfires near Santa Rosa, Calif. The team transported Joint Incident Site Communications Capability equipment. The JISCC allows for on-scene communication with other government agencies, satellite communications, telecommunications, network capabilities and radio transmission.



Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jeremy Daniels

LAS VEGAS — Soldiers from the 1-221st Cavalry and their family members take tours of M1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks during the battalion's 2017 Family and Employer Appreciation Day. In total, 657 family members attended the annual event.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

RENO — Sgt. Bill Frederick of the 92nd Civil Support Team searches for potential radiological material at a mock dirty bomb laboratory with University Police Officer Jaimie McGuire on Aug. 3 in Reno during the Beta Burn exercise. Twelve agencies participated in the five-day exercise that prioritized radiation detection and identification.



Photo courtesy JISCC team

PUERTO RICO — From left, Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Hodes, Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Seagraves and Spc. William Isbister secure Joint Incident Site Communications Capability system equipment in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, in September. Rotating Soldiers during a two month span, a JISCC team remained in Puerto Rico through December and provided critical communication for military and civilian entities as the territory continued to recover from Hurricane Maria.

Reimers wraps up top Best Warrior season in Nevada Guard history with silver at All-Army contest

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

CARSON CITY – Babe Ruth or Willie Mays? Michael Jordan or Wilt Chamberlain? Tom Brady or Joe Montana? Wayne Gretzky or Gordie Howe?

Discussions about the top individuals in a respective athletic endeavor are certain to continue ad infinitum and cause heated arguments late into the night at the local watering hole.

A stark contrast to those discussions, however, is the inarguable fact that a non-descript 5-foot-9, 160 pound, 22-year-old truck driver from the 1859th Transportation Company, Sgt. Grant

Reimers, is clearly the Best Warrior in Nevada Army Guard history. In October, Reimers capped his remarkable Best Warrior season by placing second in the Department of the Army “All Army” Best Warrior Competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Spc. Hazen Ham of the U.S. Army’s Pacific Command proved to be the only Soldier in the entire Army – which includes about 1.2 million Soldiers around the globe – able to beat Reimers in a Best Warrior contest.

Staff Sgt. Ryan McCarthy of the Army Training and Doctrine Command captured the Non-commissioned Officer division. Reimers was eligible for the Soldier division (E-4 and below) because he began the 2017 Best Warrior season as a specialist.

The fact Reimers, a 2013 graduate of Lake Stevens High in Washington, was even in the field for the All-Army Competition made him the most successful Best Warrior athlete in Nevada Guard history. Reimers made the final 11-Soldier field by capturing the nationwide National Guard competition in July, the first championship ever claimed by a Nevadan in the event that has been held annually since 2002.

A Best Warrior Competition consists of a series of mental and physical trials designed to test a Soldier’s skills, knowledge and abilities.

Even reaching the National Guard contest was an accomplishment, as Reimers had to survive battalion, state and regional contests just to qualify for the National Guard meet.

As is the case in most Best Warrior Competitions, the results of the All-Army contest were not announced until the awards ceremony on the final day of the five-day contest. Only the top three places were announced; when Reimers name was called, he was ecstatic.

“I was pretty surprised, I thought at best I was third or fourth,” said Reimers, who took a semester off from his studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, this autumn to prepare for Best Warrior competitions. “But I’ve had a tendency this whole season to believe I did worse than I really did.”

“At the time, I was like ‘Wow, second, that definitely better than I thought I did.’”

Unfazed by the fact he was representing the more than 300,000 Soldiers in the National Guard, Reimers said he was satisfied overall with his performance and that Ham was the clear-cut winner. Reimers said Ham placed first in the categories tallied and announced by the All-Army cadre during the awards ceremony, including the fitness assessment, marksmanship and ruck marching.

Reimers said the All-Army competition differed significantly from his four previous Best Warrior contests. Instead of a decathlon-like competition with defined individual events, the Soldiers participating in the All-Army contest were graded on their performance in a comprehensive multi-day mission that included

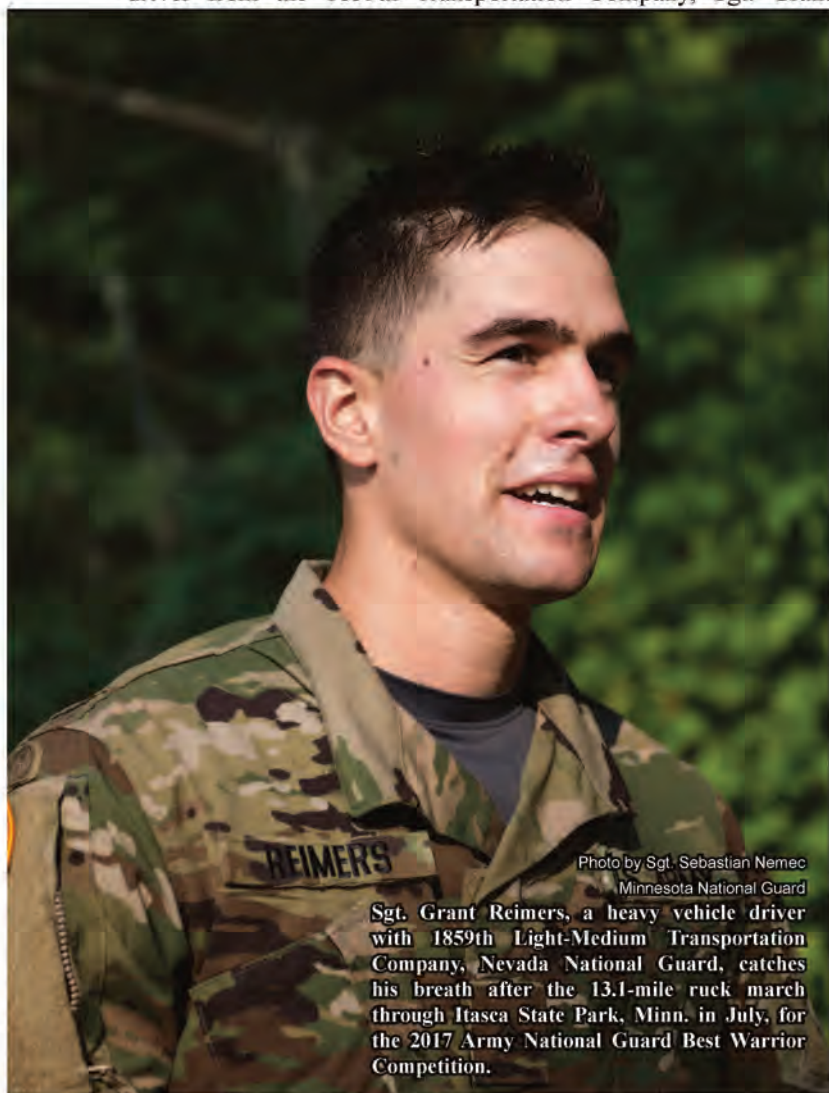


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Minnesota National Guard

Sgt. Grant Reimers, a heavy vehicle driver with 1859th Light-Medium Transportation Company, Nevada National Guard, catches his breath after the 13.1-mile ruck march through Itasca State Park, Minn. in July, for the 2017 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition.



Photo by Pfc. Miguel Pena
55th Combat Camera

Sgt. Grant Reimers (left), assigned to the Nevada National Guard, and **Sgt. Kevin Beuse**, assigned to U.S. Army Cyber Command, conduct a 15-mile ruck march while competing in the Best Warrior Competition at Fort A.P. Hill in October.

physical and mental tests.

“A lot of what the officials were looking for was subjective, like how you were able to adapt and what you chose to do in a situation,” said Reimers, a vehicle driver with the Reno-based 1859th. “The main things they were measuring was readiness and adaptability. With that in mind, it was difficult to know how you were scored.”

As he had done throughout earlier Best Warrior contests, Reimers said he did well in marksmanship events. He was among the first to zero his weapon and he recorded excellent times in the M-4 and M-9 stress shooting disciplines.

The participants were also scored in non-standard weapons, including M-110 sniper rifle, a Mossberg 500 shotgun, a Glock 19 handgun and an AK-47 rifle.

Reimers, who reached the Washington state championships in swimming three times for Lake Stevens High, credited much of his marksmanship ability to his interest in hunting.

Reimers is eligible to compete in the Best Warrior Non-commissioned Officer division in future years, but for now, he says retired from competitions. Next up: He’s set to attend an Army leadership course and Ranger School in addition to resuming his courses at UNR, where he’s majoring in general business. He’s also helping the Nevada Army Guard plan its 2018 Best Warrior Competition, likely to be contested next spring.

“(Best Warrior contests) are very taxing. It’s very time consuming just to go to the competitions, let alone, all of the time needed for the advance train-up you need to do,” Reimers said.

“With that in mind – if I ever were do it again – it’s not going to be for a long time.”

“It’s been such a long road. I don’t anticipate I’ll do it again.”

Although admittedly a long road to his silver medal, Reimers said the entire experience made him a better Soldier.

“This was a great opportunity to receive training most Soldiers in the Nevada Guard never receive,” Reimers said. “I had the opportunity to go to the Army’s Basic Leader Course in June and was promoted to sergeant after that.”

“I’ve definitely grown and learned and gained a lot of military knowledge.”

Reimers has garnered considerable media attention for his Best Warrior exploits this autumn, having been featured on a Reno television station’s morning show and in his hometown newspaper, the Everett (Washington) Herald. But he doesn’t consider himself even a minor celebrity yet.

“It’s kind of cool when people you don’t talk to very much come up to you and say ‘Good job, I saw how you finished at All-Army,’” Reimers said. “I wouldn’t say I’ve become a celebrity, but it has been nice to realize how many people have followed what I’ve been doing.”

Soldiers and non-commissioned officers wishing to participate in the 2018 state Best Warrior Competition should talk to their respective first sergeants for entry or call 775-887-7250 for information and competition dates.



Photo by Sgt. Sebastian Nemec
Minnesota National Guard

Sgt. Grant Reimers, a heavy vehicle driver with 1859th Light-Medium Transportation Company, Nevada National Guard, moves through the low-crawl obstacle on the confidence course during the 2017 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition in July.



Nevada Guard mourns loss of quartermaster company 1st Sgt.

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

LAS VEGAS — Selfless service defined the life, career and ultimately untimely death of 1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield, who proudly served as a Soldier with the 100th Quartermaster Company and as a Las Vegas Metro police officer.

The Nevada National Guard, Metro Police, and the community of Las Vegas joined together in a series of events Oct. 20-21 to recognize and celebrate Hartfield's life. In October, Hartfield was attending the Route 91 Harvest festival in Las Vegas when a gunman opened fire from the Mandalay Bay Hotel across the street. The gunman killed 58 people, including Hartfield, who was off-duty at the time.

On Oct. 20, a 100-plus vehicle motorcade transported Hartfield's flag-draped coffin from Palm Mortuary to Central Christian Church in Henderson. Thousands lined the streets to pay respects and honor Hartfield as the motorcade moved down the Las Vegas Strip. At the church, hundreds of officers from local military and law enforcement agencies saluted his casket as it passed. A combined National Guard and Metro honor guard carried him into the auditorium as the crowd of 3,000 stood to pay their respects.

"He was a very large person, but his heart was even bigger," said Sgt. Abdiel Roman, who worked with Hartfield in the 100th Quartermaster Company and

at Metro, following the memorial. "The amount of people he has personally helped is unbelievable. He was always willing to help anyone and everyone.

"One of the Army values that they teach us is selfless service. Charleston was the epitome of selfless service."

Even with his dying breath, Hartfield was practicing the values that defined his life.

"That night, in a hail of gunfire, Charlie's last actions spoke for him," said Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo. "He sprang into action; he had been trained to do so. He shielded, protected and shepherded people to safety. He took actions to save lives."

"On that fateful October day, life certainly left Charleston Hartfield before honor did," said Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, the Nevada Army Guard's commander. "(Then) sergeant (first class) Hartfield was so ahead of his peers that we made him a first sergeant. That's how good this young man was."

Despite being officially a sergeant first class, Hartfield worked unofficially as the 100th Quartermaster's first sergeant for more than three years.

Doser then called the military members in the audience to attention and posthumously promoted Hartfield.

"He's going to his God as a first sergeant in the Nevada National Guard," Doser said.

After the memorial service concluded, a joint military and Metro honor guard transported Hartfield to his burial site at

the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

The next day, the 100th Quartermaster Company held an internal memorial ceremony at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center to remember and recognize Hartfield.

"A leader. A mentor. A Soldier. A friend," said Spc. Josette Dubois, a water purification specialist with 100th Quartermaster Company, as she read off a description of how the unit fondly remembered Hartfield. "Stern but compassionate. A Soldier's NCO."

"Selfless service in the Army, that's him to a 'T,'" said Capt. Randon Lessing, the former 100th Quartermaster commander who worked with Hartfield for almost three years. "I always thought something was wrong with him, because he said, 'Me being a first sergeant is like therapy.' I'm like, therapy? Therapy's supposed to be non-stressful.

"But that's how he was. He loved being around you Soldiers and helping you Soldiers. His therapy was to help others."

The support he gave to others was reflected in the many tears shed by the quartermaster Soldiers who mourned the loss to the unit and the entire Nevada Guard.

"Nobody will take away the experiences, the conversations, the mentorship, the leadership that he instilled in you," said Capt. Elizabeth Ochoa-Ellis. "Those things we carry on forever. First sergeant gave those to you."

*"To the World
you may be but One Person,
But to One Person
you may be the World"*

-1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield

The scenes from the final farewell to 1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield in October at the Southern Nevada Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City included, top to bottom: A joint honor guard composed of Las Vegas Metro policemen and Nevada Guard Soldiers transport Hartfield's casket to its final resting place; Ayza-yah Hartfield, 15, right, the son of Charleston Hartfield, receives the U.S. flag that was draped over his father's casket from assistant adjutant general Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan; hundreds of Nevada's sworn peace officers render a final salute to Hartfield during his graveside service.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters



Soldiers' accounts from

'They thought it was fireworks, I didn't believe that'

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Nevada National Guard Public Affairs

Nevada Army National Guard Pvt. Jacquelyn Trujillo grew familiar with the sound of rifle shots during Army Basic Combat Training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, last summer.

And when hundreds of shots rained down on the Route 91 Harvest Festival country music concert in Las Vegas on Oct. 1, Trujillo recognized the sound.

"At first when shots went off, everyone was curious. They thought it was fireworks or something wrong with the speakers," said Trujillo, 17, who immediately advised her two sisters, Isabella, 15, and Francesca, 13, to leave the concert. "The lady next to us thought it was fireworks; I told my sisters I didn't believe that. I told them to leave. I didn't want them to freak out or panic. We did it calmly. As we were approaching the exit, that's when everyone else started to realize that this wasn't fireworks or an issue with the speakers."

Las Vegas Metro Police identified Stephen Paddock, 64, as the man who opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, killing 58 and injuring hundreds before taking his own life. Nevada Army Guard Sgt. 1st Class Charleston Hartfield, 34, of the 100th Quartermaster Company was among those killed.

The concert was a present for Trujillo's graduation from basic combat training and marked her grandfather, Bill Henning's, 71st birthday.

Moments before the shooting, Trujillo's father, Jamie Maxwell, along with Trujillo's mother, left for the family's hotel room on the 24th floor of the Mandalay Bay. After the shooting, he raced downstairs to find his family.

"People were dropping to take cover, others dropped because they got hit and some were falling because they were trampled," said Trujillo, a "split-option" Soldier who completed basic combat training before her senior year at Arbor View High School in Las Vegas.

Trujillo and her sisters found safety behind a wall where they met fellow concertgoer Tammy Dean.

"They saved me," Dean told a KTNV 13 Action News reporter. "(Trujillo) really took care of us and kept us calm and she kept me from doing something stupid. She's a hero and I can't wait to see her grow up. I am so blessed to have you as a friend. Thank you so much and I'm glad that I have you in my life, too."

Trujillo, her sisters and Dean left the area and were escorted by an off-duty police officer off the Strip. They went to her brother's house near the location of the concert, Trujillo said.



Pvt. Jacquelyn Trujillo. Courtesy photo

They eventually reunited with their father.

Their grandfather disappeared in the shooting, but found safety in the hotel. He spent the evening there during the hotel's lockdown. The entire family wasn't reunited until the following morning.

"Right now, I think I'm handling the situation better than the rest of my family," Trujillo said. "My family is having a hard time

sleeping right now. My family is dealing with it worse than I am. I am just thankful for training and to be able to know what to do in that situation."

Trujillo is set to attend military occupational specialty school next summer and become an aviation operations specialist with D Company, 3/140th Security and Support Aviation. The unit flies and maintains the Nevada National Guard's six UH-72 Lakota aircraft. Trujillo said she wants to attend UNLV and become an officer.

"In the short period of time I've known her, given she is so new to the force, I can say, based on assignments she's received as a young private, she's displayed an exceptional ability to execute them and shown a great degree of leadership doing it," said Sgt. 1st Class Victor Boivin, a Nevada Army Guard recruiting and retention sergeant. "She has a lot of potential. Her actions the night of the concert display that potential."

"People were dropping to take cover, others dropped because they got hit and some were falling because they were trampled," said Trujillo.

the Las Vegas shooting

'She literally took a bullet for me'

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Nevada National Guard Public Affairs

Autumn Janoss' weekend getaway to the Route 91 Harvest Festival country music concert in Las Vegas had neared its end.

Janoss, a sergeant first class and personnel sergeant in the Nevada Army National Guard, called her mother shortly before 10 p.m. on Oct. 1, telling her she enjoyed herself and wasn't looking forward to her flight back to Reno early the next morning.

"It was one of the best weekends we've ever had," said Joanna Lovejoy, Janoss' best friend who also was at the concert. "At that point in the night, I was just tired."

As the concert entered its final hours, though, a succession of loud blasts echoed through the area near Las Vegas' famed Strip.

"We stood up and at first we thought it was fireworks," said Janoss, of Dayton, Nev. "We were looking up to the sky for the pretty colors, but there were no pretty colors."

After a brief pause, a second series of shots rained from the sky, this time with Lovejoy leaning over Janoss on the ground.

"It felt like a bee sting at first, then it got hot and I felt my leg get wet," Lovejoy, of Las Vegas, said.

"She (Lovejoy) said, 'Autumn, I've been shot,' Janoss said. "Had her knee not been where it was, it was going to hit me. So, she literally took a bullet for me."

A second round grazed Lovejoy's left side.

She was one of several hundred injured

during the Oct. 1 shooting in Las Vegas. Fifty-eight people were killed when Stephen Paddock, 64, opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay before killing himself. Among the dead was Las Vegas Metropolitan police officer and Nevada Army National Guardsman 1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield.

Noticing her friend's gunshot wound, Janoss grabbed a sweatshirt and wrapped it around the injured leg.

"I told her it was going to hurt, but I had to do it," Janoss said. "I put a tourniquet on her and I pulled it as tight as I could."

"Had it not been for Army training, I don't know what would have happened," Janoss said. "Thankfully they taught me how to use a tourniquet. Thankfully they taught me about a three-to-five second rush. Thankfully they taught me about cover and concealment. I was screaming 'go' when it was time to go. I was screaming 'cover' when it was time to cover."

Janoss carried Lovejoy through much of the concert area before they reached nearby medical aid. A stranger also helped carry Lovejoy.

"In the face of so much hate people came together," she said.

Devon Proctor, who attended the concert with Janoss and Lovejoy, contacted her husband, Jason Proctor, during the shooting. He met them at the Tropicana Casino and Resort. From there, they drove to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, eventually arriving at the hospital about 90 minutes after the shooting began.

"People were driving all kinds of crazy on the road — sideways, the wrong way," Janoss said. "It was quite the experience to get to the emergency room. Devon and I went into the bathroom to make sure we weren't shot. There was blood caked all over us."

Janoss contacted Lovejoy's mother

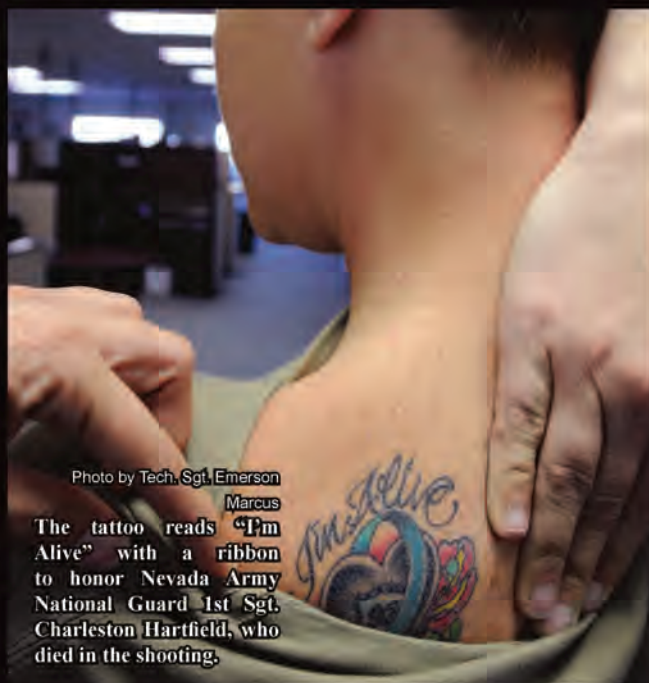


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Marcus

The tattoo reads "I'm Alive" with a ribbon to honor Nevada Army National Guard 1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield, who died in the shooting.

and 17-year-old daughter on her phone, and said she "remained calm yet guarded throughout the evening."

She didn't realize the magnitude of what happened until she arrived for her flight the next morning — without any sleep the night before — and saw the news reports on airport televisions.

"The support from my family, my military family and friends has just been my strength," Janoss said. "It's a long road, but I'm sure in time, it will be better."

Lovejoy said her recovery, so far, has been less emotional and more physical. She recently began rehabilitation for her leg.

Janoss, Lovejoy and Proctor are in the process of getting similar tattoos to remember how close they came to death and those who died. Janoss' reads "I'm alive" on her shoulder with Lovejoy's, Proctor's and her initials, along with a ribbon for Hartfield. Proctor's reads "We are alive," and, when her leg heals, Lovejoy plans to get "I survived" tattooed on her leg.

"We have been through all kinds of things imaginable," Lovejoy said of her two-decade-long friendship with Janoss. "I do consider her my best friend. I couldn't imagine my life without her. She is definitely a blessing to me and my family. I'm beyond grateful nothing more happened to us."



Courtesy photo

Left to right, Devon Proctor, Joanna Lynn Lovejoy (shot in the knee cap), and Autumn Janoss pose for a photo in front of the Route 91 Harvest Festival stage.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Col. Eric Wade, center, assumes command of the 152nd Airlift Wing during a ceremony in April at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno.

Reno native takes reins of High Rollers

By Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus
Joint Force Headquarters

RENO — For Col. Eric Wade, home means Nevada.

However, in 1996, Wade, a Reno High and University of Nevada, Reno graduate, left the sagebrush and the pinyon pine after the 152nd Reconnaissance Group's conversion from RF-4C jets to C-130 aircraft.

Following a decade-long active duty tour overseas, though, he returned, and earlier this month became the 22nd commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing, Reno's hometown Air National Guard unit.

Several people, from his mother to longtime friends, mentioned the Reno-native's unique circuitous route taken in his career, capped with his return to Nevada and command of the unit he first joined 24 years ago.

Deep Reno roots

Wade is a third-generation Nevadan, born in 1968, about three decades after Nevada legalized wide-open gambling in 1931.

His parents met in Reno in the early 1960s, both employees of Bill Harrah, the nation's largest gambling operator at the time, owner of the Harrah's Club in Reno and Harrah's Tahoe Club. In 1962, Wade's mother, Cindy, started work as the secretary in the research department for Harrah's

famed automobile collection. Six months later, Wade's father, Clyde, began work as a mechanic for Harrah. He eventually ran the collection.

"Bill (Harrah) sent my dad all over the world," Wade said. "He'd say, 'Hey, there's a 500K Mercedes in London. Go over there and bid on this thing in auction. Your budget is \$2.2 million and bring it back.' And my dad would go."

Cindy said she also traveled with Harrah on international business trips and got to know the Reno icon on a personal level.

"Physically, he was a tall man and he had a very reserved demeanor," Cindy said of Harrah. "People were so nervous they'd shake before they would meet with him. I'm not kidding. They were afraid... One thing I liked, I knew he wanted happy employees. I always made sure to meet him with a smile. That was important to him. I admired that."

Both Clyde and Cindy worked there until Harrah died in 1978. Holiday Inn purchased the properties and overhauled business operations in 1980. After Harrah died, Cindy worked for the state and Clyde opened an automobile restoration shop.

Wade was the youngest of their three children, who Cindy described as a "very sturdy and self-assured little boy with a mischievous sense of humor." After graduating from Reno High in 1986, Wade worked at his father's auto shop and studied business at UNR.

"I went to college during the day and worked on old cars at night," Wade said.

BASE COMMANDERS THROUGH HISTORY

192nd Fighter Squadron

Maj. Wyeth Everhart, 1948
Maj. Thomas Reynolds, 1948
Maj. John Arant, 1949-1951
Maj. James Ray, 1951-1952
Lt. Col. Woodrow Ramsey, 1952
Maj. Robert Goodnight, 1952-1954
Maj. Joseph Geach, 1954-1959

152nd Tactical Reconnaissance Group

Col. James Dalzell, 1959-1970
Col. Jack LaGrange, 1970-1976
Col. Ashley VanSlyck, 1976-1977
Col. Wayne Adams, 1977-1984
Col. John Molini, 1984-1989
Col. Ernest Clark, 1989-1994
Col. Charles Chinnock, 1994-1996

152nd Airlift Wing

Col. Charles Chinnock, 1996-2001
Col. Michael Gullihur, 2001-2005
Col. Jon Proehl, 2005-2007
Col. Gary Turner, 2007-2009
Col. David Snyder, 2009-2012
Col. Mike Williams, 2012
Col. Jeffrey Burkett, 2012-2014
Col. Karl Stark, 2014-2017
Col. Eric Wade, 2017-present

"My brother rubbed and painted the cars and I got them show-ready. It put me through college."

Then Wade's life seemingly changed in an instant.

"I remember going down the highway one day, driving down I-80 going west,

and an F-4 goes flying right over our head," Wade said of the aircraft the 152nd Reconnaissance Group flew from 1975-1995. "I said, 'Man, I'd love to fly that someday.' My best friend Chris Seher was with me and he said, 'Well, I'm going to.' I said, 'Bull s---, man.' He said, 'Yeah, my dad flies those things.' That's what got me interested. He took me out here and introduced me to all the guys in maintenance. Every chance that I wasn't polishing a car, going to school or doing homework, I was out here."

Leaving Reno

Wade commissioned in 1993 and worked in the cockpit as an F-4 weapons system officer, also known as a wizzo, from 1994-1996 in Reno.

But when the U.S. military decommissioned the F-4 in the mid-1990s, the unit in Reno, nicknamed the High Rollers for success in aerial reconnaissance competitions, was left without a mission.

Many at the base wanted F-16s fighter jets, but the unit converted to C-130 cargo aircraft, which disheartened several in the unit. Following the conversion, Wade qualified for F-15E school.

While at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas qualifying on the C-130, he told Col. Scott Seher, the father of his best friend, Chris Seher, and the commander of the Nevada Air National Guard at the time that he knew he would be accepted into F-15 school.

"I put my orders on his desk and said, 'I'm packing my bags and I'm out of here tomorrow,'" Wade said. "(Seher) said, 'These orders aren't until July. We are already paying for your school, so you are going to finish C-130 school. We think it will be good for you. You will have a good idea if you want to come back.' I said, 'Do you have any idea how far behind I am?' 'Cause I sort of ignored my school work given I knew I was going to leave. He basically told me, 'Well you better get studying then.'"

Seher, who knew Wade as a high school student through his son, helped get him into the Air Guard.

"A lot of people at that time were making a lot of career choices and my advice to all of them was to do whatever you want to do, but whatever you do, do it well and you'll always have a position back here for you in Reno when you get done flying F-16s or F-15s or A-10s or whatever other people were doing at the time we were



Photo by Airman Baylee Hunt

Col. Eric Wade meets a Great Horned Owl in April after Carl Frey and Cameron Green from the United States Department of Agriculture trapped the trespasser at the north end of the air base runway.

transitioning," Seher said.

Wade finished C-130 school and left for active duty, which included tours in Germany, England and North Carolina.

He originally served as an air liaison officer to the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany, which included three months in Tuzla, Bosnia during the nation's civil war. In 1998 he completed F-15E Strike Eagle training and was assigned to the 492nd Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath in England.

While overseas, he met his wife, Mia, when he took leave in Amsterdam.

"When we met, he told me he was a garbage man and backed it up with this whole story that came with it," Mia Wade said with a laugh. "He had the whole story down. And the other man he was with told me he was a fighter pilot. Eric's story was more believable."

The two went out for dinner the next day and maintained a long distance relationship until Wade was re-assigned in England. She moved in with him and they eventually married in the Netherlands.

In 2004, they moved to the U.S. when Wade became a flight training instructor assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

"North Carolina was nice, but it was no Nevada," Wade said. "They don't have 300 sunny days each year. There's mosquitoes. It's humid. It just wasn't what I was used to."

Home Means Nevada

In 2005, the chief of international affairs position at the Nevada National Guard opened and Wade applied.

He got the job.

"I remember driving back, we took the

southern route through Phoenix and up through Vegas," Wade said. "I remember coming through Carson Valley and seeing Reno. I felt home again. The reception was great. I couldn't wait. The 10-year tour was done. Thought it was going to be only three, but it ended up being 10."

After serving six years as the international affairs chief, Wade served two years as the chief of current operations in the 152nd Operations Squadron. He served three years as the 152nd Intelligence Squadron's commander and a brief stint as commander of the 152nd Mission Support Group. He became commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing on April 1 in a ceremony at the base fuel cell hangar.

During Wade's command ceremony, he mentioned several of his friends, a tight-knit group he's kept close ties with for about three decades.

"We are all important to each other," said retired Nevada Air Guard Lt. Col. Allan Renwick, who attended college and officer school with Wade. "When he joined the Guard, he (Wade) didn't have that enlisted background like a lot of us did. (Chris) Seher got him in, and we mentored him through that. His first training exposure was in officer school. We knew the progression, how they knock you down to zero and how you feel like you're walking on water by the end of it. We always encouraged him to keep moving forward in his career. He was the one that made it out of all of us."

While Renwick and other friends attended the ceremony, one did not. Chris Seher, Wade's best friend who first introduced him to the Nevada Air National Guard, died in 2015. Wade served as Seher's best man in his wedding, and Seher did the same for Wade's wedding.

Following the death, Wade visited Seher's family and helped organize a ceremony in his name at the base.

"I've never seen him out for himself," said Scott Seher, Chris Seher's father who convinced Wade to stay in C-130 school because he might want to return to the unit someday. "It's always for his buddies, for his friends and for the unit. He's very humble. He's been a hard worker, very smart. We have total confidence in his ability and very proud of his accomplishment."

For Wade, one of the last remaining F-4 officers in the Nevada Air National Guard, commanding the 152nd Airlift Wing is more than his next command.

It is home.



Field Maintenance Shop rollout: New \$8 million facility will support 17 Nevada Army Guard units

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

STEAD – Marked by a Paiute blessing and a ribbon cutting hosted by Adjutant General Brig. Gen. William Burks, the Harry Reid Training Center's state-of-the-art Field Maintenance Shop opened here in October.

The \$8 million facility more than doubles the Nevada Army Guard's capability to maintain its northern Nevada ground vehicle fleet. The new facility will support field and maintenance operations for 17 northern Army Guard units; the types of equipment maintained at the facility will include wheeled vehicles, towed vehicles, engineering equipment and communication electronics.

Since 2013, the Nevada Army Guard has added two readiness centers (North Las Vegas and Carlin) and two maintenance shops (Las Vegas and Stead) to its infrastructure, resulting in an additional 110,000-square feet of training, administration and maintenance space for its 3,200 Soldiers.

Burks said the nation's other adjutants general are envious of the Nevada Guard expanding infrastructure.

"We are light years ahead of many states

in terms of facilities, thanks in large part to the work of our Congressional delegation," Burks said during his remarks.

The administrative, training and work space at the 13,563-square foot facility became operational in November.

The FMS received a Silver environmental performance certification designated by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design organization due to its innovative technologies implemented to lower energy consumption and operational costs. The facility's "green" features include a geothermal loop heat exchanger and a photovoltaic (solar cell electrical production) system.

"In addition to being a fabulous facility, this building is designed to be friendly to the environment," Burks said.

Combined with four previously-built maintenance bays, the six new state-of-the-art bays at the FMS give the Nevada Army Guard a total of 10 bays on the readiness center campus. The size of the six new bays will provide the space needed to maintain any vehicle in the Nevada Army Guard fleet, including Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks. The new FMS also features a 15-ton overhead crane; in the past, maintainers were forced to drive to Carson City for work requiring a crane.

As is Nevada Guard custom at building unveilings, four representatives from the Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors organization were present for a Blessing of the Land. Spiritual leader Ralph Burns headed the contingent that included Robert Tilton, Lewis Lincoln and Dustin Barr. Barr is a Veteran who spent six years in the Nevada Army Guard with the 593rd Transportation Company.

Burns ended his blessing – given in the Paiute language – with the words "Poowa, Poowa," which denotes the end of a blessing in Paiute and sends the message on the wind to the Creator.

Any ill will between the Paiutes and the military in Nevada is ancient history, Burns said.

"Few may realize it, but 80 percent of Native Americans males from the Pyramid Lake area are either in the military or have served in the military," Burns said. "In my blessing, I echoed what was said during the military invocation: We prayed for all who will work here and all who will use it – it has been blessed in a good way by native peoples."

The new FMS will support readiness for 889 Soldiers and 460 pieces of equipment for all units training in Reno, Fallon, Elko, Carlin and Winnemucca.

Wildlife biologist, BASH program keep distance between planes, birds at air base

By Airman 1st Class Matthew Greiner
152 Airlift Wing/Public Affairs

RENO – Just as predictable as chilly weather and morning mist in northern Nevada during autumn is the annual flight of northern Nevada's migratory birds' to the south to escape the cold of the Silver State's northern climes.

The migration inevitably leads to additional work for Carl Frey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife biologist whose territory includes the Nevada Air Guard base. Frey's challenge is to do everything possible to keep both planes and birds safe by reducing the potential for midair collisions between aves and aviation aircraft.

Wildlife poses a problem for both military and civilian aircraft. The Federal Aviation Administration usually reports at least 2,300 civilian wildlife-related aircraft strikes each year. The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps report about 3,000 additional combined wildlife-related aircraft strikes each year.

The Department of Defense established the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard prevention program, commonly known as "BASH," to decrease the potential for mid-air collisions. This is done by monitoring an airfield environment, scaring birds away and relocating resident birds to less-inhabited regions. The program also makes recommendations for modifying features and structures near an airfield to eliminate perch sites for birds.

Frey works on three BASH sites on behalf of the military. His sites include the Nevada Air National Guard base, the Sierra Army Depot in Herlong, California, and Sweetwater Airport, the U.S. Marine Corps Airport in Lyon County, Nevada.

Making his morning inspection near the Air National Guard base recently, Frey spied a red-tailed hawk perched in a cottonwood tree and stopped his truck in front of an abandoned golf course bordering the airport.

Too close to airport aviation, Frey tried to cajole the hawk from the tree and move

him to a safer location.

Frey reached down and pulled out "Pablo," the name given to the bait pigeon used to capture birds in hazardous locations. Pablo wore a pigeon noose harness was deployed as bait to catch the raptor.

The lure worked. The red-tailed hawk, in just a few seconds, was out of the tree and in attack mode. Bearing down on Pablo, he delivered a devastating hit that mortally wounded the bait pigeon.

Unfortunately, Pablo's sacrifice was in vain, as the red-tailed hawk avoided being snared. The hawk surveyed the situation and quickly decided to take flight and leave the area.

Frey was discouraged about the hawk's escape. He knew the hawk's freedom equated to one more danger facing the planes flying in the area.

According to the U.S. Air Force Wildlife Strike Report of 2016, the red-tailed hawk ranked 17th in number of strikes by species. From 1995-2016, there were 568 reported collisions between red-tailed hawks and aircraft in the nation. The cost of the mishaps caused by red-tailed hawks during that time was about \$17 million.

Frey's preparation for his participation in the BASH program began with

his successful completion of a bachelor's degree in in biology from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin, in 2008.

Frey said it is very important for biologists in the BASH program to be able to identify bird species in a defined location and understand that species' role in the local environment. Information gathered in BASH reports helps researchers and airport manager better understand bird habits and behavior.

Undeterred by his early failure to capture the hawk at the golf course, Frey continued to set traps and snares to catch elusive raptors. Most of the time, the hawks looked at the pigeon in the noose harness with a discriminating eye and passed on the possible prey.

In one two week span this autumn, Frey captured more than 20 birds and relocated them to different parts of the state. Eventually, Frey did catch and relocate the elusive red-tailed hawk from the golf course.

To report a potentially hazardous resident bird, call 775-332-3216.

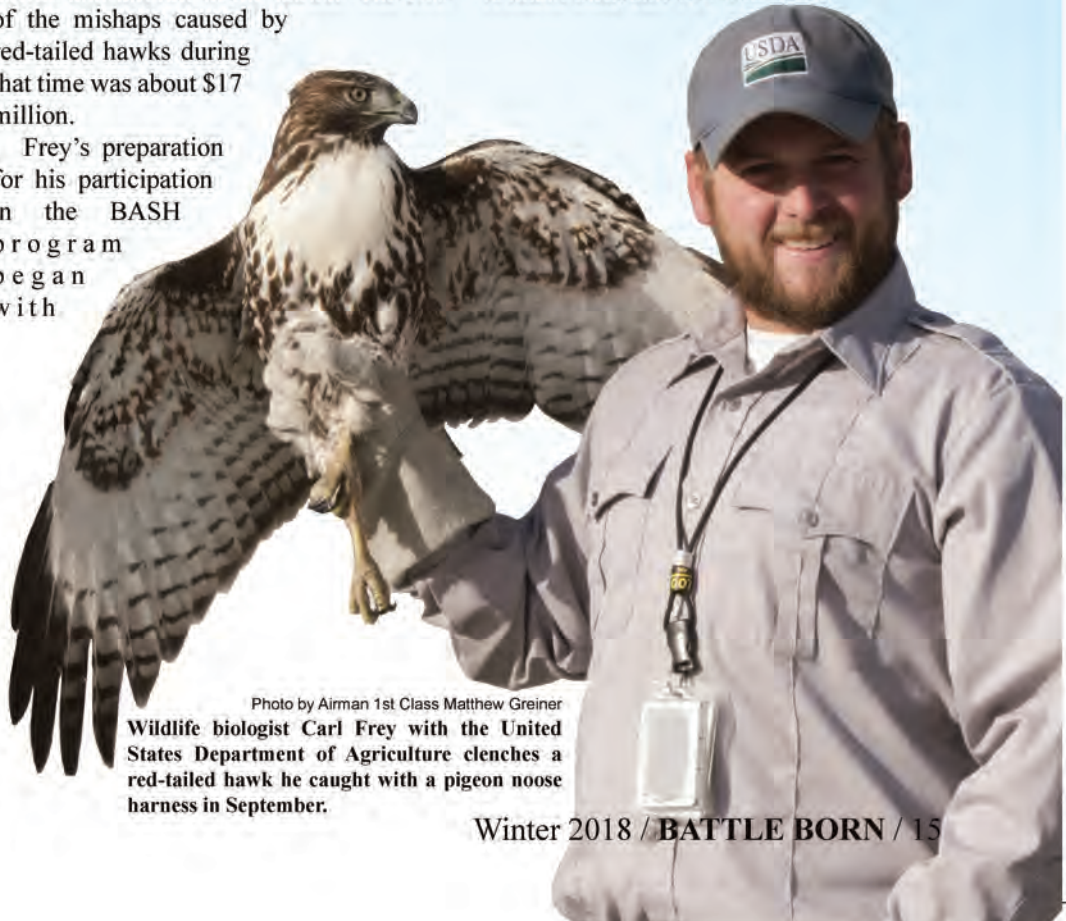


Photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Greiner
Wildlife biologist Carl Frey with the United States Department of Agriculture clenches a red-tailed hawk he caught with a pigeon noose harness in September.

Update from Tonga



Nevada State Partnership Program

The SPP regularly returns to Tonga, each time bringing a small team of subject matter experts to engage with the Tongan Defense Force and government leadership. They revisit the issues addressed in the past to ensure they are moving forward, create partnered solutions for topics they identified in previous visits and investigate to find areas where the program can help in the future.

Medics, Chaplains, and Veterinarians visit Tonga

By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
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Air Guard medical team treats myriad maladies in remote Tonga

VAVA'U, Tonga -- Twisted ankles, severe dehydration, and even a bite from a gigantic Golden Orb Weaver spider were just a few of the maladies a medical team from the Nevada Air Guard treated here on this remote island 200 miles away from the nearest hospital during Exercise Tafakula, a biennial, multi-national military exercise hosted by the Kingdom of Tonga in late July.

The medical team participated in the exercise under the auspice of the National Guard's State Partnership Program. The team of four medics was requested by Tongan officials to provide medical support for the two-week exercise and to evaluate the medical readiness of His Majesty's Armed Forces, the military defense force of the Kingdom of Tonga.

The SPP is the National Guard-sponsored program that partners individual states with countries around the world. Its overarching mission is to improve international security and the disaster-response capability of partner nations as well as spread cultural awareness and refine military inter-operability between the U.S. armed forces and its allies.

"The SPP and the Kingdom of Tonga co-hosted events on two separate islands and included HMAF, the New Zealand Defense 16 / **BATTLE BORN** / Winter 2018

Force, the French Army of New Caledonia and the United States' Marine Corps," said Col. Martin Bain, the commander of the



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Senior Airman James Ward, a medical technician with the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Medical Group, informs Tongan Soldiers about lifesaving techniques in July during Exercise Tafakula on the island of Tongatapu, Tonga.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Staff Sgt. Makaila Erdody, a cardio pulmonary respiratory therapist with the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Medical Group, briefs the Tongan Army command staff team on the status of injured service members in July during Exercise Tafakula on the island of Vava'u, Tonga

Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Medical Group and ranking member of the team. He said the activities focused on life-saving skills, medical evaluations and real-world medical support for the multi-nation exercise.

The Air Guard's medical team worked closely with HMAF and partner countries to evaluate the medical services proficiency of Tongan Soldiers.

"They don't have a medical corps, so their medical training was almost nonexistent," said 2nd Lt. Erica Steele, a critical care nurse in the 152nd Medical Group. "They had very basic lifesaver skills."

"We didn't have all the medical supplies we had hoped for, but we ended up making do by incorporating things that Tongans would be able to use if they were not given modern medical materials," said Staff Sgt. Makaila Erdody, a cardio pulmonary respiratory therapist from the 152nd Medical Group.

"We were able to make an initial assessment of the medical capabilities of the Tongan forces and forge a road forward for

progress and the development of their capabilities," Bain said.

"The Tongans deploy to Afghanistan. They perform disaster relief within their own kingdom. Any force, small or large, should have the knowledge to help its own if someone gets hurt," Steele said.

After the first portion of the medical exercise concluded on the main island of Tongatapu, the multi-national task force of more than 300 then traveled to the island of Vava'u to conduct military maneuvers under a joint-nation command that included Nevada Guard SPP officials. Vava'u is the most northern, major land mass in the island chain nation of Tonga.

"We provided medical support for multinational forces as they conducted Exercise Tafakula," Erdody said. "One of the main challenges we had working with this diverse group of people was obviously the language barrier with the Tongans and the French."

The exercise ended with no major injuries or medical emergencies recorded.

"In general, the treatment by the Tongans was excellent," Erdody said. "They were respectful, would go out of their way to help anyone, were very eager to learn and were a great group of people."

"They treated me like a professional and an officer," Steele said.

She said that the Tongans hold the state of Nevada and the National Guard in high regard. After the exercise, she noted the medical knowledge of HMAF had expanded as well as the Tongans' interest in the medical field.

"The medical corps has the ability to cross cultural and language barriers in a way many of our military counterparts can't always do," Bain said.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team," he said. "They were professional and outgoing. I believe they were great ambassadors, not only for the state of Nevada, but also the entire United States' armed forces."

SPP shepherds Tonga military toward expanded chaplaincy

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga – The American Soldier is given everything he or she needs so they can focus on the missions and duties they are assigned. A bed to sleep in, medical care, food at the chow hall and educational assistance.

Another of these amenities is access to religious services. Chaplain Corps provides religious support. They allow for religious freedom for all, provide religious services and counsel to members of the armed forces.

Not all nations have such services available, a South Pacific friendly force with the U.S. during WWII and currently, the state partner to the Nevada National Guard does not have an official religious section of their military.

In July, a Nevada National Guard Ministry Team visited Tonga as part of the Nevada Partnership Program knowledge exchange providing ministry services during an exercise and collaborating with the Tongan military in creating its first chaplain corps.

Lt. Col. Hal Woomer Jr, the state command chaplain, and Master Sgt. Stan Harvey, the state master religious affairs non-commissioned officer, spent over two weeks in Tonga. They engaged with the ranking government officials, royal ministers, Tongan Soldiers and civilian religious leaders.

"Our mission was to begin mapping out a joint strategy for a chaplain corps into the Royal Tongan Marines and His Majesties Armed Forces," Harvey said. The ministry team visited many

community churches of several denominations, on two different Tongan islands.

Woomer said that because no chaplain corps exists in HMAF, the military would contact local civilian religious leaders to



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Left to right in uniform, Nevada Guard Soldiers Master Sgt. Stan Harvey, the Nevada Guard's top religious affairs sergeant, Lt. Col. Randy Lau, the State Partnership Program director, and Lt. Col. Hal Woomer Jr, the state command chaplain, take time out for a photo with Tongan religious leaders in July.

accompany them on overseas deployments.

The Tongan service members and the country as a whole have a deep faith, he said. Having a chaplain within their ranks will certainly support spiritual needs and increase resilience across their force.

During the visit, the ministry team met with Lord Ve'ehala, a Tongan noble and high ranking military officer. Lord Ve'ehala's wife invited them to her church service where Woomer was



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Lt. Col. Hal Woomer Jr, the Nevada Guard's command chaplain, left, and Master Sgt. Stan Harvey, the Nevada Guard's top religious affairs sergeant, meet with Lord Ve'ehala, a Tongan noble and high ranking military officer, in July at Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

Army vets team with SPP for Tongan zoology health study

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga – A whole menagerie of animals are familiar members of American households and are often considered full-fledged members of a family, sometimes even acquiring a sappy term of affection such as “fur baby.”

Americans usually strive to provide their domestic pets and livestock the best available food and veterinary care, including spaying and neutering when necessary.

In some parts of the world, however, resources for animals are in short supply, with few veterinarians, no heartworm medication and no ability to slow population growth.

Tonga is one such place. The remote island-chain country with its population of 100,000 has only one government-run animal clinic. The one clinic is low on supplies and short-staffed with no full-time veterinarian. It relies on foreign volunteers to bring in expertise along with desperately needed medications.

Two active duty Army veterinarians are actively working to improve animal health care in Tonga. In late July, Army vets in the Public Health Command Pacific teamed up with the Nevada National Guard State Partnership Program to visit Tonga and evaluate the health and care of the domestic animals in the islands.

Animals sustain Tongan life

The SPP had been working with the Kingdom of Tonga since 2014. During their ongoing engagements to help the country develop better security, disaster relief systems and public health projects, they identified that essential services for the islands growing animal population were needed.

Program officials reached out to Pacific Command who assigned two Army veterinarians to join the SPP and evaluate the needs and shortfalls of the kingdom.

Maj. Kimberly Yore is an Army vet from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state. She was the first to arrive and with the help of the SPP's government contacts, was able to get to work right away.

“Everywhere in Tonga, one sees horses, cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, goats and sheep. Although the animals appear to run free, they are all owned by a family who relies on them,” said Yore. “Animals

requested to lead worship with the aid of an interpreter.

Woomer said the connections they made at that church built a great relationship with the community and will make a huge difference for how they will develop the state partnership in the future.

Womer and Harvey joined with local religious leaders and ventured out to the community. They visited local hospitals, community centers and even went door-to-door, some people even invited them into their homes.

“The level of hospitality was in excess of anything I have experienced anywhere in the world,” said Harvey. “We were received warmly as if we were family.”

Harvey said the team was able to lay down a first layer foundation with key military and the religious leaders in the community. This is an important first step to support the Tongan military in their goal of a chaplaincy for HMAF.

The next phase for the ministry team will be to work with the Tongan military leadership to explore, several models, that they can consider as they start building a chaplaincy within HMAF. They have also examined finding young local pastors would be interested in joining the Tongan military.

running freely leaves lots of potential for disease and injury such as parasites, the spread of infection and trauma. Some diseases can spread between people and animals.”

Lt. Col. Howard Gobble, the director of veterinary services for Public Health Command Pacific, joined Yore for a portion of her two-week mission. He had previously visited Tonga a few weeks earlier to assess the veterinary needs of the country.

Gobble said the vets had three goals while in Tonga: evaluate the human/animal health status of the country; disease surveillance; and the restoration of the King of Tonga's Royal Guard's horse detachment to a functional level.

“Veterinarians play a vital role in animal health, which in turn affects human and environmental health,” Yore said. “The Nevada Guard saw the huge role that animals play in the lives of the Tongan people and Tonga's lack of veterinary services. I was invited to assess how veterinarians could help fill the gap in veterinary care and public health in Tonga as part of future SPP engagements.”

Yore spoke with top Tongan officials to determine the priorities of



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Lt. Col. Howard Gobble (left), the director of veterinary services for Public Health Command, Pacific, a Tongan veterinary tech (center) and Maj. Kimberly Yore (right), an Army vet from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state, pose with several puppies in July at the Tongan Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries clinic in the Kingdom of Tonga.

future SPP involvement.

"I met with local animal health aids and leaders in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries to determine areas where the SPP can partner with Tongan agencies to improve veterinary care and public health," Yore said.

One animal clinic, zero veterinarians

The team first had to evaluate the current system that was in place to determine what kind of care was needed for the animals of Tonga.

They visited Ana Pifeleti, the Tongan Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries official who is the head of livestock management. She supervises the only animal clinic in the kingdom; it has a staff of 14 government employees.

She said the clinic treats domestic house pets as well as large animals and livestock like cows, horses, pigs, chickens, and ducks.

"We have 18 South Pacific Animal Welfare teams, a group of volunteers who visit here on a quarterly basis," she said. "They provide a number of free services for domestic animals and bring supplies."

"The Tongan people seek help from the clinic for their sick animals in exchange for donations of money or handicrafts," Yore said. "There is no veterinarian in Tonga, so the veterinary nurses who work at the clinic have to do the best that they can, working with limited training, supplies, medicines and equipment."

Pifeleti said the government provides animal medical services for free to Tongan citizens, but, with much of the population on far-flung islands, many Tongans are unable to acquire adequate care for their animals.

"It was a very challenging process. We did meet a very competent veterinary tech working at the clinic," Gobble said. "We worked with him all week and gave him some training. We also took samples from local animals to check them for diseases."

While the Army vets were at the clinic, a local man arrived with four small puppies. The team of vets and the veterinary technician stopped inventorying supplies to tend to the puppies. They examined the scared canines, administered medication and gave the thankful man advice on how to look after his pups and when to come back for a check-up.

"You can't disclose the fact you are a veterinarian in a land so desperate for veterinarians and then not treat anything, so I did that, too," Yore said. "I mostly treated dogs and cats for internal and external parasites and made recommendations to their owners to improve the health of their animals."

All the king's horses

The team was also tasked to improve the health of the Tongan Royal Guard's horses. The detachment cared for about six horses on

the grounds of the Kings Royal Palace.

"The previous king had a small cavalry unit and one stallion imported from Australia," Yore said.

She said that stallion started breeding and since there was no one on the island trained to handle, catch or castrate them, the herd was quickly turning into a feral population. Castration is a standard procedure for male horses in the United States.

The vets reported the condition of the pastures to the MAFF including recommendations in caring for the horses in the future. After, they were able to catch one stallion for castration.

"Unfortunately, they only let us castrate one," Yore said. "However, I think the success of this one procedure and the other recommendations we made elevated the Royal Guard's concern for the equine situation and they will likely be open to further procedures when veterinarians return."

She said they trained the vet tech how to do the procedure and left him with the equipment and medication he needed in hopes that the Royal Guard will call for his assistance.

"If the people of Tonga see the king taking steps to care for his horses and pasture, perhaps they will realize the importance of proper



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Lt. Col. Howard Gobble (left), and Maj. Kimberly Yore (right) conduct dental care to a stallion belonging to the Tongan Royal Guard, horse detachment in July in the Kingdom of Tonga.

care for the other animals in Tonga."

"It's a baby step, but it's a step in the right direction," Gobble said.

What the future holds

Gobble said the National Guard's SPP enables ongoing American support within Tonga and other remote nations. Each program director is in constant communication with its respective country's ministers and senior military officers. The SPP allows teams to have access for engagements and the ability to follow up to make sure progress continues.

"The SPP is not looking to come in and just perform veterinary care for Tonga. There is too much need even to scratch the surface," Yore said. "The SPP is in the business of building capabilities within Tongan society. That starts with Tongan citizens having the desire to improve their situation and seeing that improvement is indeed possible."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Assisted by Gov. Brian Sandoval, left, and Carson City Mayor Robert Crowell, Robert Herbert, center, was promoted to the rank of major general at the Capitol during a ceremony hosted by the governor in November. Herbert, a longtime Nevada Guard aviator, is now the highest ranking Soldier in the Nevada Army Guard.

Longtime Army Guard aviator, advisor promoted to major general

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

CARSON CITY – When he entered the Army at age 18 in December 1975, Robert T. Herbert's main aspirations included passing his basic warrant officer course and becoming a rotary-wing pilot.

The notion he would ever attain the rank of major general was pure fantasy, an outrageous idea as improbable as the prediction individuals would someday carry wireless, hand-held "cellular" telephones and the world's computer networks would be linked by something called the internet.

In August, however, Herbert, 60, of Las Vegas, surpassed even his wildest military expectations when the longtime aviator became the first major general in the Nevada Army Guard in more than three decades. He's the first Nevada Army Guard 20 / **BATTLE BORN** / Winter 2018

officer to attain federal recognition as a two-star general since William Engel was major general while holding the office of Adjutant General from 1979-1983.

"It's been a remarkable ride," Herbert said. "I never in my life dreamed I'd ever be a major general."

"I joined as a warrant officer one and all I wanted to do was fly. To be a major general now working at the Pentagon devising national strategy for the National Guard is something I could have never foreseen."

In his new rank, Herbert will continue in the post he's held since October 2015: He's the special assistant to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (Gen. Joseph Lengyel) for National Security Policy.

"I feel very privileged and honored to be there (at the Pentagon)," Herbert said. "I'm going to do everything I can – as I have for many years – to take care of the National

Guard.

The son of an Army master sergeant, Herbert was a military "brat" who grew up at numerous military bases around the world. His early exposure to military aviation caused him to determine his career path as a teen: He knew he wanted to be a pilot.

Herbert tried to join the Air Force but was dissuaded by the fact Air Force pilots needed four years of college before seeing a cockpit. Instead, he took advantage of the Army's High School to Flight School program and was flying helicopters over the East and West German border at the age of 19.

After his stint in Germany, Herbert was assigned to the 7th Aviation Battalion at Fort Ord, California. One of his cohorts in the battalion was Randy Sayre – the commander of the Nevada Army Guard

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from 2003-2006 – who cajoled Herbert into applying for a test pilot job in the Nevada Army Guard once his active-duty obligation concluded.

From 1982-1989, Herbert worked for the Nevada Army Guard as a test pilot. In 1989, he directly commissioned as a second lieutenant and eventually became the state aviation officer. He's the last directly commissioned officer in the Nevada Army Guard and is the rare major general who never attended an officer candidate school, though he did receive a Master's degree from the National War College.

In the early 1990s, Herbert first dabbled in politics as a liaison for then-adjutant general Maj. Gen. Tony Clark. One of Herbert's early advocacy efforts helped the state acquire Chinook and Black Hawk helicopters to replace Nevada's antiquated Huey and Skycrane airframes.

As Clark's liaison, Herbert began meeting with Nevada's junior senator from Searchlight – Sen. Harry Reid – on a quarterly schedule. The two forged a good working relationship and Reid asked Herbert to work for him through a military fellowship program managed by the Brookings Institution.

After some rumblings from the National Guard Bureau about Herbert's close ties with Reid while officially employed by the National Guard, Herbert chose to join Reid's full-time staff after his fellowship concluded. Herbert would remain on Reid's staff for the next 20 years as Reid

rose through the senatorial rank to become the majority leader. Throughout, Herbert remained a traditional Soldier in the Nevada Guard.

The pairing of Reid and Herbert proved to be a boon for the Nevada Guard. During the two decades Herbert worked on Reid's staff, more than \$200 million in infrastructure and equipment was acquired through earmarked funding. Every Nevada Guard installation in the state was either built, replaced or refurbished during the 20-year period while Herbert worked as a Reid staffer.

Herbert has always split his time between Washington, DC and Nevada, and for most of the last 20 years Herbert traveled back to Nevada for his drill weekends. Some of his more visible positions included stints as the deputy commander of the Nevada Army Guard from 2006-2013 and the assistant adjutant general for the Army from 2013-2015. He began advising retired Gen. Frank Grass on national security policy in 2015 and will continue in that role on Lengyel's staff.

When Reid chose not to run for a sixth term in 2016, Herbert also decided to step aside from public service. He's now a

senior vice president for Porter Group, a political consulting firm headed by retired Nevada congressman Jon Porter.

For the time being, Herbert is enjoying his new civilian job, which is providing him more time than in recent year to escape the Beltway and explore the Silver State's backroads on one of his four motorcycles.

But he also realizes, as the Nevada Army Guard's highest-ranking officer, he could become a candidate for high-visibility jobs in the future, either within the state or in Washington, D.C.

"My future could go any one of several directions," Herbert said. "At some point, Gen. Lengyel and I will make the decision whether I will stay on board to help him, whether I retire at some point, or whether there is the opportunity to come home and be the adjutant general.

"All of those decisions are at least a year off. A lot of the decision will be based on (current Adjutant General) Brig. Gen. Bill Burks' decisions. The governor picks the adjutant general, so we've got an election to go through first (in 2018) to find out who will be the next governor and then see whom he or she selects."



Photo courtesy Office of Sen. Harry Reid
Sen. Harry Reid, right, congratulates Robert Herbert on his promotion to brigadier general in 2013. Herbert worked as a staffer on Reid's staff for two decades as the senator from Searchlight, Nev., worked his way up in the senatorial ranks from Nevada's junior senator to majority leader. During that period of time, more than \$200 million in infrastructure and equipment funding was allocated to the Nevada National Guard.

Historian's Notebook

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



A Nevada Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Black Hawk flying out of Petaluma, Calif., making their way to local fires to make water drops.

Nevada Guard's 2017 domestic response proves unprecedented

CARSON CITY — As the Nevada National Guard enters 2018, a look back on the Silver State's past year reveals an unprecedented request for domestic response activations, not just in Nevada and northern California, but also places around the nation, ranging from Oregon to Puerto Rico.

Never in its history has the Nevada National Guard activated so many of its 4,300 uniformed personnel for domestic response missions.

State activations for floods occurred often in the first half of the year as a result of a record-setting winter. January storms prompted the first activations and snowmelt in the spring resulted in the largest stateside activation, even larger than the record-setting flood of 1997.

- Nevada Guardsmen transported potable water, supported evacuations and helped with snow removal, in Lockwood and Virginia City during flooding last January. Additionally, Soldiers transported a water tank, commonly referred to as a "water buffalo," with 400 gallons for citizens of Sutcliffe, a town on Pyramid Lake tribal land about 40 miles north of Reno. "The entire town was without water

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(after rainfall damaged water piping to the town) and the weather isn't making it any easier for them," Sgt. 1st Class Justin Juliot, 991st Multi-Functional Brigade, said last January. "They were really thankful to get the water."

- Following President Donald Trump's approval of major disaster declaration for northern Nevada, Guardsmen activated for the state's largest domestic operation in March. About 140 Soldiers moved sandbags for residences and equipment for the construction of a 4-mile HESCO wall — a 4-foot-tall barrier supported by 12,000 yards of sand — in an attempt to contain flood water and alleviate damage. Large standing bodies of water — where there was no water during the four-year drought leading up to 2017 — still remains throughout the region. The HESCO wall and movement of sandbags helped save homes in the region, Washoe County officials said. "The magnitude of the response and the way Soldiers and Airmen answered the call on short notice truly shows the Nevada Guard's dedication to its state," Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, then-Director Joint Staff, Nevada National Guard, said during the response. Most of

the Soldiers working in Lemmon Valley hailed from the Nevada Army Guard's 1859th Transportation Company, 609th Engineers, 485th Military Police Company and the 150th Maintenance Company. Airmen of the 152nd Security Forces and 152nd Civil Engineer squadrons also activated.

During the second half of the year, nationwide activations spiked for not just Nevada, but National Guard units around the country. Moments after Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas, the entire Texas National Guard was put on alert. Several states around the country were called. The Nevada Guard supported those hurricane response efforts while also activating for firefighting operations.

- Nevada Army aviation assets fought various fires around the American West during the summer, including Black Hawk water drops on the Brenda Fire and Preacher Fire in Nevada, along with the Long Valley Fire in California. UH-72 Lakotas supported medical response missions in Oregon. The 152nd Airlift Wing's fire department also activated for multiple fires in the region.

- The 152nd Airlift Wing

conducted its first Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission in support of the U.S. Forest Service for fires in northern California last July. The 152nd Airlift Wing was named the newest MAFFS unit in 2016, which includes three National Guard units and one U.S. Air Force Reserves unit. "It's great to have our tail (flash) out there," Lt. Col. Anthony Machabee, 152nd Operations Group Commander, said in July. "Our crews, maintenance, the pilots, loadmasters, engineers — it's kind of surreal. The 152nd is in the business of fighting fires."

- A Nevada Army Guard CH-47 Chinook crew left Aug. 30 for Houston where it flew resupply missions: food, water, hygiene items, baby products, cots, blankets and other items. The aviators also moved bales of hay for stranded cattle. "All around there was a lot of flood waters, people getting pushed out of their houses. I've never seen anything like that. It was unbelievable to see," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brandon Dewhurst, pilot in command for Nevada aviation's Hurricane Harvey response. The 152nd Airlift Wing also supported Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma response with one C-130 H aircraft.

- A month after Hurricane Harvey, a second massive hurricane pounded U.S. coastal areas: Hurricane Irma. Eight Nevada Airmen assigned to the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability, or JISCC, team of the 152nd Airlift Wing deployed to Florida on Sept. 10 to provide critical communications in the wake of Hurricane Irma. After receiving JISCC equipment in 2015, the 152nd Communications Flight participated in multiple training exercises, including

Vigilant Guard in Hawaii and Cascadia Rising in Washington State last year, but the Hurricane Irma activation was the first time the unit activated for natural disaster response. It wasn't the only activation for the Nevada Air Guard JISCC team.

- A month after their Hurricane Irma response in Florida, the JISCC airmen transported equipment west over the Sierra range to the fire ravaged region in northern California's Sonoma County. They provided communications for the medical and support elements working the northern California wildfires, stationed at the Elsie Allen High School shelter in Santa Rosa, California. Hundreds of patients were evacuated there from local care facilities because of the fires. "Most of the people here have been evacuated from elderly care facilities," Capt. Greg Green, 152nd Communications Flight commander, said in October. "About a quarter of them aren't patients, but are people who lost their homes in the fire."

- Nevada Army National Guard's aviation units activated one UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter and one CH-47 Chinook for northern California firefighting operations, flying in and out of Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento.

- Another hurricane, this one Category 5 Hurricane Maria, brought wind gusts exceeding 160 mph through Dominica, devastating the island of Puerto Rico. The National Guard response for Hurricane Maria was massive. The Nevada Army National Guard JISCC team activated for Aguadilla, Puerto Rico in late September, originally for 30 days, but that was extended with a new rotation of additional Nevada Army Guardsmen. "Some of the people here (Puerto Rico)

had no contact with family for weeks and thanks to the communication support from the JISCC, they were able to reconnect with their families and let them know they are OK," said Sgt. 1st Class Travis Martinelli, a member of the Nevada Army Guard's JISCC team.

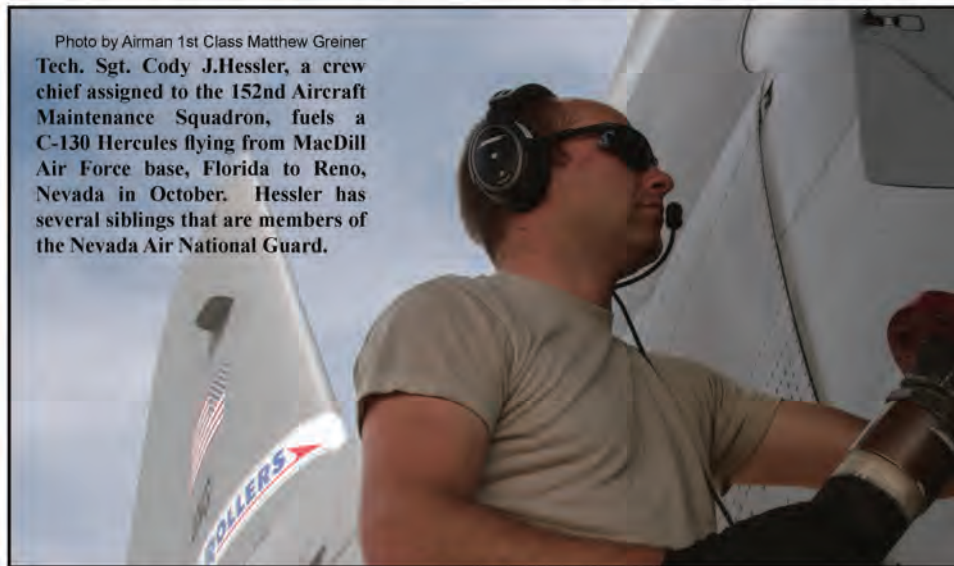
- The 152 Airlift Wing's aerial port provided logistical operations for sustained air movement of personnel and materials at San Juan Airport after Hurricane Maria blew through the U.S. territory. Among those planes moving materials were four 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 H aircraft. Overall for the three hurricanes, 152nd aircrew flew 90 sorties, 329 flight hours and moved 137 cargo tons. "It's made for very long days, but an amazing feeling being able to help those who have had their entire world turned upside down," said Lt. Col. Evan Kirkwood, a 152nd Airlift Wing pilot. Additionally, more than a dozen 152nd Security Forces Squadron Airmen provided law enforcement assistance in Puerto Rico for one month.

- The annual security event for the Las Vegas New Year's Eve celebration, now called Operation Phalanx, saw a massive expansion in 2017. Following the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history — a gunman posted on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay killed 58 people at a country music concert — the Nevada Division of Emergency Management expanded its funding request from \$120,000 to \$340,000 for its New Year's Eve celebration. That more than double the Guard's presence from the prior year with nearly 350 Guardsmen at 22 locations in Las Vegas.

Coincidentally, the Nevada Guard's historic year of domestic response occurred simultaneously with the end of an up-tempo deployment cycle. Since 9/11, the Nevada Guard experienced continuous deployments. From 2015-2017, about one-sixth of the Nevada Army Guard deployed overseas. In July of 2017, the Nevada Army Guard's 485th Military Police Company returned from the Middle East, which marked a rare moment when all Nevada Army National Guard Soldiers were stateside.

But even with all the units home, an unprecedented request for domestic operation activations in response to natural disasters around the nation continued to keep the Soldiers and Airmen of the Silver State busy.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Greiner
Tech. Sgt. Cody J. Hessler, a crew chief assigned to the 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, fuels a C-130 Hercules flying from MacDill Air Force base, Florida to Reno, Nevada in October. Hessler has several siblings that are members of the Nevada Air National Guard.



A leap of faith: Skydiving with the U.S. Army Golden Knights

Story by Airman Baylee Hunt
152 Airlift Wing/Public Affairs

MINDEN — Without hesitation I walked to the edge of the plane — toes dangling 10,000 feet above ground. All I could see were the fields, buildings and cars appearing the size of ants. Was I really doing this?

Only moments before, during this early October day in northern Nevada, I was with my family, on the ground, at the Minden-Tahoe Airport Aviation Roundup Air Show.



This was very different than the ground. I couldn't believe it was actually happening.

I was about to jump out of an airplane with the U.S. Army Golden Knights.

I wasn't worried. These Soldiers are professionals. Their sense of calmness made me feel like the jump was nothing to worry about.

The man I jumped with was Sgt. 1st Class Joe Jones, an Airborne Ranger serving as a tandem instructor on the Golden Knights. Since becoming a Golden Knight, he has completed more than 6,000 parachute jumps and more than 2,000 tandem parachute jumps. I knew I was in

good hands.

When the time came to take off for the jump, Jones handed me a bright-yellow Golden Knights jumpsuit and said, "It's the new fall fashion. Get it?"

We saddled up. I said my goodbye to my family and boarded the plane. I was well equipped with my yellow jumpsuit, my harness and my jump instructor.

On the 10,000-foot ascent over the Carson Valley, we did a few circles around our jump target to determine the wind direction. We relaxed, told jokes, and took shots of oxygen from an oxygen tank.

The Knights were full of more skydiving jokes and took turns telling me every single one they could think of.

"You don't need a parachute to skydive. You just need one to skydive twice."

I could tell they had done this thousands of times. To them, this was their life, which I didn't really think about at the time.

Jones and I were the second to jump.

The first man jumped out and disappeared in a split second. Now it was my turn. And there it was again — a huge pit of nerves in my stomach. My heart was pounding out of my chest and my palms began to sweat.

Jones and I were already harnessed together. We waddled down the aisle of the plane like penguins to the exit door. We stepped right up to the edge of the plane which was the scariest but most anxious feeling of the whole experience.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
U.S. Army Golden Knight Sgt. 1st Class Joe Jones, left, secures a parachute harness on Airman Baylee Hunt from the 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office before her tandem jump with him in October.

There was now no barrier between me and the 10,000 feet of open air below.

We rocked back and forth three times and on the last rock, Jones hurled us both out of the plane.

My stomach dropped to my toes, but I wasn't afraid. I was trying to take in every second. It was the most incredible thing I had ever experienced.

It felt like flying.

In the following seconds and for the rest of the free fall, the feeling of my stomach dropping went away. All I could feel was the fresh, cold air flying past me as we plummeted at maximum velocity toward the ground below. I took in all the scenery. It was unbelievable.

I didn't want it to end. Then "boom!" The 'chute came out and we were whipped from our free fall and back into what felt a little more like reality.

As we floated back to reality from sensory overload, I returned to a feeling of normalcy. My heart slowed down and I relaxed as I watched the figures on the ground become closer.

I took a deep breath and thought about what I just did. I did something that I always wanted to do, but never thought I would.

After experiencing it once, I feel like I can do it 100 more times.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
Airman Baylee Hunt, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Joe Jones, center, greet airport manager Bobbi Thompson of the Minden-Tahoe Airport after their tandem jump during the Minden-Tahoe Airport Aviation Roundup in October.

High Rollers fly high at Minden-Tahoe Airport Aviation Roundup

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

RENO – The Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing "High Rollers" assisted the Minden-Tahoe Airport with their Aviation Roundup in October. They provided everything from fire trucks and personnel to static display to aviation ground equipment for the United States Air Force's Thunderbird team.

Air National Guard Fire Chief Kevin Bandoni said that the Air Guard Fire Department provided seven personnel along with one striker vehicle, one rescue vehicle and one command vehicle.

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Horsch said the 152nd Maintenance Group's AGE (Aerospace Ground Equipment) Flight provided: two aircraft generators, two large aircraft starting systems, one self-generating nitrogen cart, one aircraft stand, one hydraulic test stand, three light carts, one aircraft tow bar, one aircraft tow vehicle, one portable air compressor; six fire bottles, a six passenger truck and trailer; along with two personnel: Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Horsch and Tech. Sgt. Ryan Pratt. He added:

"This amount of equipment and staging required a lot of planning, and for the first time, a joint effort with the Nevada Army National Guard's 1859th Light Medium Tactical Transportation Company (LMTTC), who provided two trucks and fifty foot trailers, along with two Army personnel: Sgt. Bobby Riley and Sgt. 1st Class Richard Miller. Without the help of the 1859th it wouldn't have gone as well."

The High Rollers also were able to participate with the Army's Golden Knights Jump Team—Airman Baylee Hunt, a photojournalist from the 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office,



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
Col. Eric Wade accepts token from Golden Knights at conclusion of jump demonstration and ceremony in October.

was able to tandem jump with the Knights.

The Golden Knights and the Minden-Tahoe Airport recognized the High Rollers for their assistance and help by presenting the commander, Col. Eric Wade, with a specially engraved baton. This baton was passed amongst the parachute team in the air and then presented to Wade upon the conclusion of the jump demonstration.

The air show is typically held biannually; however it may happen again in 2018 and 2019.

Bobbi Thompson, the Airport manager said, "Thank you to the High Rollers, we could not do the air show without your support!"



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
High Rollers recognized for assisting with Minden-Tahoe Airport Aviation Roundup. The Nevada Air National Guard provided static display, personnel, equipment and expertise in support of the visiting United States Air Force Thunderbirds and United States Army Golden Knights demonstration teams for the 2017 Minden-Tahoe Airport Aviation Roundup Air Show.

Top Economic Investment: Time spent with new personal finance counselor

Staff report

One hour of time with personal finance counselor Luis Rosa is one of the best economic investments a Nevada Guardsman can make.

Rosa is one of the newest additions to the military and family support services staff. He works full-time advising military personnel, military dependents and Veterans in southern Nevada on financial affairs, including retirement planning and debt management. Rosa's services are free and confidential; he is a government contractor employed by Zeiders Enterprises.

"My goal is to educate and inform service members and their families to enable them to make wise financial decisions," said Rosa, who recorded more than 15 years of financial counseling experience in the civilian world before joining Zeiders Enterprises and being assigned to the National Guard in southern Nevada.

Rosa said that although his office is at the Clark County Armory, he's available for appointments and group classes or briefings within a 50 mile radius of North Las Vegas at any military installation. He can also travel throughout Nevada on drill weekends to provide financial counseling across the Silver State.

Rosa can provide advice on a wide range of financial topics spanning the entire financial spectrum, including: estate and retirement planning, support for family members during deployment, credit management and budgeting. If

Rosa does not know a specific answer, he will refer a service member to the proper military or community resource.

Rosa said full-time National Guard employees including Active Guard and Reserve Soldiers and Airmen and federal technicians may meet with him during the work week without taking leave, as consultations with a finance counselor fall within a Guard employee's scope of duties.

Rosa, 37, is a graduate of the State



**For an appointment,
call Rosa at 702-218-1726**

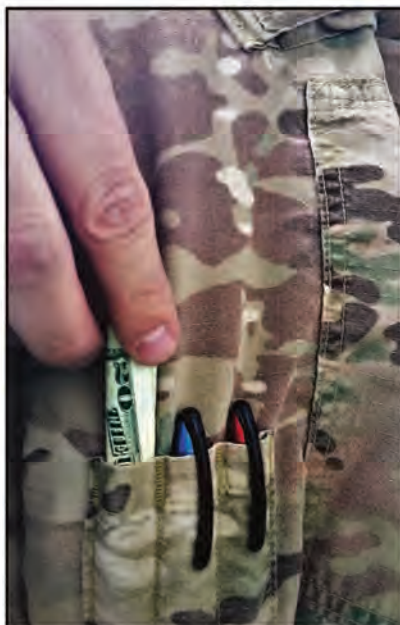
University of New York at Purchase College in Purchase, New York. After graduating, he entered the financial planning field and worked for 15 years with several financial planning firms and broker dealers in New York and California.

To better help his clients, Rosa became a certified financial planner. He has been the Nevada National Guard's full-time personal financial counselor in southern Nevada since last June.

In addition to individual counseling, Rosa can potentially provide training and workshops to groups such as Army Guard units and Air Guard squadrons.

Rosa's counterpart in northern Nevada is Norm Sligar. Like Rosa, Sligar is compensated by Zeiders Enterprises and is available to advise Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen in the northern region of the state on financial matters.

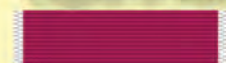
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CPT Ryanmay Orolfo Recruiting & Retention
SPC Enrique Ortegadominguez 422nd ESB
SPC Anthony Ortiz 1-221st Cav D Troop
SGT Michael Pacheco 3665th Ordnance Co
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SPC Craig Philo 145th Forward Support Co
SGT Adam Preston 145th Forward Support Co
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SPC Virginia Ramm 422nd ESB
SPC Sean Rawlins 422nd ESB
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SPC Shaela Salangdron 593rd Trans Co
SPC Andrew Sanchez 593rd Trans Co
PFC Christopher Sanchez 1-221st Cav A Troop
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SPC Jacob Sheire 1-221st Cav C Troop
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SPC Austin Tucker 1859th Trans Co
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1LT David Vineyard 422nd ESB
SPC Koby Walsh 593rd Trans Co
SPC Shane Webber 1-221st Cav B Troop
SSG Joseph Weber 593rd Trans Co
PFC Heather Wiebers 422nd ESB
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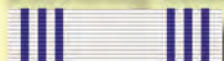
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SPC James Badia 150th Maint Co
SPC Robert Baker 150th Maint Co
PFC Joseph Cheng 150th Maint Co
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PFC Eldon Hill 150th Maint Co
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SPC Coty Weaver 609th Engineer Co

Recruiting Ribbon



SGT Leah Cabusao 17th SB
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PV1 Stephani Farfan 1-221st Cav B Troop
PV2 Ryan Hanson 72nd MP
PFC Malcolm Joshua Jacobe 1-221st Cav HHT
PFC Rianne Marquez 240th Engineer Co
PFC Sean Oppmann 150th Maint Co
PV2 Arisa Perez 1864th Trans Co
PV2 Dominique Pulido 1864th Trans Co
PFC Rayena Rael 72nd MP
PV2 Lee Ramirez 1-221st Cav C Troop
SPC Austin Tucker 1859th Trans Co
PV2 Marycarmen Villalpandoortiz 1864th Trans Co
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PFC Noah Zepeda 72nd MP

PROMOTIONS

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Robert Herbert JFHQ

COL/Col

David Manson 152nd Maint. Group
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Melissa Hagen Air Guard HQ

LTC/Lt Col

Nicholas Soapes 1-221st Cav HHT
Michael Fugett 152nd Ops Group
Douglas Mceldowney 17th SB
Aaron Martin 232nd Ops. Sqd
Fernando Gomez JFHQ
Patrick Walsh JFHQ
Christine Ancajas Med Det

MAJ/Maj

Rimando Poyaoan 152nd Civil Eng. Sqd
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Samuel Ajayi 192nd Airlift Sqd
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Paul Adecox 757th CSSB
Amy Capra JFHQ
Jeffrey Fanelli JFHQ
Robert Kolvet JFHQ
Denisse Ramos JFHQ

CPT/Capt

Elizabeth Ochoaellis 100th Quartermaster Co
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Ryan Leigh 152 Student Flight
Kimberly Whetzel 152nd Airlift Wing

Dylan Tucker 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
Rebecca Gilbert 152nd Medical Group
Juan Contreras 17th SB
Ivana Williams 17th SB
Sarah Searles 192nd Airlift Sqd
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Kyle Zust 192nd Airlift Sqd
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Amanda Willis 421st RTI
Madison Winzeler 422nd ESB
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Jessica Sarradet 152nd Maint. Sqd

2LT/2nd LT

Alexander Pinto 1/189th Aviation Co
James Garner 100th Quartermaster Co
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CW4

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CW3

Joshua Bunker 1/189th Aviation Co
Brandon Dewhurst 1/189th Aviation Co
Kyle Oconnell 2/238th Aviation Det
Joseph Sherych JFHQ
Brian Stanton JFHQ

CW1

Kimberly Delaune 17th SB
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Epifanio Rodarte JFHQ

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Rachel Cabanting JFHQ
Ines Ventura JFHQ
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Joshua Rodriguez 240th Engineer Co
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Jennifer Palomino 421st RTI
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Julia Martinez JFHQ
Isabel Calderon Recruiting & Retention
Alberto Gonzalez Recruiting & Retention
Gregory Nixon Recruiting & Retention

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Sawyer Stewart 1-221st Cav C Troop
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Robert Pembroke 152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd

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 Devan Chambers 1-221st Cav C Troop
 Brandon Dogelio 1-221st Cav C Troop
 Marshall Kobza 1-221st Cav C Troop
 Johnathan Scott 1-221st Cav C Troop
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 Cody Sharkey 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 Lucas Soto 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
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 Ivy Kent 152nd Maint. Ops. Flight
 William Montanaro 152nd Maint. Ops. Flight
 Ryan Crowder 152nd Maint. Sqd
 Michael Finazzi 152nd Maint. Sqd
 Mark Kosak 152nd Maint. Sqd
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 Cailen Weston 152nd Security Forces Sqd
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 Keahi Granstrom 1864th Trans Co
 Ryan Guay 1864th Trans Co
 Sheradene Henry 1864th Trans Co
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 Tyler George 485th MP
 Mario Gonzalez 485th MP
 Justin Steinberg 485th MP
 Jeremy Fox 593rd Trans Co
 Jonathan Gonzales 593rd Trans Co
 Julia Rodriguez 593rd Trans Co
 Miguel Zaragoza 593rd Trans Co
 Louis Brown 609th Engineer Co
 Shawn Hines 609th Engineer Co
 Marcos Lopez 609th Engineer Co
 Brett Rowan 609th Engineer Co
 Robert Wood II 609th Engineer Co
 Dustin Andersoncontenti 72nd MP
 Natalie Garcia 72nd MP
 Sean Grube 72nd MP
 Thomas Jacobellis 72nd MP
 Jeffrey Shropshire 72nd MP
 Shanay Austin Med Det
 Jorge Wilsonperez Med Det

ACCESSIONS

Includes: New enlistments, transfers from other states/active duty, and newly commissioned officers.

2LT Alexander Pinto 1/189th Aviation Co
 PFC Erin Hobson 1/189th Aviation Co
 PV1 Daniel Aboytes 1/189th Aviation Co
 PV2 Jacob Munier 1/189th Aviation Co
 2LT Anya Rigoni 100th Quartermaster Co
 2LT James Garner 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV1 Brian Torressuazo 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV1 Mikayla Jester 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV1 Sarai Rubio 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV1 Heidi Labastida 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV2 Nancy Galla 100th Quartermaster Co
 PV2 Marquis Morse 1-148TH FA RGT
 2LT Julian Batz 1-221st Cav A Troop
 PV1 Francisco Rodriguez 1-221st Cav A Troop
 PV1 Isaiah White 1-221st Cav A Troop
 PV2 Isaiah Nickerson 1-221st Cav A Troop
 PV2 Johan Hernandez 1-221st Cav A Troop
 SPC Renier Escolin 1-221st Cav A Troop
 2LT Michael Flury 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PFC John Santacruz 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV1 Alejandro Castillo 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV1 Isaac Myers 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV1 Renzo Macchiavello 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV1 Jeffery Madsueno 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV2 Ethan Cruz 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV2 Tarik Barnes 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV2 William Hunt 1-221st Cav B Troop
 SPC Jerome Versola 1-221st Cav B Troop
 SPC Zachary Hair 1-221st Cav B Troop
 SSG Roberto Cardenaspreciado 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PV1 Maryjoseph Narciso 1-221st Cav C Troop
 PV2 Mai Mao 1-221st Cav C Troop
 PV2 Cesar Montalvoguerra 1-221st Cav C Troop
 SPC Daniel Bradley 1-221st Cav C Troop
 SPC Caleb Orrick 1-221st Cav C Troop

PV1 Andres Benitezarias 1-221st Cav D Troop
 PV1 Dalton Rubel 1-221st Cav D Troop
 PV1 Michael Pritzkau 1-221st Cav D Troop
 PV1 EnanJoshua Solitario 1-221st Cav D Troop
 PV2 Christian Oh 1-221st Cav D Troop
 2LT Alexander Tarangul 1-221st Cav HHT
 PFC Darius Childress 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV1 Ryon Rafael 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV1 Levi Landsem 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV1 Jemima Urcia 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV1 Melvon Rouse 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV1 Parsa Khawari 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV1 Amanda Mckiernan 1-221st Cav HHT
 PV2 Phuc Dao 1-221st Cav HHT
 PFC Marissa Newman 137th MP
 PFC Tristan Benoit 137th MP
 PV1 Taylor Reynolds 137th MP
 PV1 Jonathan Ilano 137th MP
 PV2 Kimberly Moran 137th MP
 SPC Cameron Estes 137th MP
 2LT Leacherlyn Alejandro 145th Forward Support Co
 PFC Joscelyn Armendariz 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Jesus Reynosoparra 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Deangulo Matthews 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Elizabeth Maciel 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Orion Sexson 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Gizzel Oliva 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Manuel Anderson V 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Marlon Portillolinales 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Yupar Aung 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Jessamarie Abequibel 145th Forward Support Co
 PV1 Alejandro Silva 145th Forward Support Co
 PV2 Lykamae Lidang 145th Forward Support Co
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 PV2 Daniel Polanco 145th Forward Support Co
 PV2 Betzayra Arteaga 145th Forward Support Co
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 PV1 Veronica Vasquez Martinez 150th Maint Co
 PV1 Bobby Williams 150th Maint Co
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 PV2 Zoe Tronier 150th Maint Co
 PV2 Antonio Godoy 150th Maint Co
 PV2 Dustin Pawlikowski 150th Maint Co
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 SGT Gabriel Banuelos 150th Maint Co
 SPC Zane Chandler 150th Maint Co
 SPC Kaleb Perez 150th Maint Co
 AIC Brandon Accomazzo 152 Student Flight
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 AB John danilo Deguzman 152nd Force Support Sqd
 AB Jazlyn O'bear 152nd Force Support Sqd
 SrA Robert Pape 152nd Force Support Sqd
 AIC Daniel Flangan 152nd Intel Sqd
 AIC Jaya Sicard 152nd Intel Sqd
 SSgt Richard Northey 152nd Intel Sqd
 AIC Guerra Munoz 152nd Intel Sqd
 AIC Jimmy Heinson 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 AB Alyssa Tracy 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 AB Kenan McDonald 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 SrA Ariel Cardiel 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 SSgt Joseph Isabella 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 AIC Rebecca Mortimore 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
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 AIC Jack Guynn 152nd Maint. Sqd
 AIC Whitney Richard 152nd Maint. Sqd
 SSgt James Zalneraitis 152nd Maint. Sqd
 SSgt Vincent Karr 152nd Maint. Sqd
 AIC Daniel Workeman 152nd Maint. Sqd
 SrA Jason Anderson 152nd Maint. Sqd
 AIC Zachary Cox 152nd Maint. Sqd
 AIC Andrew Mims 152nd Maint. Sqd
 AIC Alexander Orr 152nd Maint. Sqd
 TSgt James Remington 152nd Maint. Sqd

A1C Wyatt Weyland	152nd Maint. Sqd	SPC Cori Reeves	1859th Trans Co	PV2 Tamrah Torres	422nd ESB
A1C Brandon Drysol	152nd Medical Group	SPC Perry Senteney	1859th Trans Co	PV2 Daisy Martinez	422nd ESB
A1C Daniel Pina-totoledo	152nd Medical Group	SPC Alecia Chandler	1859th Trans Co	SGT Sierra Larason	422nd ESB
A1C Joshua Stoddard	152nd Medical Group	SPC Angela Delacruz	1859th Trans Co	SPC William Clifford III	422nd ESB
A1C Dooley Gegan	152nd Medical Group	1LT Sonji Davis	1864th Trans Co	WO1 Don Small JR	422nd ESB
A1C Paola De Leon	152nd Medical Group	PFC Troy Mckinnon	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Zachary Schweitzer	593rd Trans Co
AB Savannah Closson	152nd Medical Group	PFC Stephen Bernauer	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Fernando Luna JR	593rd Trans Co
2LT Sparkle Mccuiston	152nd Medical Group	PFC Manuel Ramangmou	1864th Trans Co	PV2 Omar Rodriguez	593rd Trans Co
2LT Caleena Longworth	152nd Medical Group	PFC Jessica Hicks	1864th Trans Co	2LT Christopher Babas	609th Engineer Co
2LT Ian Mcewen	152nd Medical Group	PV1 Martin Nieto	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Devin Skelley	609th Engineer Co
2LT Emili Conway	152nd Medical Group	PV1 Cordejah Allen	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Pablo Alejo	609th Engineer Co
SSgt Angelica Musumeci	152nd Medical Group	PV1 Brenden Pottter	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Aydan Cleary	609th Engineer Co
SrA Mychel Christian	152nd Ops. Support Sqd	PV1 Jaylen Allen	1864th Trans Co	SPC Vernon Snyder IV	609th Engineer Co
A1C Fallon Quinn	152nd Ops. Support Sqd	PV1 Ashley Guerra	1864th Trans Co	SPC Dexter Barnes	609th Engineer Co
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A1C Andrew Gray	152nd Security Forces Sqd	PV1 Luis Rojas	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Aaron Holsten	72nd MP
A1C Logan Marcantonio	152nd Security Forces Sqd	PV1 Mahamad Abdo	1864th Trans Co	PV1 Linda Signorelli	72nd MP
A1C Brennan Gattlin	152nd Security Forces Sqd	PV2 Karl Hummel	1864th Trans Co	PV2 Lawrence Jones	72nd MP
A1C Dicksie Jimenez	152nd Security Forces Sqd	PV2 Christina Barcelos	1864th Trans Co	PV2 Logan Barton	72nd MP
TSgt Bryan Millmine	152nd Security Forces Sqd	SPC Kyle Mercer	1864th Trans Co	PFC Chaz Fernandez	757th CSSB
PFC Daniel Fernando	17th SB	SPC Kimberly Whitbeck	1864th Trans Co	PFC Robert Homer	757th CSSB
PV1 Miriam Acoltzi	17th SB	SPC Jennifer Miller	1864th Trans Co	PV2 Liam Hewitt	757th CSSB
PV1 Kyree Evans	17th SB	SrA Marcellus Mccadden	192nd Airlift Sqd	WO1 Epifanio Rodarte	JFHQ
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PV1 Jristin Solomon	17th SB	A1C Richard Vera	192nd Airlift Sqd	2LT Tara Gartner	Med Det
PV1 Alexiz Valdivia	17th SB	2LT Sierra Leonard	2/238th Aviation Det	PFC Kim Loarevalo	Med Det
PV1 Damian Young II	17th SB	SPC Mason Burkhart	2/238th Aviation Det	SGT Brandon Hurst	Med Det
PV1 Joseline Alvarado	17th SB	PV1 Justice Crowley	2/238th Aviation Det		
PV1 Wallace Davis JR	17th SB	SPC Alyssa Grew	2/238th Aviation Det		
PV1 Pedro Santoyo JR	17th SB	PV1 Dustin Carotenuti	2/238th Aviation Det		
PV1 Lourdes Esquivel	17th SB	PV2 Anthony Ray	2/238th Aviation Det		
PV1 Ashley Cabrera	17th SB	TSgt Nickolaus Mooney	232nd Ops. Sqd		
PV2 James Schneider	17th SB	SSgt Mena Boktor	232nd Ops. Sqd		
PV2 Hope Katzenberger	17th SB	TSgt Joshua Buttler	232nd Ops. Sqd		
PV2 Ashlee Martell	17th SB	PV1 Michael Pulido	240th Engineer Co		
PV2 Jonathan Biggs	17th SB	PV1 Juan Castillo	240th Engineer Co		
PV2 China Rankin	17th SB	PV1 Luke Buford	240th Engineer Co		
SGT Theresa Faoa	17th SB	PV1 Roberto Montiel	240th Engineer Co		
SPC Jason Lee	17th SB	PV1 Brayan Pacheco	240th Engineer Co		
SPC Fritz Mijares	17th SB	PV2 Joshua Knapp	240th Engineer Co		
SPC Keith Cunningham	17th SB	PV2 Angel Quesada	240th Engineer Co		
SPC Kristen Baker	17th SB	PV2 Javier Guerra	240th Engineer Co		
SSG Natalia Simpson	17th SB	SGT Adam Huffman	240th Engineer Co		
WO1 Kimberly Delaune	17th SB	SGT Lauren Bunsen	240th Engineer Co		
1LT Brian Riconscente	1859th Trans Co	SPC Elizabeth Nutick	240th Engineer Co		
PV1 Omar Ortizgonzalez	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Byronjames Crisostomo	277th Engineer Haul Plt		
PV1 Brian Gimlin	1859th Trans Co	1LT Tyler Pack	3/140th Aviation Det		
PV1 Steven Eaton	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Thairras Laxton	3/140th Aviation Det		
PV1 Andrew Alves	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Alexandra Ruiz	3/140th Aviation Det		
PV1 Jessica Dominguez	1859th Trans Co	SPC James Demarco	3/140th Aviation Det		
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PV2 Nicollo Murillo	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Juan Diaz	422nd ESB		
PV2 Amelia Glowniak	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Alfonso Cerrillo	422nd ESB		
PV2 Ashlyn Quintero	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Jacob Metzker	422nd ESB		
PV2 Ryan Becker	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Allison Hill	422nd ESB		
PV2 Alexander Ohanian	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Roxanna Choay	422nd ESB		
PV2 Vincent Lopresti III	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Elizabeth Torres	422nd ESB		
SGT Shelby Burton	1859th Trans Co	PV1 Joshua Miller	422nd ESB		
SGT Harrison Woodcock	1859th Trans Co	PV2 Jonathan Diaz	422nd ESB		
SGT Sean Winemiller	1859th Trans Co	PV2 Gregory Valencia JR	422nd ESB		
SGT David Douglas	1859th Trans Co	PV2 Julius Stankevicius	422nd ESB		
SGT Kimberly Foster	1859th Trans Co	PV2 Steven Buitron	422nd ESB		

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SSG Michael Silva	1859th Trans Co
SSG Edward Goosun	240th Engineer Co
SSG Seferino Romero	1864th Trans Co
SSG Roland Cates	1859th Trans Co
SSG Lawrence Moreno	240th Engineer Co
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SPC Gabriel Blender	485th MP

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■ Federal Holiday

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January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Years Day	2	3 1997: The New York-New York Opens in Las Vegas	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 1941: U.S. Army creates a gunnery school that will become Nellis Air Force Base	26	27 1951: First atomic detonation at the Nevada test site
28	29	30	31			

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 1981: The International Casino erupts in flames, killing eight
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22 1732: George Washington born in Virginia	23 1991: Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began,	24
25	26	27 1991: Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive ends after 4 days.	28			

March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1861: Nevada becomes a territory	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Daylight Saving Time "Spring Forward"	13 U.S. K9 Corps birthday	14	15	16 1911: The city of Las Vegas is incorporated	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 1931: "wide open" gambling legislation approved in Nevada Leg.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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