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# Adjutant General, state partnership officials weather Tropical Cyclone Gita

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
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**CARSON CITY** — The Nevada National Guard's adjutant general, Brig. Gen. William Burks, was with the Nevada Guard's State Partnership Program delegation in Tonga during Tropical Cyclone Gita in February. The entire delegation was unharmed.

According to the New York Times, Gita was a category four cyclone, the worst to pass over Tonga's main islands in 60 years. With its winds up to 145 mph, the storm flattened Tonga's Parliament building

"There is total devastation over the entire island (of Tongatapu)," Burks said via telephone from Tonga's capital of Nuku'alofa. "It was a severe, severe storm. Nobody expected it to turn south toward the main islands of Tonga or expected it to become such a serious category of cyclone.

"In terms of sheer destruction, it's up there with anything I've seen."

As the adjutant general, Burks, a Reno resident, is the senior uniformed Nevada Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all programs and plans affecting the more than 4,300 Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen.

The Nevada National Guard and the Kingdom of Tonga have been partners in the National Guard State Partnership Program since 2014. Within the program, the Nevada Guard manages exchanges between Nevada military and civilian subject-matter experts and Tongan defense forces and government officials.

Burks and two other Nevada Guard State Partnership officials



Photo by Lt. Col. Randy Lau

Nevada National Guard adjutant general Brig. Gen. William Burks surveys the devastation in Tonga Feb. 12 following Tropical Cyclone Gita. Burks was part of a State Partnership Program delegation that experienced Gita, a category four cyclone that was the worst to pass over Tonga's islands in 60 years.

had been in Fiji from Feb. 7-10 for meetings at the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji. (The U.S. Embassy in Suva is the central embassy for Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati and Tuvalu.) The delegation then traveled to Tonga on Feb. 10 for a five-day State Partnership Program exchange.

"We were monitoring the beginning phases of the cyclone and then we began to track it heading farther south," Burks said. "At the last minute, it went south.

"Then, it was time to batten down the hatches."

The Nevada delegation holed up in a hotel on the north side of Tongatapu near the capital. Even the general had to man a mop as water seeped into the upper stories of the hotel.

"It was amazing how the guests and staff banded together during the storm," Burks said.

Burks said he noted significant progress in the clean-up process in just two days.

"The Tongan people can take pride in their resiliency," said Burks, who returned to Nevada the next week.

Burks said that due to their proximity New Zealand and Australia are usually the first countries to provide assistance to Tonga.

He said that when the official request from Tonga for assistance from the United States is received, the Nevada National Guard will be ready.

"When the whole list of protocols have been met and we are asked to help, we'll be the first to go," Burks said.

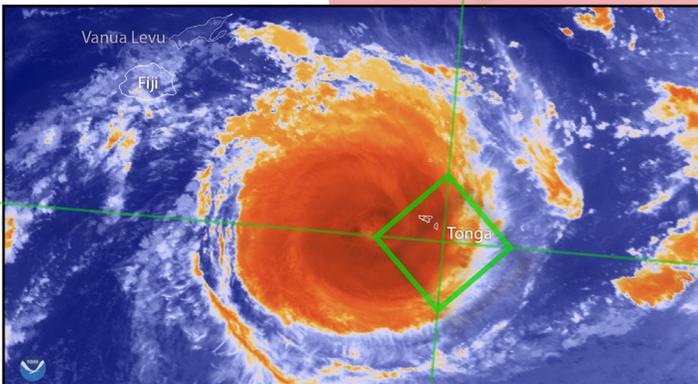


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A thermal infrared picture of Cyclone Gita as it moves west towards Fiji after hitting the main Island of Tongatapu, Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific at 1550 UTC on February 12, 2018. Australia and New Zealand are southwest of this picture.

# Nevada Guard Soldier, highway patrolman succumbs after battle with cancer



Photo by Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks

Sgt. Curtis Dorsey, a squad leader with the 72nd Military Police Company, addresses attendees during the memorial service of Sgt. Frankie Martinez on April 7.

By Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks  
17th Sustainment Brigade

LAS VEGAS — He may have lost his battle with cancer March 25, but it wasn't because Sgt. Frankie Martinez, a military policeman with the Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company, ever stopped fighting.

"Frankie was only 22 years old when he lost his fight with cancer, but he had the soul of a true warrior," said his unit commander Capt. Mark Kenroy during Martinez's funeral at The Crossing church on April 7.

Martinez was young but he was going places in a hurry. Speedy accomplishment was a fitting metaphor for the former Desert Oasis High track star who joined the National Guard just months after graduating in 2014. He was on the fast track for military promotions and was nearing completion of the Department of Public Safety's academy last October, seemingly destined for a career as a highway trooper.

That all changed in one disheartening moment. With just three weeks to go until his graduation from the DPS academy, Martinez received a cancer diagnosis. Despite going into treatment immediately, he soon learned he had Stage 4 cancer and his outlook was bleak. It was when he was at his weakest that his fellow Soldiers recognized the depth of his strength.

"His doctors said there was nothing they could do," said Sgt. Curtis Dorsey, Martinez's 72nd MP squad leader, during the funeral service. "But Frankie being Frankie, he fought it.

"Everything out of him was 'I got this.' 'I'm going to beat this.' 'I still have things to do.' I thought I knew what strength was. I was wrong, but Frankie knew."

Martinez exuded more than toughness. He had an infectious smile, encouraged others to pursue new activities and rejoiced in the success of his friends and family. More than 500 family members, friends, Soldiers and Nevada Highway Patrol officers were at the funeral to express their grief; many took the time to recall their favorite 'Frankie' memories and special moments.

"Frankie was one of our Soldiers and a warrior from birth," said 1st Sgt. Rafael Aguilera of the 72nd MPs.

Aguilera called the Soldiers to attention and posthumously awarded him the Army Commendation Medal and promoted him to sergeant. The crowd and Soldiers roared their approval, a much-needed respite from the tears that fell during the memorial.

This was a second tragic loss for both the Nevada National Guard and a law enforcement agency in the past seven months. Last October, 1st Sgt. Charleston Hartfield of the 100th Quartermaster Company and also a Las Vegas Metro police officer, died during the October 1 shooting at the Route 91 harvest festival.

As was the case at Hartfield's memorial, a joint military and law enforcement honor guard was present. After the funeral, Martinez's family held a service at the Boulder City Municipal Cemetery. His family and closest friends received folded American flags from the National Guard and Nevada Highway Patrol. All agreed: He may be gone, but he won't be forgotten.

"Frankie was one hell of a Soldier and overall one of a kind," Dorsey said. "Just a great person. The unit and NHP has lost one incredible individual. You are and will always be my brother. I love you and I will miss you."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks

A display honors Sgt. Frankie Martinez, a military policeman who served in the 72nd Military Police Company, after he passed away.

# DROP ZONE



Photo by Linda Lee

**LAS VEGAS** — Soldiers with the 3/140th Aviation display one of their UH-72 Lakota helicopters during the 2018 Heli-Expo in late spring. Unit Soldiers served as military aviation subject matter experts while representing the Army Guard during the exposition. More than 20,000 people attended the event that featured more than 700 rotary-wing exhibitions, making it the largest gathering of helicopter professionals in the world.



Photo courtesy of the 1/189th

**STEAD** — An Army National Guard CH-47F Chinook from 1/189th Aviation flies during a snowstorm in March. CH-47 pilots train in all types of weather to prepare for any type of military operation or disaster-response scenario. A key feature of the Nevada Army Guard's six new F-models is their ability to automatically hover a few meters off the ground in zero-visibility conditions created by blowing snow or dust.



Photo by Spc. Jorge Garcia, 106th Public Affairs Detachment

**LAS VEGAS** – Soldiers assigned to 1-221 Cavalry take time out for a photo with Las Vegas first responders during Operation Silver Phalanx on the Las Vegas Strip on Dec. 31. Operation Silver Phalanx was a joint operation with emergency management officials, disaster response teams and local law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety and security of McCarran International Airport and the Las Vegas Strip during the 2018 New Year's celebration. More than 350 Nevada National Guard Soldiers and Airmen participated in the operation; no major incidents were reported.



Photo by Spc. Shayne Fulmer, 609th Engineer Company

**ORCHARD COMBAT TRAINING CENTER, Idaho** — Soldiers in the 609th Engineer Company complete a training lane during the unit's annual training in March at the training area located near Boise. During their AT, the Soldiers practiced tactical movements and detonated explosives to breach a variety of obstacles. The training area includes about 140,000 acres.



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joe Sherych  
**CAMP ETHAN ALLEN, Vermont** -- Not all of the winter's biathlon excitement was limited to the Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea! The Nevada National Guard's biathlon team traveled to Camp Ethan Allen, Vermont, to compete in the National Guard Bureau's Western Regional biathlon competition in January; the meet was held in Vermont due to the extreme scarcity of snow in the western states in early winter. Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka of Joint Force Headquarters, seen in this photo, placed 10th in the Western Masters Men's division. Biathlon combines cross country skiing and rifle marksmanship. The team also competed in the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Championship in Utah in March. Turn to Page 10 for those results. For information on competing in the 2018-2019 season, call 775-887-7250.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell  
**RENO** — Firefighters from the 152nd Airlift Wing quickly don their gear after receiving a call that a High Roller C-130 was experiencing an in-flight emergency while on approach for landing at Reno-Tahoe International Airport in January. The plane landed safely, albeit with one of its engines shut down for precautionary reasons.



Photo courtesy of the Nevada State Partnership Program  
**SUVA, Fiji** — Brig. Gen. William Burks, third from left, and other officials from the Nevada Guard's State Partnership Program and Pacific Command present a plaque to U.S. Ambassador Judith Cefkin, center, for her support of National Guard international affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji in Feb. Nevada teams with the Kingdom of Tonga in the partnership program. The embassy in Fiji serves as the central hub of diplomacy for five South Pacific countries, including Tonga.

# NEVADA GUARD'S UNIT MARSHAL PROGRAM KEEPS POTENTIAL ASSAILANTS GUESSING

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY – Dozens of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have completed the Nevada National Guard's Unit Marshal Program training and may be carrying concealed firearms while working in uniform at Nevada Guard facilities.

Or maybe not?

The fact one may never know whether or not a uniformed co-worker is carrying a concealed weapon is one of the primary deterrence aspects of the Nevada Guard's innovative Unit Marshal Program, which aims to deter insider threats and ensure the safety of all Nevada Guard military and civilian employees and visitors who work and gather at National Guard facilities.

The Nevada Guard's Unit Marshal Program is the first of its kind in the National Guard and is being monitored by the National Guard Bureau for potential expansion to other states and territories. The program is the brainchild of Provost Marshal Maj. Robert Kolvet, who said the program should cause a potential assailant to think twice about attempting to create a horrific situation like the one in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14 that left 17 dead.

"I want everyone in the world to know the

Nevada Guard has implemented a program to deter insider threats and potential active assailants," said Kolvet, 38, of Reno. "It's relatively easy to install fences and employ gate guards to protect against external threats, but insider threats are harder to defend. The Unit Marshal Program is a measure that promises to improve the safeguarding of our force internally."

Kolvet stressed the fact that participants in the Unit Marshal Program are not members of a Special Reaction Team authorized to pursue active assailants. On the contrary, the program allows unit marshals to engage with active assailants only if other defense options such as run and/or hide is no longer an option.

"Being in the Unit Marshal Program does not give the Soldier or Airman carte blanche authorization to pursue an active assailant," Kolvet said.

Soldiers and Airmen in the program possess a concealed carry weapons permit and have successfully completed a two-day training program. The only Nevada Guard officials with knowledge of who has passed the UMP course are the Adjutant General, the Director of the Joint Staff and the Army Guard's Provost Marshal Officer and Non-commissioned Officer in Charge.

Kolvet said dozens of Soldiers and Airmen successfully completed UMP training in January and may now be carrying concealed weapons at

Nevada Guard facilities across the state. He said the qualified Airmen

and Soldiers are roughly spread across all facilities both in northern and southern Nevada. Ideally in the future, there will be four UMP classes per year (two each in northern and southern Nevada) with 20 students aiming to certify about 80 unit marshals per year. A UMP certification will be good for two years.

Kolvet said any Guardsman can apply to become a unit marshal, but the requirements are stringent. Requirements include:

- Current Nevada Guardsman in good standing (i.e., not flagged).
- Already possess a valid state permit to carry a concealed weapon
- Have the ability to conceal the weapon while in uniform
- Pass UMP classroom and live-fire training
- Display proficiency with firearms

Kolvet said that even if an applicant is knowledgeable about weapons and skilled with firearms, officials may decline their application to become a unit marshal. He said they must display the proper personality traits and decision-making skills needed to join the program. All applicants will have their behavioral history reviewed by the Deputy State Surgeon's office before the prospective marshal can carry a weapon while in uniform on Nevada Guard properties.

"A unit marshal must possess a complete understanding of the program and exemplary decision-making skills," Kolvet said. "It is second nature for military members to move toward danger. In an active-shooter situation, this is not a viable option.

"A unit marshal must know and understand that they are not to ever pursue an assailant."

For information on an application to the UMP program, call 775-887-7895.

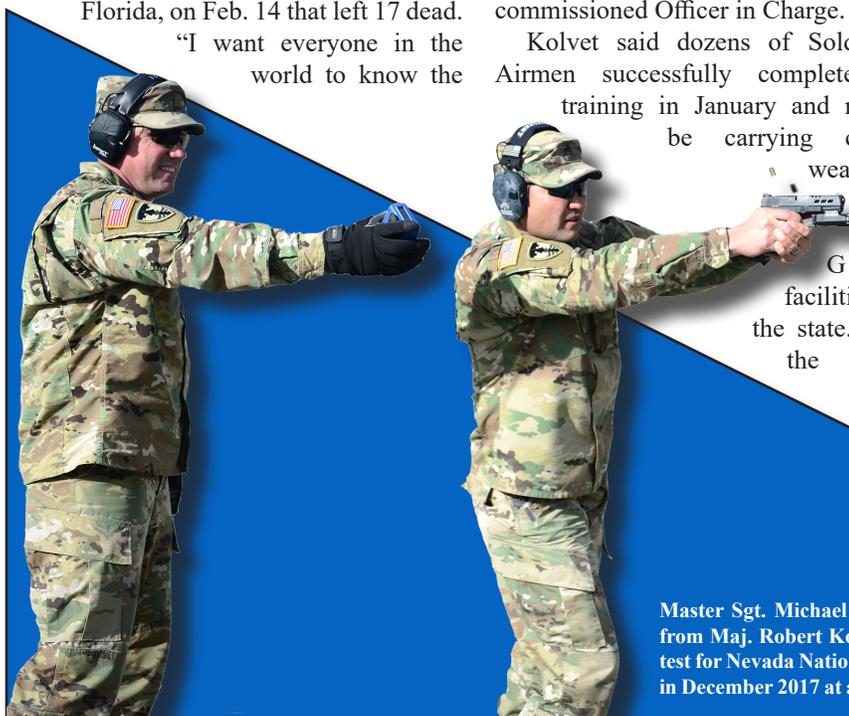


Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell  
Master Sgt. Michael Clark, right, receives instruction from Maj. Robert Kolvet during a mock final shooting test for Nevada National Guard unit marshal applicants in December 2017 at a shooting range near Carson City.



# OUTSTANDING HIGH ROLLERS RECOGNIZED

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber  
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO – Nevada Air Guardsmen, family members, friends and supporters gathered at the Eldorado Resort Casino’s Main Ballroom in January to recognize the organization’s outstanding Airmen of the Year. More than 250 people attended the annual award ceremony.

Prior to the announcement of the winners, State Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Drisdale gave a nod to all of the nominees.

“It is important to recognize these Airmen for their outstanding service to their unit, community and country. All nominees are deserving Airmen and have worked very hard to get to this point. We congratulate each and every one on a job well done,” he said.

The coveted Airman of the Year award went to Senior Airman Andrew Marshall of the 152nd Maintenance Squadron. Tech Sgt. Casey Jones of the 152nd Maintenance Squadron won the Noncommissioned Officer title.

The Senior Noncommissioned



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber

The Nevada Air National Guard’s 2017 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Casey Jones of the 152nd Maintenance Squadron, accepts her award from Assistant Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry at the 2017 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet at the Eldorado Resort Casino in Reno in January.

Officer of the Year award went to Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton of the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron. Master Sgt. Adalberto Chavez of the 152nd Civil

Engineer Squadron won First Sergeant of the Year. Honors for Company Grade Officer of the Year went to Capt. Reed Kobernik, 192nd Airlift Squadron.

Capt. Sarah Searles of the 192nd Airlift Squadron sang the national anthem.

Rounding out the awards for the year was Honor Guard Member of the Year Senior Airman David Almada, 152nd Communications Flight.

Reflecting on his win in the Honor Guard Airman of the Year category, Almada said he was happy to make amends for a nervous faux pas from several years ago.

“I’ve was nominated three years ago and was so nervous that I forgot to salute Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry when I got up to the stage, and then I nervously left the stage. This time I made sure I told him that I saved this particular salute for him for the past couple of years. We had a good laugh about it,” Almada said.

The award winners were recognized for their outstanding performance this past year and will go on to represent Nevada at the national level.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber

The Nevada Air National Guard’s 2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton of the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, left, accepts his award from Adjutant General Brig. Gen. William Burks at the 2017 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet at the Eldorado Resort Casino in Reno in January.

# Work for Warriors: Making employment dreams reality



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

With backing from the Work for Warriors organization, 1st Sgt. Kevin Johnson of the 485th Military Police Company made a mid-career occupational change – he’s now fulfilled a longtime dream and is a full-fledged Nevada Highway Patrol trooper.

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

NORTH LAS VEGAS – Approaching his mid-30s in age and already holding a secure desk job, 485th Military Police Company 1st Sgt. Kevin Johnson sensed his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer fading away just two years ago.

But with backing and support from the Nevada Guard’s Work for Warriors program, Johnson decided to “take the plunge” into the law enforcement field; today, he’s a full-fledged Nevada Highway Patrol urban traffic division trooper patrolling Clark County’s thoroughfares most nights of the week.

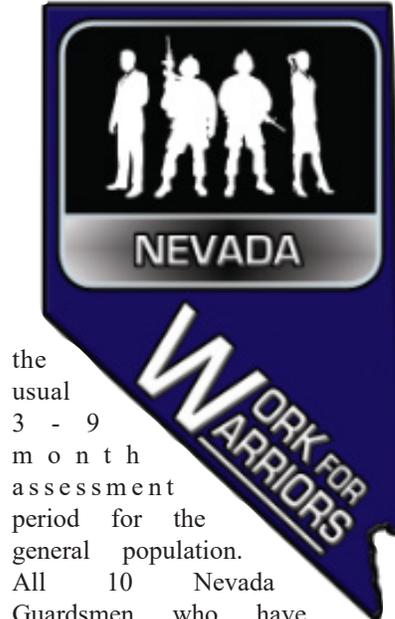
Work for Warriors is a free National Guard-sponsored employment program that provides employment assistance for Guardsmen, reservists, Veterans, transitioning active-duty military personnel and military family members. The program provides myriad services, including help with job services, resume writing and interview-skill refinement. The program also helps with those “underemployed” or, as was the case with Johnson, those looking to transition into other careers.

Johnson, who was previously Nevada’s state drug and alcohol control officer, is completely satisfied with his mid-career choice to change occupations. He encourages other Soldiers and Airmen who have considered a career in law enforcement to mirror his path and take advantage of the Work for Warriors’ close relationship with the Department of Public Safety.

“I absolutely love going to work every day. It’s a dynamic, fast-paced job where you can quickly see your effect on the community,” said Johnson, 34, of Las Vegas. “I’d encourage anybody with a military background to apply, not just those with a military police background.”

Johnson is one of 10 Nevada Guardsmen to gain employment in the Department of Public Safety (which includes nine entities including the Nevada Highway Patrol, the Capitol Police and the state fire marshal) since Work for Warriors and the DPS established an accelerated assessment program for Guardsmen in the winter of 2017.

In the accelerated program, Guardsmen complete their written, physical and interview assessments in just one day versus



the usual 3 - 9 month assessment period for the general population. All 10 Nevada Guardsmen who have started the DPS academy have successfully graduated. (Frankie Martinez of the 72nd Military Police Company began the academy but passed away from cancer March 25; see page 4.)

According to DPS training division Cpl. Lorena Perez, Guardsmen and Veterans make for excellent applicants because they can usually exceed the department’s minimum physical requirements and

pass the background checks at a higher rate than the general population. They are also familiar with stressful training environments.

The statistics confirm Perez's notions. According to Work for Warriors Nevada statistics, more than 50 percent of Guard and Veteran applicants reach the background investigation stage of the assessment process in comparison to just 2 percent of general population applicants. As of March, 72 Guard Soldiers and Airmen as well as Veterans had applied to DPS since the accelerated assessment program began.

The close association between the Nevada Guard and DPS entails more than the accelerated assessment program. Since late 2016, the DPS has conducted its southern academy at the Clark County Armory at the Edsall Readiness Center, 6400 N. Range Road in Las Vegas. Academy classes alternate between northern and southern Nevada; the current course is being held in Carson City.

Toni Giddens, the program manager for Work for Warriors, emphasized that Work for Warriors is not solely focused on assisting Guardsmen with the acquisition of law enforcement jobs. She said there



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
1st Sgt. Kevin Johnson, right, receives an Army Commendation Medal from Maj. Geir Gabrielson in March for his efforts while first sergeant at Joint Force Headquarters in Carson City from 2016-2018. Johnson is now the first sergeant for the 485th Military Police Company in Reno.

is high demand in southern Nevada for a wide variety of jobs and many companies are seeking Guard applicants, including Zappo's, Southwest Gas Corporation, other state of Nevada agencies, the Department of Homeland Security, and multiple information technology companies.

**For employment placement assistance,  
call Work for Warriors Nevada:  
702-632-0551 in southern Nevada  
775-384-5812 in northern Nevada.**

## State Family Programs office receives national accreditation

### Staff reports

CARSON CITY – For this first time since its inception, the Nevada National Guard's State Family Programs office is nationally accredited.

The office received notice from the Council on Accreditation in November that it had successfully met the requisite requirement for Military Family Readiness Accreditation. The entire process took two years and the accreditation means the Nevada National Guard Family Programs Office meets the same standards as those existing at active duty Department of Defense installations.

According to the Guard and Reserve Support Network website maintained by the Department of Defense, the Nevada Guard is among the more than two dozen National Guard states and Army Reserve programs that have been accredited; dozens of other organizations are either awaiting results or in pursuit of their accreditation.

"Accreditation assures our customers



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

L to R, Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan, Carolyn Hymmer, Martana Doser, Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, Sgt. Maj. Catherine Summers, Fred Barton, Lt. Col. Alvin Bolton and Brig. Gen. Bill Burks celebrate the reception of the Nevada Guards Family Programs' accreditation documents.

seeking services through the Nevada Guard State Family Programs Office that our local service standards meet nationally established standards," said Sgt. Maj. Catherine Summers, the Nevada Guard's State Family Programs director. "Military Family Readiness program accreditation was developed in collaboration with the

Department of Defense and in consultation with military and civilian human service experts and professionals."

Summers worked closely with Fred Barton, the Airman and Family Readiness Program manager, and 1st Lt. Jacob Sanford, the Yellow Ribbon coordinator, to secure the accreditation. Sanford was the project manager for the accreditation acquisition.

The accreditation process covered a variety of service areas, including administrative practices, literature reviews and consultations with a diverse group of qualified civilian and military professionals. Site visits were conducted to confirm implementation of standards and compare the Council of Accreditation's findings against standardized criteria developed through evidence-based practices.

The accreditation is good through Oct. 31, 2021.

For information on the services the Family Program Office provides, call 775-384-5827.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Photo Illustration by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

**Retired Sen. Harry Reid reflects upon his three decades in the U.S. Senate. Whether one agrees or disagrees with his political stances, it's unarguable that Reid has been one of the top benefactors of the Nevada Guard in history.**



# Senator's legacy leaves enduring imprint on Nevada Guard

By Emerson Marcus  
Nevada National Guard State Historian

LAS VEGAS — With incumbent U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., in a tight political contest against right-wing firebrand Sharron Angle in 2010, the long-time senator garnered endorsements from many who didn't align with him politically, including former Nevada adjutant general, retired Maj. Gen. Drennan "Tony" Clark.

"Our political philosophies are at different ends of the political ruler," said Clark, who first met Reid in the 1960s when they worked as attorneys in Nevada. "I'm a hard right conservative, he is very liberal. (Reid) said, 'I know we are on different ends on the political spectrum, but would you support me.' I said, 'Absolutely. You have my support.' I went on TV and radio for him as a member of 'Republicans for Reid' ... Reid was so good to us. By that, I mean the National Guard."

While it's impossible for many to view Reid — "Nevada's Machiavelli," according to one political columnist in the state — outside the prism of Washington politics, his imprint on the Nevada National Guard runs unarguably deep.

More than a year removed from his 30-year tenure in the U.S. Senate, Reid's legacy is evident in Nevada Guard state-of-the-art facilities and upgraded aircraft fleets. According to statistics compiled by the senator's office, more than \$140 million in infrastructure appropriations and about \$80 million in equipment went to the Nevada Guard as a result of Reid's efforts from 2001-2016 (half his time in the Senate), not to mention millions more into coffers of federal military assets in Nevada.

## **A mentor's influence**

Reid, born in Searchlight, Nev., said his history teacher at Basic High School in Henderson and eventual Nevada governor, Mike O'Callaghan, laid the foundation for his own support of the military.

O'Callaghan, Nevada's governor from 1971-1979, lost part of his left leg in a mortar blast during combat in the Korean War.

When O'Callaghan ran for governor, he convinced Reid to run for lieutenant governor. Both won their statewide elections in 1970.

"Before I got to Congress, I already had a lot of admiration for the Guard and of course O'Callaghan really helped with that a great

deal,” Reid said during an interview in his Las Vegas office last fall. “He was proud of the fact that he had control of the Guard. I don’t believe we’ve ever had a governor who understood the military as much as O’Callaghan.”

O’Callaghan — one of the most popular governors in Nevada history, winning re-election in 1974 by a 4-to-1 margin — consistently advocated for the Guard while in Carson City. He received federal funding for the construction of the Nevada Army Guard’s aviation facility in Stead. Additionally, in 1977, when the Nevada Legislature voted to create law that required state or local government workers to forfeit part of their pay while on active duty or National Guard training, O’Callaghan vetoed the bill, and was quoted in news reports saying the Reserve and Guard were “an integral part of our national all-volunteer military system” and “to encourage this willingness to serve, we must offer some strong incentives.”

“He’s a very typical warrior,” Reid said of O’Callaghan. “That’s what he was. He was proud of it. He wanted to make sure that people who served in the military were given the dignity they needed.”

In 1974, Reid lost a U.S. Senate race to Paul Laxalt by 611 votes. In 1977, O’Callaghan re-directed his mentee’s career and appointed Reid to the Nevada Gaming Commission.

### Mr. Reid goes to Washington

After four years on the gaming commission — taking on the mob and working to reform gambling in the state — Reid won the U.S. House of Representatives District 1 seat in Las Vegas in 1982 and served in Congress for four years. In 1986, he won the U.S. Senate seat left vacant after Laxalt’s retirement.

At about that time, Nevada Gov. Richard Bryan appointed Reno attorney and Nevada Air Guard officer Drennan Clark as the state’s adjutant general, based largely on Reid’s suggestion, Clark said.

“We were very active in Washington trying to make sure our Guard units were well resourced,” Clark said of



File photo courtesy 1864th Transportation Company  
**Sen. Harry Reid visits Nevada Army Guard Soldiers in the 1864th Transportation Company in Iraq in 2005 in this file photo. The 1864th, a medium truck company from Henderson named for the year Nevada became a state, hauled supplies, equipment and performed escort convoys in Iraq for about one year. At far right is then-Capt. Neil Oscarson, the unit’s commander; he is now a lieutenant colonel. Other familiar Soldiers include now-State Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopaacki (top) and Maj. Derek Imig, in front of Kopaacki.**

his tenure as the third longest-serving adjutant general in Nevada history (1986-2001). “I was the first adjutant general really fighting in Washington from Nevada.”

Clark said he first met Reid in the 1960s. The firm Clark worked at, Guild, Guild and Cunningham in Reno, represented multiple Las Vegas clients and kept an office suite in southern Nevada at Beckley, Singleton and Jemison, where Reid practiced.

“We became friends,” Reid said. “There were always lots of people (adjutants general) who would come to Washington...people within the Guard. You knew who they were, but they weren’t people you read about in the papers like General Clark.”

Within five years of Reid entering the U.S. Senate, the Nevada National Guard began its conversion from the CH-54 Skycrane to CH-47 Chinook aircraft. Soon thereafter, the Nevada Army Guard began its transition from UH-1 Huey to UH-60 Black Hawk aircraft.

In 1995, the Nevada Air National Guard converted to C-130s after the U.S. Air Force retired F-4 reconnaissance jets.

### Expansion in the post-9/11 Era

During this time of rapid Nevada Guard equipment modernization, Clark offered Reid one of his assistants, then-Lt. Robert Herbert.

Herbert, a CH-54 pilot, advocated extensively for the Nevada Army Guard’s upgrade to a CH-47 Chinook fleet.

Meanwhile, Reid sought a military specialist for policy initiatives during his rise in Senate leadership, and Herbert came on the senator’s staff through a Congressional fellowship.

“He was interested in details,” Reid said. “For those of us who are in a leadership position in government, you want someone who can write a memo. Anybody can write one, but one that means something — Bob was very good at that. When his time was up as a Congressional fellow, I checked with the Guard to see if I could work something out permanently.”



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

**Retired Sen. Harry Reid points out some sentimental keepsakes and mementos from his 30-year Senatorial career displayed in his office in Las Vegas.**



File photo courtesy 1864th Transportation Company

**Sen. Harry Reid, left, discusses Nevada Army Guard military operations in Iraq with then-Capt. Neil Oscarson of the 1864th Transportation Company in 2005. Reid served as a Nevada senator for 30 years and helped the Nevada Guard acquire about \$140 million in infrastructure appropriations and about \$80 million in equipment.**



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

**Retired Sen. Harry Reid meets with Nevada Guard state historian Emerson Marcus at his office in Las Vegas.**

Herbert became Reid's legislative assistant in 2001. He remained a traditional soldier in the Nevada Army Guard as Reid served as Senate minority and majority leader in the post-9/11, wartime era. In 2004, Herbert became the senator's director of appropriations and senior policy advisor.

"It was an amazing journey to be with him during his ascension to Senate leader," said Herbert, who was promoted to the rank of major general last summer.

Reid served as the Senate minority whip (2003-2005), Senate minority leader (2005-2007) and Senate majority leader (2007-2015) before his retirement in 2017.

The federal funding obtained for Nevada flowed to a laundry list of new facilities: Nevada Army Guard Las Vegas Readiness Center (\$26 million in 2010), Nevada Army Guard Field Maintenance Shop (\$23 million in 2012), Nevada Air Guard Intelligence facility (\$16.8 million in 2006), Nevada Air Guard Fire Station (\$10.8 million in 2010) and more than a dozen others.

"In those 20 years of working in the U.S. Senate, I took every opportunity to support the National Guard," Herbert said. "Every guard installation in Nevada was either refurbished or replaced."

Meanwhile, Reid opposed the Department of Defense's push to remove C-130 aircraft from the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno during the Base Realignment and Closure round in 2005, which helped save the state's largest Nevada Air Guard unit.

Funding also flowed into the state's active duty installations, including Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas and the Naval Air Station in Fallon.

"We've taken good care of Nellis (and Fallon)," Reid said. "(Nellis) is the Cadillac of bases. When I came into Congress, everything there was World War II vintage. There is not a World War II remnant of anything anymore."

### **'New York Yankee criticism'**

Even in retirement, Reid remains active in politics and opinionated on myriad issues, including those concerning the military. During an interview last fall, Reid railed against the intelligence provided that led to the now-15-year-old decision to enter the Iraq War and bemoaned civilian contracts that eliminate uniformed military personnel jobs, saying, "I think we were a better military when the Army prepared their own food."

Reid is aware that even with his history backing funding of the military, many service members and Nevada National Guardsmen did not vote for him. When asked about his critics and how he viewed them during his career and in retirement, Reid offered a baseball analogy.

"I know a lot about baseball. I can't give you ten reasons why I don't like the New York Yankees. I just don't like them," Reid said. "So, I figure that's how they (my critics) feel about me. They don't know me. They feel about me how I feel about the Yankees."

"People may not have voted for me, but they always knew I told them how I felt and I felt pretty good about that. So, the criticism is something I've learned to accept. As far as I'm concerned, it's all New York Yankee criticism."

# Nevada Guard purse strings now in Devine hands

By Sgt. Zandra Duran  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY – The Nevada National Guard’s United States Property and Fiscal Office is set to experience a major transition this spring when Col. Mary Devine replaces the longtime head officer of the USPFO, Col. Felix Castagnola, following Castagnola’s retirement.

Since 2008, Castagnola has been the officer accountable for the all of the federal resources in the possession of the Nevada National Guard. That huge responsibility – nearly \$600 million in equipment and current funds – will shift to Devine this spring.

“I’m excited to begin in my new position,” Devine said.

Devine, a Reno resident, is set to become the ninth United States Property and Fiscal Officer in the history of the Nevada National Guard when she succeeds Castagnola. She’ll be the first female Soldier to hold the position.

Devine has served the Nevada National Guard since November of 1992. She readily admits she had to overcome many setbacks in her life to reach her goals, including the facts she came from the small town of Wolf Point, Montana, her mother was killed in a car accident a week before her 13th birthday, and she had her first child at age 19.

“I am pretty proud of overcoming obstacles to get where I’m at and definitely could not have done it without the mentorship, support, guidance and opportunities I’ve received from Col. ‘Cas,’” Devine said.

Devine grew up in Montana. She enlisted in April of 1988 and attended basic training in Fort McLellan, Alabama, and completed Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, as a finance specialist. She commissioned as an officer in 1992 and moved to Nevada in the fall of 1992 and has served in the Nevada National Guard ever since.

“There are a lot of people in our workforce who, with a lot of hard work, can become anything they desire,” Devine said. “I believe upward mobility and growth are directly tied to hard work and mentorship. With determination, where you are today is certainly not where you will be at tomorrow.”

## Military a constant

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY – Military service has been a continuous backdrop on Col. Felix Castagnola III’s entire life, not just for the nearly four decades he served as a Nevada Army Guard officer.

Castagnola, 62, of Reno, retired in April after having served the past 10 years as the state’s eighth U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer. The USPFO oversees the federal funds and resources allocated to the Nevada Guard.

Some of Castagnola’s early childhood memories include



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# nt backdrop on retired USPFO's life

recollections of both his father, Felix Castagnola Jr., and his uncle, Ensio Tosolini, discussing and preparing for their reserve-military duty. Both were World War II Veterans: his father served as a Navy officer for about 30 years and his uncle was the first command sergeant major in the Nevada Army Guard. Tosolini, who served in the Nevada Guard from 1959-1978, is one of the most decorated Soldiers in state history, having received the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and Prisoner of War medals.

“My dad would take my brother and me out for a treat – a Sunday brunch at one of the military installations in the Bay Area,” Castagnola said. “I always remember my uncle being busy on drill

weekends. On Sunday night at dinner, he’d tell the stories about what they’d done during drill.”

With the influence of those two prominent figures in his life, there was little doubt which occupation would attract the attention of young “Cas.”

“It was always my intent to join the military,” said Castagnola, who grew up in Hillsborough, California. “It was always something I wanted to do and it worked out.”

Following his graduation from San Mateo Union High in 1975, Castagnola chose to attend college at the University of Nevada, Reno. He was familiar with northern Nevada after numerous trips over the mountains during his childhood to visit his Tosolini relatives. (His mother, Velma Tosolini, was Ensio’s sister.) Many of the Tosolini family have been ensconced in northern Nevada since the 1920s.

At the time, freshmen males at UNR were required to enroll in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. He enjoyed success in the ROTC classes and quickly dismissed some earlier thoughts of joining the Navy and becoming a Sailor like his father.

“It was an easy ‘A’ so I stayed with it,” Castagnola said. “In my junior year, I made the election to continue.” Retired Col. Dennis George, who eventually became the Nevada Army Guard chief of staff, was one of Cas’s ROTC instructors at UNR.

By 1979, Castagnola had earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and was a military police-branch second lieutenant in the Nevada Army Guard.

Only a select few can remember that retired Col. Miles Celio was Castagnola’s first company commander and that Cas drilled at the Ely Armory.

A traditional Guardsman drilling on weekends in the early 1980s, Castagnola was the northern Nevada regional security investigator for a clothing retailer before landing his first full-time National Guard job.

Castagnola’s first full time job was executive officer to retired Col. Lou Cabrera, who would later become the seventh USPFO for Nevada. He subsequently worked in the military personnel office for retired colonels Jon Morrow and Joe Rooney. He would eventually attain the position of deputy chief of staff of personnel.

During drill weekends, Castagnola transitioned from military police work to the signal branch. He actually become the 422nd Signal Battalion commander while still a military policeman in advance of his signal corps course.

During the 2000s, Cas continued to climb the ranks within the organization, serving stints as the deputy chief of staff of operations and, finally, the chief of staff. He succeeded his old boss, Cabrera, and became the USPFO in 2008, responsible for \$594 million worth of federal assets.

Castagnola laughs when he ponders the amount of money that used to keep him up at night.

“I can remember early in my career when I had to manage \$75,000,” Castagnola said. “It was an unreal amount. I thought ‘Oh my God – \$75,000! What am I going to do with this?’”

Castagnola’s decade as USPFO was not without its challenges. During his tenure, he experienced technician furloughs, lapses of appropriations and continuing resolutions. Whatever the issue, Cas



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# Sky-high number of opportunities abound in Army aviation



By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY – Those who feel their military occupation is grounded by mundane routine should consider an aerial career path and apply to become a rotary-wing pilot in the Nevada Army Guard's warrant officer corps.

There is currently an unprecedented demand for individuals to fill numerous vacancies in the Nevada Guard's Army aviation corps. Applicants are not limited to Nevada Army Guard Soldiers; Airmen may also apply. The next aviation board for prospective pilots is set for August.

According to State Army Aviation Officer Lt. Col. Matt Jonkey, there are currently seven warrant officer pilot (and two aviation-branch officer vacancies) in the state. A warrant officer one with four years of previous experience earns about \$3,500 of basic pay per month while on active duty or about \$470 per drill weekend.

New pilots are assigned to fly any of the three rotary airframes in the Nevada Army Guard inventory, including CH-47F Chinook, UH-60L Black Hawk and UH-72A Lakota helicopters.

"Highly-motivated Soldiers who want to become a warrant officer – you've got a future in Army aviation," Jonkey said. "This is an intense, tactically-demanding career field with unique missions. For the best and brightest Soldiers, there is an unprecedented opportunity for those individuals willing to make a commitment to Army aviation."

Once accepted into an aviation unit, the applicant must also pass a flight physical and meet the "heavy" physical demand requirements of the Occupational Physical

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## The minimum requirements to become eligible for flight school include:

- **32 years or younger (33-36 with age waiver)**
- **Army physical fitness test scores more than 75 points on each event**
- **Disclosure of all legal/judicial infractions**
- **A minimum score of 40 on the Selection Instrument for Flight Training exam**
- **Letter of recommendations from unit commander and lieutenant colonel (commissioned officer applicants) or chief warrant officer 4 (warrant officer applicants)**
- **General Technical test score of 110 or more**
- **A Cycloplegic Refraction exam completed at the candidate's expense. The exam tests an applicant's complete refractive error by relaxing the muscles that focus the eye**
- **Completion of health questionnaires**

**The Army does not  
require its pilots to hold  
a bachelor's degree.**

Assessment Test for his/her aviation military occupation.

In order to attend the Army's Initial Entry Rotary Wing course, a selection process vets the top applicants to ensure a high probability of success during the course and for long-term success in the Nevada Guard. The requisite courses to become a full-fledged pilot will take more than one year. The process entails:

**Step one:** A Selection for Flight Training exam – The SIFT exam tests an applicant's aptitude in seven sections, including reading comprehension and math skills. Applicants may only take the SIFT exam twice in their life. A score of 40 is passing and an 80 is perfect. The education office administers the test; call 775-887-7221 to request a test.

**Step two:** Take the Cycloplegic Refraction Exam

**Step three:** Provide any statement of past indiscretions

**Step four:** Appear before the aviation/selection board and acquire position on order of merit list

**Step five:** Complete federal recognition board for consideration as a commissioned or warrant officer

**Step six:** Complete an aviation flight physical

Although it may seem like a daunting number of steps before taking flight, 991st Aviation Troop Command staffers are available to assist in the process.

For general aviation career information, call 775-971-6067.

For aviation board packet submission assistance, call -775-971-6069.

# New era, training site await Soldiers entering Officer Candidate School

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY – A new era of Nevada Army Guard officer training began this past winter when nine officer candidates traveled to Camp San Luis Obispo, California, to take their first step toward becoming lieutenants. The nine Nevadans compose the first large group of Soldiers to train alongside California National Guard candidates to prepare for Phase One of Officer Candidate School this summer.

The Soldiers – seven from northern Nevada and two from Las Vegas – began “Zero Phase” of OCS in February. Zero Phase of Officer Candidate School is not an official phase of the curriculum, but is a preliminary phase that prepares candidates for success during Phase One of OCS by focusing on subjects including land navigation, physical fitness training and infantry squad operations.

The Nevada Army Guard has not offered in-state, year-round OCS instruction (including Zero Phase) since 2013 and graduated only two officers through its accelerated OCS course in 2017. All of the other Nevada Army Guard officer accessions in 2017 came via interstate or active duty transfers and the Army’s ROTC program. The number of incoming officers from those sources has not matched attrition levels.

“The California Regional Training Institute has opened its doors to us,” said officer strength manager Capt. David Connolly, 37, of Reno. “The zero phase training gives candidates the opportunity to see what will be expected and required of them during OCS.”

Staff Sgt. Mike Orton was one of the nine Soldiers who began Zero Phase. He went to Phase One OCS in 2016 but did not complete the course. He said the addition of Zero Phase was a necessity for candidates.

“It’s like night versus day when it comes to preparing candidates for Phase One,” said Orton, 37, of Reno. “It’s an essential phase to set the candidates up for success. You can’t just tell someone they are leaving

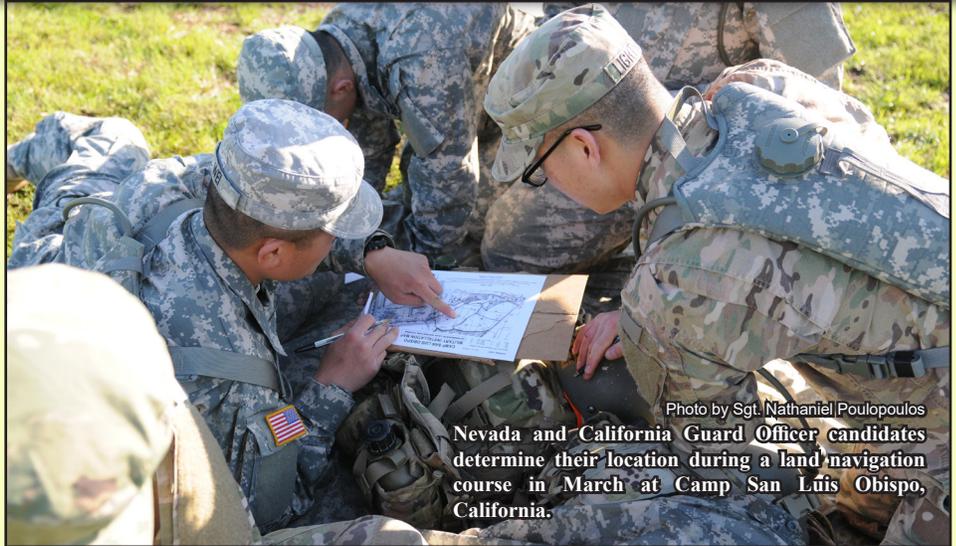


Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel Pouloupoulos  
Nevada and California Guard Officer candidates determine their location during a land navigation course in March at Camp San Luis Obispo, California.

for Phase One in a few weeks and expect them to be mentally and physically ready for a challenging course like OCS.”

Connolly said the nine candidates will attend Zero Phase training for their Inactive Duty for Training (drill) weekends until the two-week Phase One OCS course begins in June in either Fort Meade, South Dakota, or Fort McClellan, Alabama. Ideally, the candidates will pass phases two and three in the accelerated OCS course this summer (six weeks total) and return to Nevada as officers by Labor Day. If candidates have time limitations and cannot spend eight weeks away from home, they can opt to return to drill with the California RTI for the next year for Phase Two of OCS and conclude the last phase of training, Phase Three, in two weeks in summer 2019.

Connolly believes the incorporation of Zero Phase will improve graduation rates among Nevada candidates and ultimately alleviate a shortage of officers in the state. Connolly said Nevada currently has about 45 officer vacancies and another 40 losses are set to occur in the near future; the majority of the shortfall is in the captain and major ranks.

“To make up the difference, we have to promote the OCS program,” Connolly said. “It’s not going to be an overnight fix. We’re recruiting lieutenants heavily. That way, down the road, with an overstrength of

lieutenants, we can make up the difference in attrition.”

Camp San Luis Obispo is located about halfway between the cities of Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo in California and encompasses an area of about 15,400 acres. Established in 1928, it is often referred to as the original home of the California National Guard. The California Military Academy at Camp SLO first graduated an OCS class in 1951.

Connolly said there are officer vacancies in all occupational branches and he noted all combat branches, including many cavalry-related occupations, have opened to women. Aviation officers are in especially high demand.

Prerequisites for officer candidate school include:

- **Ninety college units or credits toward a bachelor’s degree**
- **General Technical test score of 110 or more**
- **Secret clearance**
- **Completion of a Chapter 2 Army Physical**
- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Age 35 or younger (Under age 42 with waiver)**

For information on OCS, call (775) 887-7399.

# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

## Retired 1st Sgt. oversaw troop transport of thousands during deployment surge



By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY – The next time a Soldier or Airman becomes frustrated with the military's Defense Travel System, he or she should contemplate the challenges faced by retired 1st Sgt. Robert "Bob" Veader, the Nevada Army Guard's transportation officer for more than 16 years during the Global War on Terrorism. Veader retired from his transportation officer position on the last day of 2017 after nearly three decades of Nevada Army Guard military and civilian service.

Veader, 65, of Carson City, made the transportation plans for 36 of the 38 Nevada Army Guard units – more than 4,000 Soldiers – that deployed internationally and domestically from 2001-2017 while working for the United States Property and Fiscal Office. Veader was usually the last Nevadan to bid a unit's Soldiers farewell on their deployment and the first to welcome them home to the Silver State.

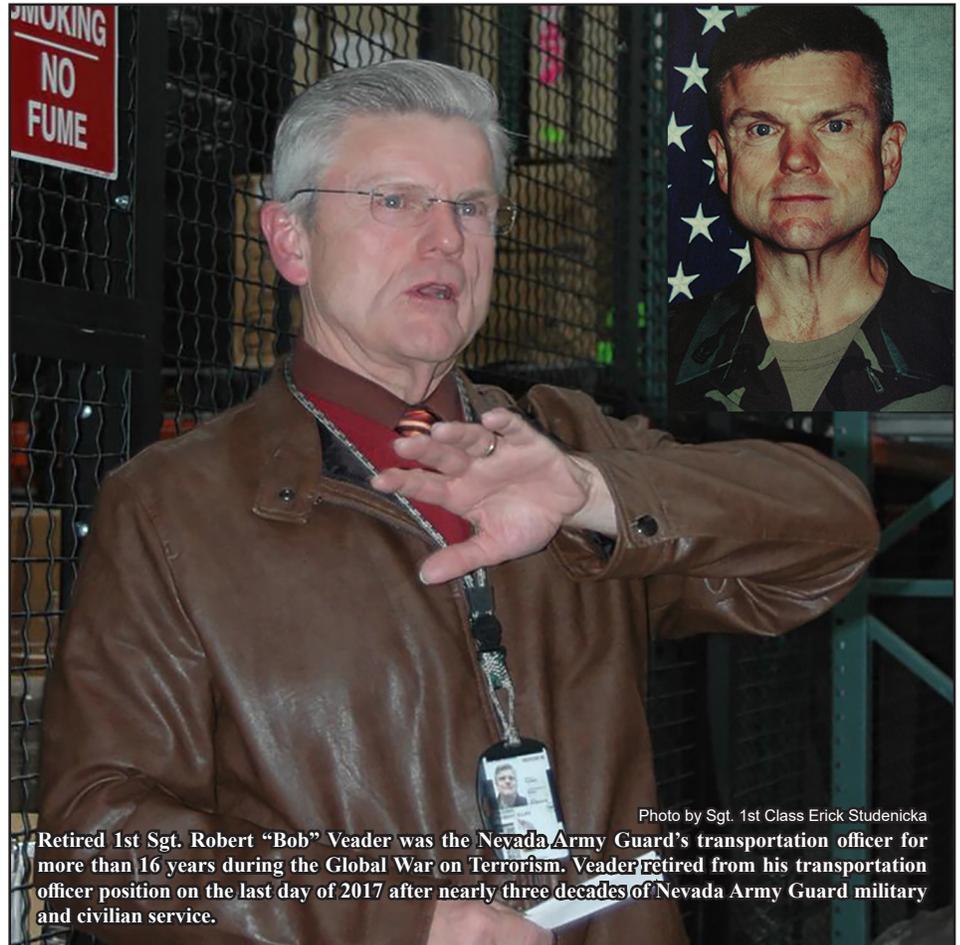
"At times, it could be a heartbreaking and emotional job seeing Soldiers depart," said Veader, who was a Soldier in the Nevada Army Guard from 1988-2006. "It was definitely nicer to see them returning from the combat theater and coming off the planes."

The job entailed far more than just getting a group of Soldiers from Nevada to their deployment departure location.

"There is a lot to consider. Not only the transportation of the Soldiers, but the transport of the unit's freight, weapons and rolling stock as well," Veader said.

Veader's tie to the military has spanned his entire life; his father was a warrant officer in the Army and Veader spent his childhood at a series of military installations around the globe. Veader's dad was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, when Bob graduated from Puyallup (Washington) High School in 1970.

With the United States embroiled in Vietnam, Veader was faced with the dilemma of either being drafted into the



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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

U.S. Army infantry or voluntarily enlisting as a transportation movement Soldier.

Veader chose the latter and spent the next eight years on active duty at various locations around the world, including Germany and Korea.

With an application to the University of Nevada, Reno, on file, Veader settled down in northern Nevada after his stint in the Army concluded in 1978. He opted not to attend college, however, and began using the experience he had gained in the Army on behalf of Frontier Travel in Carson City.

After a decade in the travel industry, Veader was cajoled by his brother, Paul Veader, to join the Nevada Army Guard in 1988. Paul Veader was in the 321st Signal Company and his platoon leader was then-1st Lt. Mary Devine. Devine is now a

colonel and the United States Property and Fiscal Officer.

Veader's first job in the Nevada Army Guard was as a clerk in the 150th Maintenance Company in Carson City. Another Soldier in the unit at that time was then Staff Sgt. James Baumann, now the Nevada Guard's command chief warrant officer.

Veader started working full-time for the Nevada Guard in 1989 as a tools and parts specialist. He began to climb the ranks both in the warehouse and in the Nevada Guard and by 1998 he was the warehouse supervisor and Joint Force Headquarters' first sergeant. All told, he served as the warehouse supervisor three times during the past three decades, sometimes while also working in transportation positions.

“The fact he served as warehouse supervisor three times is a reflection of his responsibility, accountability and trustworthiness,” said Devine, Veader’s supervisor since 2012. “Due to deployments, he often did double duty and served in two positions because he was the only qualified person available. He ensured the Soldiers had support here so they could do their jobs while deployed.

Veader was in those same positions in Sept. 2001 when the most impactful single day in Nevada National Guard history since Pearl Harbor occurred – the 9/11 attacks. Veader said the difference in the National Guard before and after the attacks was like night and day.

“9/11 was the turning point that transformed the Nevada Guard,” Veader said. “When I joined the Guard, it was very laid back. When I was first sergeant, anyone could walk in the front door into the headquarters. I had never even heard the term ‘deployment.’

“After 9/11 came an amazing expansion of the Guard; it became a professional fighting force. Today, I believe the Guard is every bit as good as the active-duty Army. The Guard is not what it used to be.”

Veader remained an Army Guard Soldier until his military retirement in 2006. After a short hiatus, he quickly returned to the USPFO – this time clad in civilian clothes – to become the state’s transportation

officer once again. His final day was Dec. 31, 2017. Warrant Officer Candidate Juan Sanchez is now in Veader’s old position.

“He’s been a great mentor and friend,” Sanchez said. “I couldn’t have attained my current position without his guidance. I know he’s available to assist if ever needed.”

Devine, the USPFO for Nevada, said

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*- Robert “Bob” Veader*

the departure of the “one in a million” employee will leave a void in the Army Guard.

“The continuity of knowledge, the ongoing mentoring, the ‘can do’ attitude – all those traits will be missed,” Devine said. “Throughout his career, he carried an overwhelming sense of responsibility and duty for both the state’s Soldiers and the property and fiscal office.”

Veader said his only definite future plans include trips to Hawaii, New Zealand and Italy with his wife, Tamie. One certain stop in Hawaii will be at the Sweet Aloha Baking Company in Maui, which is owned by his daughter, Victoria Briggs. (Veader’s son Ben is a landscaper in Gardnerville, Nevada; his son John, a Class of 1994 Carson High graduate, passed away in October 2002 in a traffic accident at age 26.)

Still spry and energetic, Veader quickly dismissed the question of whether he will return for a fourth stint as the warehouse supervisor with a chuckle.

“Working in the position of transportation officer was one of the best things I’ve done in my life,” Veader said. “But those of us who have worked in the transportation field for most of our lives have some form of wanderlust.

“Now, it’s time to satisfy that wanderlust.”

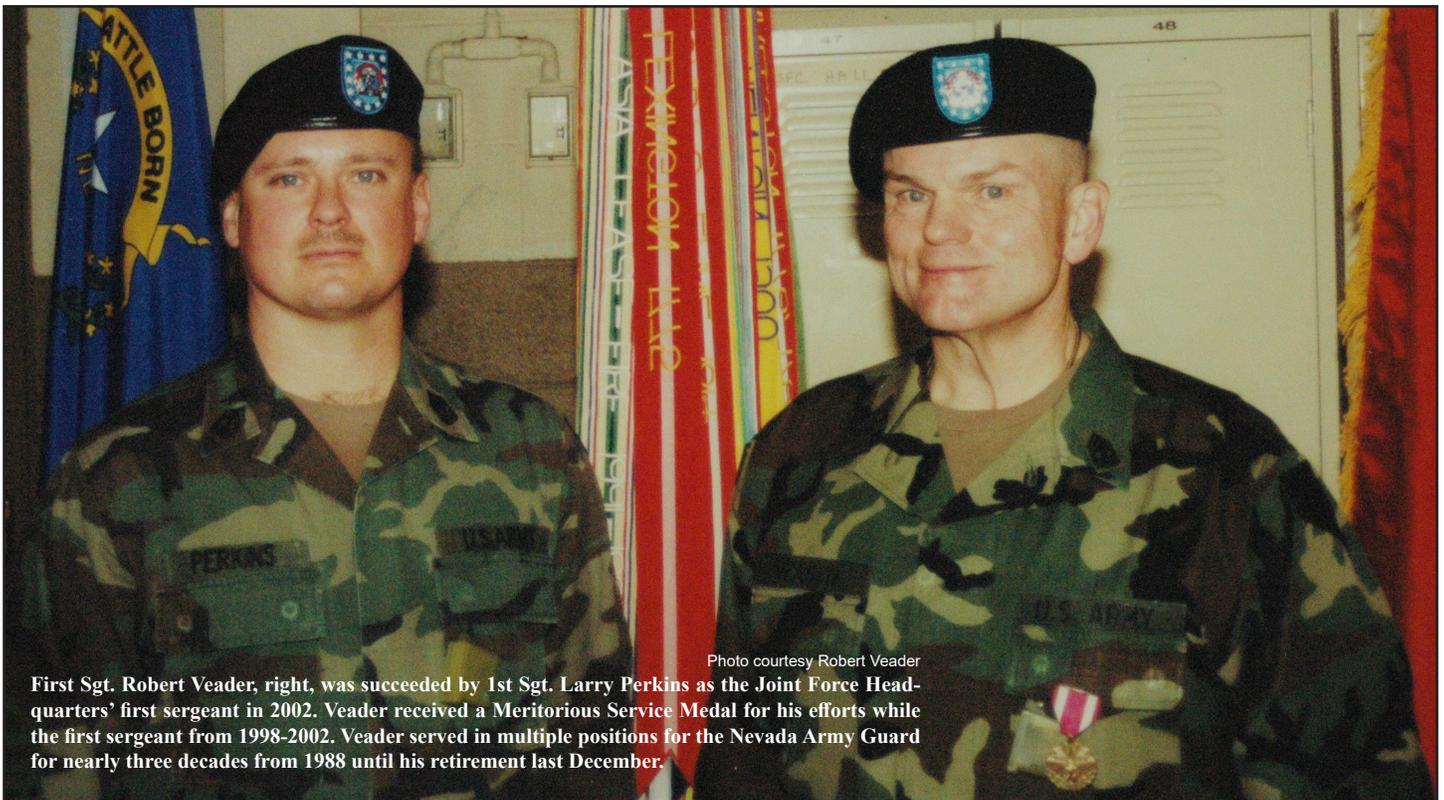


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First Sgt. Robert Veader, right, was succeeded by 1st Sgt. Larry Perkins as the Joint Force Headquarters’ first sergeant in 2002. Veader received a Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts while the first sergeant from 1998-2002. Veader served in multiple positions for the Nevada Army Guard for nearly three decades from 1988 until his retirement last December.

# Public Affairs Mail Call



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Orison  
The public affairs staff includes, clockwise from bottom left: Sgt. Zandra Duran, Sgt. Walter H. Lowell, Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum, Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka and Tech Sgt. Emerson Marcus. Marcus is now a second lieutenant.

**Unsure about your retirement benefits? Interested in different Guard career fields and want information on available jobs? Which Army uniforms are authorized? Curious about your unit's history? The Public Affairs Mail Call is a new feature and serves as a one-stop shop for questions and answers for Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen.**

**If we don't know, we'll look into it for you.**

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**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaNationalGuard/>**

**Phone: (775) 887-7267**

# Frequently Asked Questions:

## 1. Does the Nevada Army Guard offer an Officer Candidate School program?

Yes, the Nevada Army Guard partners with the California Army Guard and sends eligible Soldiers to Camp San Luis Obispo. For information, contact Capt. David Connolly: [david.j.connolly10@mail.mil](mailto:david.j.connolly10@mail.mil)

## 2. I am retired from the Nevada Army Guard. How can I receive a copy of my military medical records?

Sgt. 1st Class Noel Garcia can help you. Fill out a SF 180 REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS and email him at: [noel.garcia2@mail.mil](mailto:noel.garcia2@mail.mil)

## 3. What does the Nevada Guard Military and Family Support Services offer?

The Military and Family Support Services is comprised of many smaller components in several locations across the state.

One can find a list of services and resources at: <http://nv.ng.mil/nvng/SitePages/military-family-support-services/index.html>



## 4. How do I advertise job listings to Nevada Guard Soldiers/Airmen?

Contact Robin Mason, the employment coordinator with Work for Warriors, Nevada at [robin.mason@workforwarriorsnv.org](mailto:robin.mason@workforwarriorsnv.org)

He will take your job posting and advertise them to our service members.

## 5. Where is the federal job listing located?

All of our full-time federal jobs are posted here: <http://nv.ng.mil/nvng/SitePages/departments/jobs.html>



## 6. How can I contact the State Partnership Program Office?

For information about the SPP, contact program director Lt. Col. Randy Lau at: [randy.i.lau@mail.mil](mailto:randy.i.lau@mail.mil)

## 7. How can an individual transfer to the Nevada National Guard?

They need to email one of the in-service recruiters below:

**Army:** Spc. Gabriel Irenze at: [gabriel.a.irenze@mail.mil](mailto:gabriel.a.irenze@mail.mil)

**Air Force:** Master Sgt. Colleen Glynn at: [colleen.a.glynn4@mail.mil](mailto:colleen.a.glynn4@mail.mil)

## 8. How do I request a static display by the Nevada Guard at my event?

Go to the following site: <http://nv.ng.mil/nvng/SitePages/community/military-support-to-community-events.html>



Read the stipulations and fill out the proper form no less than 90 days before the event.

## 9. How do I join the Nevada National Guard Honor Guard?

First, you must be a member of the Nevada National Guard in good standing (not flagged). Second, email one of the following for information:

**Army:** Retired Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson at: [james.a.richardson106.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:james.a.richardson106.ctr@mail.mil)

**Air Force:** Senior Master Sgt. David Hill at: [david.a.hill101@mail.mil](mailto:david.a.hill101@mail.mil)

## 10. What are the four sports the Nevada Guard sponsors?

Soldiers and Airmen can be placed on orders and compete in the following National Guard sports: marathon running, biathlon, marksmanship and parachuting. Call 775-887-7250 for information.

# Biathlon dreams of gold dashed at 2002 Olympic venue

## Staff reports

HEBER CITY, Utah – The Nevada National Guard biathlon team departed the 2018 Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships held here in March feeling very similar to the 2002 U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team: disappointed and medal-less. The 2018 biathlon championships were the first NGB championships contested on the Soldier Hollow biathlon range that served as host for eight biathlon events during the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Biathlon is the winter Olympic sport that combines cross country skiing with rifle marksmanship. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau biathlon championships have been contested since the mid-1970s, when biathlon became one of the four sports sponsored by the National Guard's Military Competitions office. (The other three are marathon running, marksmanship and parachuting.) The Nevada Guard has won medals at regional meets, but has yet to reach the podium at the national championships.

"We need to increase our number of athletes and experience a winter with better snowfall in our state before we can be competitive with the traditionally strong National Guard biathlon states," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joseph Sherych, the Nevada Guard's biathlon coach.

The best result for the Nevada team was a 15th-place finish in the 10-kilometer patrol race, one place better than its neighboring rival, the California National Guard. In the 30-kilometer relay race, Nevada finished 23rd.

In individual events, Maj. Jason Little Owl, formerly of the Indiana Guard and set to transfer to Nevada, skied for the Silver State team during the eight-day meet and was 12th in the men's 10-kilometer sprint race and 18th in the 12.5-kilometer master's pursuit race. Little Owl hit 15 of 20 targets in the pursuit.

Longtime skier Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka of Joint Force Headquarters was 11th in the sprint and 24th in the master's pursuit race.



Photo courtesy Nevada Guard biathlon team

**Spc. Robert Baker, 23, of the 150th Maintenance Company in Carson City, glides up the stadium hill at the Soldier Hollow Biathlon Range in Heber City, Utah, in March during the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships. Baker was 17th in the individual novice pursuit race and was one of four athletes on the Nevada Guard relay team that finished 23rd.**

Spc. Robert Baker of the 150th Maintenance Company was 17th in the novice men's pursuit in 1 hour, 48 minutes.

The National Guard Western Regional meet will be held at Soldier Hollow in January 2019.

Skiers participating in the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Championships are placed on orders for the entirety of the competition. Biathlon rifles are borrowed from the Nevada Guard; potential participants can usually borrow or rent skis. Call 775-887-7250 for information on the 2018-2019 season.

### 2018 Chief, National Guard Bureau, Biathlon Championships

Feb. 23-March 2  
Heber City, Utah  
Results:

30-Kilometer Team Relay  
1, Minnesota. 2, Alaska. 3, Utah.  
**23, Nevada.**

10-Kilometer Military Patrol  
1, Minnesota. 2, Alaska. 3, Utah.  
**15, Nevada.**

# GOT YOUR SIX

## Exploring services for Service Members

### ASIST course provides advanced first aid instruction to combat suicide

With an enlistment date precluding the events of 9/11, I have served in the military for more than 17 years. Despite the fact the majority of my career has occurred while the nation supported operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, I've lost far more battle buddies to suicide than combat. According to the National Guard Bureau, the Nevada Guard has lost four Soldiers and Airmen to suicide since 2013.

The prevalence of suicide among Veterans and service members is a pressing topic both in the military and throughout society. Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen are annually briefed on potential signs of distress and how to help their potentially suicidal cohorts.



By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

But there are definite limitations on how much a Soldier or Airmen can learn in an hour-long annual brief on the topic and few long-term solutions are discussed. The Department of Defense's current "Ask, Care, and Escort" (ACE policy) is a short-term measure to stabilize a despondent individual just long enough to get them to higher lifesaving intervention.

A more comprehensive tool to combat the disturbing trend is the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) class hosted quarterly by the Nevada National Guard's Suicide Prevention Program. The ASIST course gives an individual the ability to work with the person at risk to create a plan that will support their immediate safety, which includes assessing acute safety needs and addressing short and long-term safety and increased connection with support systems and coping skills. Students who



To gain the skills to save a life and enroll in an ASIST class, contact Jose Aragon at [jose.g.aragon2.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:jose.g.aragon2.ctr@mail.mil). Guardsmen can be placed on orders and receive compensation for attending the course.

Individuals with suicidal thoughts, call the **Veterans Crisis Line** at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1

It's a smart idea to save the number in your phone. Internet searches are not fast enough when a life is in danger.

successfully complete the two-day course (Three for Army personnel) are ASIST certified and are equipped with the basic skills and training to assist despondent individuals.

I wanted to become ASIST certified for the same reason I took my combat lifesaver course, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and why I regularly practice at the shooting range: I want to be ready when a buddy or family member needs me to save their life.

To acquire my ASIST certification, I attended an ASIST class. Sixteen students were in the class; about half were Guard

members and the other half were civilians working for government agencies like the Veterans Administration. The class is also open to military dependents, other social service agencies, people who work with Veteran outreach programs.

I immediately realized that it was not your typical "show-up, sign in and check the requisite blocks" class. Everyone contributed their experiences and knowledge to the discussion circle.

The class examined many potential suicide cases. We discussed both successful and failed interventions and communication methods. We reviewed what we did well in certain scenarios and what we could have done better.

To me, it was a revelation to see intervention professionals display the depth and care needed when interacting with a despondent individual. Intervention with a suicidal individual entails far more than the usual military method of "fixing" a situation with an updated regulation or new part.

The ASIST class underscores support of Soldiers and Airmen. Students are encouraged to protect and connect with troops, listen to them, develop a support network and – when needed – lay a foundation for healing.

Stacy Holybee, a Veterans Administration suicide prevention coordinator, was one of our instructors for the ASIST class. She equated ASIST certification to CPR training: The more people in an organization who know how to respond, the better the chance a person in distress will receive needed care.

Holybee said it's no secret ASIST-related skills are especially needed in the military community.

"It's important because we know that people in the service and people who are separating from the service are at higher risk of suicide than the general population," Holybee said.

# Whodunnit?

## 137th military policemen learn how to crack the case

By Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks  
17th Sustainment Brigade

LAS VEGAS — A kicked-in door. A room with missing jewelry. A handprint on the window.

It was only a scenario, but the people piecing these clues together weren't visiting Las Vegas' newest "escape room." They're Soldiers with the 137th Law and Order Detachment learning the basics of military police investigations during a training session held at the Henderson Armory in March.

"This is our main job, other than being a Soldier, of course," said Staff Sergeant Christina Dorsey, a section sergeant with the 137th. "We're military police, but on top of that, we're investigators performing detective-level work. We have a certain purview that these specialized Soldiers need to know. This is training for any upcoming deployment or any real world mission."

Dorsey has completed the school for military police investigators and she uses her knowledge to instruct Soldiers who've yet to attend the course. Military police investigators need to know how to photograph a room. One good shot is "better than three of the same thing," Dorsey told



Photo by Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks

**Spc. Patrick Kelly, a military police investigator with the 137th, uses tape to pull a fingerprint from a Coke can during a training event at the Henderson Armory in March. Soldiers practiced photographing a crime scene, taking fingerprints and interviewing suspects.**

her Soldiers. They also learned how to lift fingerprints. Dorsey advised using a "twirling motion" to apply the powder.

Spc. Jose Gamino, a military police investigator with the 137th, listened carefully before dusting a Coke can for fingerprints. There were discussions of

how much powder to use and excitement when the powder revealed fingerprint ridge lines. After carefully applying tape over the powder, Gamino pulled off a print.

"I definitely enjoyed the hands-on part," said Gamino. "It's a lot better than sitting down and going through Powerpoints. You can learn from your mistakes."

After the Coke can, Gamino dusted and taped a handprint left on a window. His partner, Spc. Johnathan Galvin, also a 137th military police investigator, used a camera to document the crime scene and steps taken by the investigators.

"Everything is evidence," said Sgt. Anthony Thomas, military police investigator with the 137th. "It's not just a process you follow for the Army."

There is plenty of process, however. The crime scene, the evidence and the steps taken by investigators must be documented. Paperwork isn't glamorous, but it's part of police work. Evidence now in hand, Gamino and Galvin conduct a mock interview with the suspect.

"When it comes to crimes like this, you don't have a suspect on site," said Dorsey. "It's up to us to get the information and have that stuff so we can actually charge somebody with it."

Case closed.

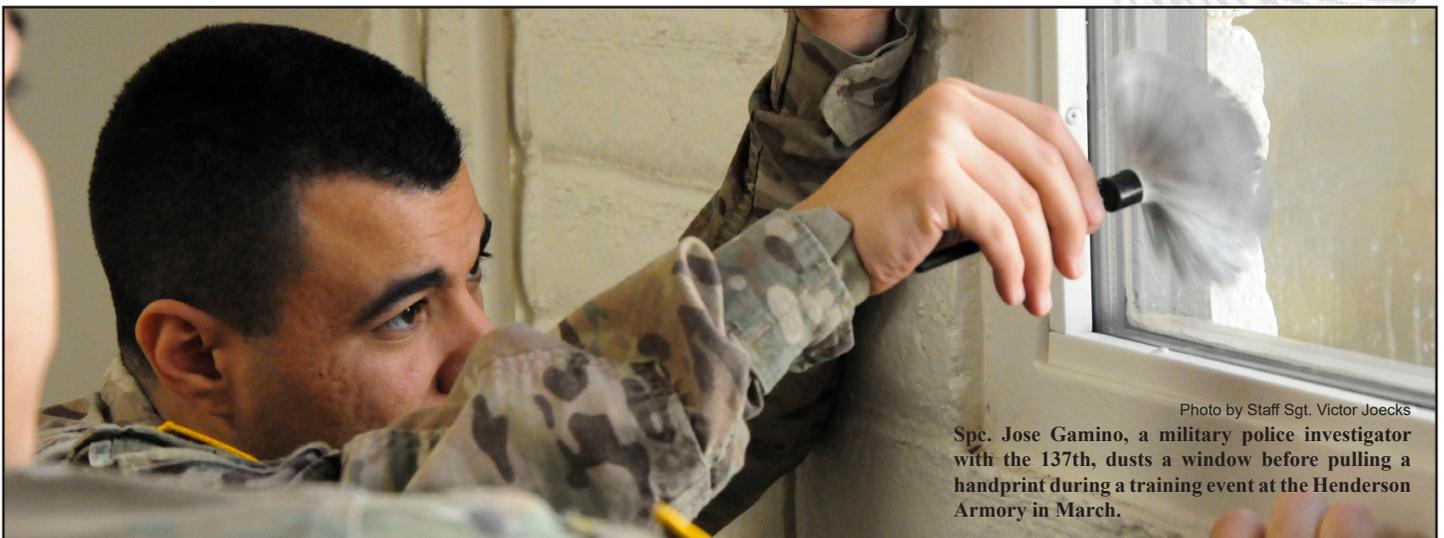


Photo by Staff Sgt. Victor Joecks

**Spc. Jose Gamino, a military police investigator with the 137th, dusts a window before pulling a handprint during a training event at the Henderson Armory in March.**

# Nevada Air Guard completes successful Green Flag exercise



Photo by 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus

The Nevada Air National Guard's 192nd Airlift Squadron captured several awards while the lead unit during the Green Flag Little Rock training exercise in February.

By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus  
Nevada National Guard State Historian

The Nevada Air National Guard's 192nd Airlift Squadron garnered a series of awards as the lead unit during the Green Flag Little Rock (Arkansas) training exercise in February.

The international, joint-training included military personnel from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, Air National Guard, the Canadian Royal Air Force and the United Arab Emirates.

"It was a seamless joint-training experience," said Lt. Col. Ricardo Bravo, Mobility Air Forces mission commander for the exercise and member of the 192nd Airlift Squadron, 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard. "This is the first time the 152nd Airlift Wing has worked as the lead unit for any flag exercise."

"This is a truly combined operation," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Peavy, 34th Combat Training Squadron survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist. "We have Air Force, Army, and Canadian Forces. It's a pretty awesome experience."

According to the after action report prepared by the 34th CST: "The lead unit (192nd Airlift Squadron, Nevada Air National

Guard) did exceptionally well leading the Mission Planning Cell to success."

That leadership was evident in the awards given at the end of the exercise.

The 192nd's crew also won the An Loc Award, named after the Vietnam War battle in 1972 that included a robust C-130 resupply effort for South Vietnamese citizens. The award is given for the best single aircrew drop within 25 yards. The 192nd recorded the best drop of the exercise: 11 yards from target.

At one point during the exercise, the 192nd aircrew was "shot down" and forced to escape capture in a Louisiana forest. After receiving rendezvous coordinates, the crew traveled 1.5 miles to its landing zone where they called an emergency supply airdrop from a Canadian C-130J aircraft.

"As a squadron we've participated in Green Flag each year for the past seven years," Bravo said. "But our participation has been that of an augmenting unit. We have gained expertise through

multiple Green Flags, Red Flags and other joint exercises through the last eight years on top overseas deployments. This has built our operations group into a premiere tactical airlift unit that can now excel as the lead wing at flag exercises."

Aircrew of the 192nd Airlift Squadron nearly swept the Top Cat Award for best overall crew, determined by the 34th CSTS and C-130 instructors:

**Aircraft Commander:** Lt. Col. David Chauvin, 192nd Airlift Squadron  
**Co-pilot:** 1st Lt. Mike Boehler, 179th Airlift Wing, Ohio Air National Guard  
**Navigator:** Capt. Alexander Rodriguez, 192nd Airlift Squadron  
**Field Engineer:** Staff Sgt. Brett Gilmore, 192nd Airlift Squadron  
**Load master:** Tech. Sgt. Justin Bennet, 192nd Airlift Squadron  
**Load master:** Airman 1st Class Mateis Maehler, 192nd Airlift Squadron

# AWARDS • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

MOVING UP AND MOVING ON • October 2017- February 2018

*Note: The documentation of some awards earned in this period is not finalized and will appear in future issues*

## Legion of Merit



COL Vernon Scarbrough..... 17th SB  
CSM Juan Rangel..... 17th SB  
CSM James Richardson..... 991st ATC

## Meritorious Service Medal



1SG Charleston Hartfield.....100th QM  
CW2 Vania Apodaca..... 1-189th AV  
CPT Michael Moya..... 1-221st CAV  
CPT Michael Moya Jr..... 1-221st CAV  
CPT Brandon Spradlin..... 1-221st CAV  
CPT Nicholas Galbiso..... 1-221st CAV  
SMSgt Ryan Christopher Branch.... 152nd Aircraft Maint SQ  
Lt Col Michael Matthews..... 152nd Comptroller FT  
SMSgt Richard Simpson..... 152nd Comptroller FT  
MSgt Erik Redinbaugh..... 152nd Intel SQ  
MSgt Anthony Williams..... 152nd Maint OPS FT  
SSgt Paul Longworth..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Janalee Morris..... 152nd Medical GP  
Capt Masten Bethel..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
MSgt Nathan Trapp..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
CMSgt Paul Bright..... 152nd Maintenance GP  
MSgt William Seifert..... 152nd Maintenance SQ  
CMSgt James Morgan..... 152nd Medical GP  
SFC Robert Wyatt..... 17th SB  
CPT Christopher Jones..... 1859th Trans  
SSG Heather Harris..... 1859th Trans  
CW3 Ian Dasmann..... 2/238th AV  
MSgt Anna Lansdell..... 232nd OS  
SSG Lawrence Moreno..... 240th EN  
SSG Erik Garcia..... 422nd ESB  
MSG Benjamin Krainbrink..... 422nd ESB  
1SG Michael Clark..... 72nd MP  
Lt Col Edward Cousineau..... ANG HQ  
CPT Madison Winzeler..... 422nd ESB  
LTC Christopher Patterson..... JFHQ  
SMSgt Tabitha Hartman..... NV ST HQ  
SFC Gary Rapoza..... R&R BN

## Army Commendation Medal



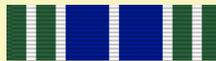
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SPC Seamus Redmond..... 1/189TH AV  
SSG Nathaniel Fox..... 1/189TH AV  
SSG Vicki Gilmore..... 1/189TH AV  
SSG Robert Knight..... 1/189TH AV  
SFC Martin Flores..... 145th SPT BN  
SPC David Newton..... 145th SPT BN  
SSG Vera Salazar..... 145th SPT BN  
1LT Jacob Sanford..... 421st RTI  
SGT Nathan Grover..... 422nd ESB  
SSG Jessica Menendez..... 92nd CST  
SFC Christina Bunker..... 991st ATC  
SSG Kristopher Maccario..... 991st ATC  
SFC Massimo Irenze..... JFHQ  
SFC Edward Benites..... R&R BN  
SFC Sara Harger..... R&R BN

## Air Force Commendation Medal



SSgt Karla Anderson..... 152nd Force Support SQ  
1Lt Erica Steele..... 152nd Medical GP  
2nd Lt Hannah Kapeczynski..... 152nd Medical GP  
A1C Alexander Morales..... 152nd Medical GP  
A1C Breanna Zulz..... 152nd Medical GP  
A1C Joshua Adams..... 152nd Medical GP  
Capt Daniel Watterson..... 152nd Medical GP  
Capt Jennifer James..... 152nd Medical GP  
CMSgt James Morgan..... 152nd Medical GP  
Col Martin Bain..... 152nd Medical GP  
Lt Col Catherine Kanwetz..... 152nd Medical GP  
Lt Col James Vogus..... 152nd Medical GP  
Maj Bruce Gallio..... 152nd Medical GP  
MSgt Jessica Bean..... 152nd Medical GP  
SrA Danielle Delporto..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Alexander Howe..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Anthony Sacchi..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Daniel Regalado..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Kelsea Wuester..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Makaila Erdody..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Marisa Moreno..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Sabrina Pena..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Amanda Lindsey..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Brandy Vaughan..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Joshua Noles..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Marshall Sprott..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Nephthali Barrera..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Simon Neugent..... 152nd Medical GP  
Maj Joseph Jaquish..... 152nd Ops Support SQ  
SSgt Trace Libby..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
TSgt Tara Broad..... ANG HQ

## Army Achievement Medal



PFC Mathew Cruzgogue..... 1/189TH AV  
PFC William Hayes Iii..... 1/189TH AV  
SFC Thomas Zaremba..... 1/189TH AV  
SGT Race Shelton..... 1/189TH AV  
SPC Jacob Anderson..... 1/189TH AV  
SPC Seamus Redmond..... 1/189TH AV  
SGT Samuel Hunt..... 2/238TH AV  
CW2 Kimberly Boeckman..... JFHQ  
CW3 Brian Stanton..... JFHQ  
SFC Kenneth Hodes..... JFHQ  
SGT Samantha Perry..... JFHQ  
SSG Allison Mangosing..... JFHQ  
SSG Michael Orton..... JFHQ  
CPT Aimee Abittan..... MED DET

## Air Force Achievement Medal

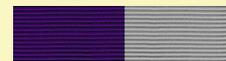


MSgt Roy Harvey..... 152nd Communications FT  
SrA Eduardo Vargas-Vazquez..... 152nd Communications FT  
1Lt Sarah Kennard..... 152nd Medical GP  
Capt Anna Kerfoot..... 152nd Medical GP  
Capt Jennifer Evans..... 152nd Medical GP  
Lt Col Jared Brandt..... 152nd Medical GP  
Maj Bruce Gallio..... 152nd Medical GP  
SrA Ivan Navarro..... 152nd Medical GP

SrA James Ward..... 152nd Medical GP  
SrA Kevin Barber..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Anthony Sacchi..... 152nd Medical GP  
SSgt Makaila Erdody..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt George Griffith..... 152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Joshua Noles..... 152nd Medical GP

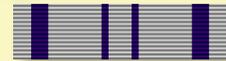
## NV STATE AWARDS

### Order of Nevada



Lt Col Glen Gevert..... 152nd Operation Support SQ

### Distinguished Service Medal



SMSgt David Raschen..... 192nd Airlift Sq  
CMSgt James Warner..... 152nd Maintenance SQ  
Maj Scott Sosebee..... 152nd Operations Support SQ  
Lt Col Edward Cousineau..... ANG HQ  
MSgt Steven Givani..... ANG HQ

### Joint Achievement Medal



MSgt Christopher Barber..... 152nd Civil Engineer SD  
MSgt James Speth..... 152nd Civil Engineer SD  
SSgt Charles Jorgensen..... 152nd Civil Engineer SD  
SSgt Lea Laney..... 152nd Civil Engineer SD  
A1C Theo Chason..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
A1C Connor Cwiak..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
A1C Aaron Thomas..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
MSgt David Woginrich..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SrA Tonie Cooper..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SrA Elyssa Enslin..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SrA Suzanne O'Grady..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SrA Brenton Spinuzzinichols..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SSgt David Bowman..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SSgt Brent Gonda..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SSgt Jose Gutierrezmiranda..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SSgt Giovanna Libby..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SSgt Britany Wilcoxson..... 152nd Security Forces SQ  
SSgt Steve Wolfgang..... 152nd Security Forces SQ

## PROMOTIONS

### COL/Col

Alecia Biddison..... JFHQ

### LTC/Lt Col

Joseph Deese..... 152nd Logistics Readiness SQ

### MAJ/Maj

Klank Kuhlman..... 152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
Antonio Perez..... 192nd Airlift SQ  
Nathan Smith..... 232nd Operation Support SQ

Kirk Anderson.....JFHQ

### CPT/Capt

Tyler Wistisen.....1-221st CAV  
Quinn Lundbom.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
Leah Ballard.....17th SB  
John Miller.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Kevin Porter.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Rachel Lamar.....422nd ESB

### 2LT/1LT

Tristan Hutchinson.....152nd Force Support SQ  
Titus Roberson.....152nd Force Support SQ  
Justin Hanselman.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Kenneth Leeper.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Justin Rizzo.....232nd Operation Support SQ

### CW4

Cort Mcallister.....3/140th S&S

### CW2

Juan Ramirez.....1-189th AV  
James Vail.....17th SB  
Ricardo Camacho.....2/238th AV  
John Koch.....2/238th AV

### CSM/SGM/CMSGt

Scott Brown.....1-221st CAV  
Kevin Bandoni.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
Gary Giddens.....17th SB  
Richard Beck.....991st ATC  
Shauna Reese.....JFHQ  
Shane Jensen.....R&R BN

### 1SG/MSG/SMSGt

Omar Calderontamayo.....100th QM  
Bryan Sulanke.....1-221st CAV  
Todd Poulton.....150th Maint CO  
Joseph Puertos.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
Paul Hinen.....152nd Security Forces SQ  
Kent Greenyoung.....17th SB  
Mark Carabajal.....421st RTI  
Catalina Manzanares.....757th CSSB  
Philip Fred.....JFHQ  
Jose Obregon.....R&R BN  
Lemuel Iniguez.....R&R BN

### SFC/MSGt

James Jackson.....1-221st CAV  
Jade Hunter.....152nd Airlift Wing  
Edward Garcia.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
Elizabeth Zamoralechuga.....17th SB  
Jana Morales.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Tommy Rodriguez.....421st RTI  
Justin Strong.....421st RTI  
Edelmark Villaespin.....593rd Trans  
Samuel Boyd.....72nd MP  
Mark Thomas.....72nd MP  
Anthony Brooks.....991st ATC  
Gil Reeder.....JFHQ  
Ryan Wagner.....JFHQ  
Heather Cate.....JFHQ  
Savannah Ellis.....JFHQ

### SSG/TSgt

Michael Orton.....106th PAD  
Sean Gilmartin.....1-221st CAV  
Jenny Lor.....145th FSC  
Michael Wilcoxson.....152 Mission Support GP  
Cody Hessler.....152nd Aircraft Maint SQ  
Peter Sewell.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
Christopher Dugger.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
Matthew Curitti.....152nd Intel SQ  
Joshua Dockter-Arbogast.....152nd Intel SQ  
Katie McCray.....152nd Intel SQ  
Sean Chambers.....152nd Intel SQ  
Brian Kentris.....152nd Intel SQ  
Zane Walker.....152nd Intel SQ  
Shirley Logan.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
Sonia Hernandez.....152nd Maint Ops Flight  
John Petit.....152nd Maint Ops Flight  
Cory Moffett.....152nd Maint SQ  
Nicole Hanselman.....152nd Maint SQ  
Rebecca Myrick.....152nd Maint SQ  
Jeffery Sarkis.....152nd Maint SQ  
Brian McGary.....152nd Maint SQ  
Joshua Noles.....152nd Medical GP  
Janalee Morris.....152nd Medical GP  
Matthew Stewart.....152nd Medical GP  
Stacey Bannister.....152nd Medical GP

Joshua Carrio.....152nd Medical GP  
Christopher Des Roches.....152nd Ops. SQ  
Anthony Gomez.....17th SB  
Salvador Rodriguez.....17th SB  
Rita Middleton.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Jonathan Turner.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Billy Johnson.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Justine Bennett.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Clark Olsen.....232nd Operation SQ  
Rader Rollins.....422nd ESB  
Michael Ravari.....422nd ESB  
Tamara Polson.....485th MP  
Maribel Rivera.....593rd Trans  
Nicholas Cotham.....609th EN  
Andy Villagomez.....MED DET

### SGT/SSgt

Yvette Hernandez.....100th QM  
Jada Gonzales.....100th QM  
Zachary Turner.....100th QM  
Sasha Lawrence.....100th QM  
Sean Anderson.....1-221st CAV  
Jordan Schulze.....1-221st CAV  
Carlos Moran.....1-221st CAV  
Anton Ryzhuk.....1-221st CAV  
Michael Halderman.....1-221st CAV  
Christian Tijerina.....1-221st CAV  
Joshua Bigham.....1-221st CAV  
Jeffrey Flores.....1-221st CAV  
Darren Fernandez.....137th MP  
Wendell Tolentino.....145th FSC  
Dezirae Narvaez.....145th FSC  
Zachary Konecne.....150th Maint CO  
Bertha Ruizvieyra.....150th Maint CO  
Preston Balicki.....152nd Aircraft Maint SQ  
Rafael Rodriguez-Gonzalez.....152nd Aircraft Maint SQ  
Khasity Cronin.....152nd Airlift Wing  
Theresa Johnson.....152nd Airlift Wing  
Nathaniel Roark.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
Marshall Bravo.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
Zachary Sexton.....152nd Intel SQ  
Luke O'Reilly.....152nd Intel SQ  
Markus Houge.....152nd Intel SQ  
Kyle Ellis.....152nd Intel SQ  
Victor Martinez-Chavez.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
Brenana Kjeldgard.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
Kyle Woodburn.....152nd Maint SQ  
Victor Torres-Solorzano.....152nd Maint SQ  
Otis Timm.....152nd Maint SQ  
Raymond Taft.....152nd Maint SQ  
Kyle Bell.....152nd Maint SQ  
Danielle Del Porto.....152nd Medical GP  
Abel Del Realnava.....152nd Medical GP  
Mariah Miles.....152nd Medical GP  
Zeshan Mahmood.....152nd Medical GP  
Brenna Keegan.....152nd Medical GP  
Brianna Houchin-Samuel.....152nd Medical GP  
Kathryn Heeran.....152nd Ops. SQ  
Leslie Ryssman.....152nd Security Forces SQ  
John Brion.....17th SB  
Melani Wright.....17th SB  
Jasmine Romero.....17th SB  
Isabel Cordova.....17th SB  
Alecia Chandler.....1859th Trans  
Lacyana Mcnealey.....1859th Trans  
Hannah Fleming.....1859th Trans  
Zachary Towe.....1859th Trans  
Zachary Smith.....1859th Trans  
Spencer Ostrovsky.....1864th Trans  
Kevin Salviejo.....1864th Trans  
Garrett Mespadden.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Nicholas Ediss.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Rebecca Barber.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Alanna Vick.....192nd Airlift SQ  
Joseph Fording.....2/238th AV  
Daniel Stclair.....2/238th AV  
Michael Vo.....240th EN  
Prince Elago.....240th EN  
Tatyana Smith.....421st RTI  
Julio Guzmanbonilla.....422nd ESB  
Marvin Fennimore.....422nd ESB  
Vanessa Zamora.....422nd ESB  
Shandeigh Nez.....422nd ESB  
Jonathan Rosales.....485th MP  
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Andrew Pavlu.....609th EN

John Burrows.....609th EN  
Colton Wenger.....609th EN  
Jared Deitch.....72nd MP  
Nicholas Benner.....72nd MP  
Janned Garciegarcia.....72nd MP  
Tyler Meroth.....757th CSSB  
Jacob Flick.....757th CSSB  
Jorge Wilsonperez.....MED DET  
Michelle Young.....R&R BN

## ACCESSIONS

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

1LT Angela Marshall.....100th QM  
PV1 Nikkie Berja.....100th QM  
2LT Elijah Armstrong.....1-221st CAV  
2LT Rafael Pinedamallol.....1-221st CAV  
PFC Andrew Ravara.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Parker Badenhuizen.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Brendan Brown.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Antonio Chavez.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Katie Colette.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Bryant Cruz.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Jason Dennis.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Giovanni Diaz-Delgado.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Ianjacob Fallejo.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Nicos Gilbert Sr.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 David Hernandez-Martinez.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Edgar Jimenez.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Randy Johnson.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Zachary Little.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Hector Montenegro-Cisneros.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Gabriel Orellana.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Franklin Perez Jr.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Parlay Pete.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Jalen Pierce.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Jesse Sledge III.....1-221st CAV  
PV1 Solan Yanez.....1-221st CAV  
PV2 Matthew Elton.....1-221st CAV  
PV2 Mark Ghattas.....1-221st CAV  
PV2 Christopher Shapiro.....1-221st CAV  
SGT Michael Halderman.....1-221st CAV  
SGT Jordan Schulze.....1-221st CAV  
SPC Cesar Ceja.....1-221st CAV  
SPC Gregory Lawson.....1-221st CAV  
SPC Lesley Northcutt.....1-221st CAV  
SPC Brandon Scott.....1-221st CAV  
SPC Dominique Counts.....145th SPT BN  
PV1 Jesus Barajas-Trujillo.....150th Maint CO  
PV2 Mele Finau.....150th Maint CO  
PV2 Andrew Mihalko.....150th Maint CO  
PV2 Anton Omai.....150th Maint CO  
SPC Kim Garback.....150th Maint CO  
SPC Jonathan Rogers.....150th Maint CO  
Amn Dana Vice.....152nd Airlift Wing  
A1C McGuire Branin.....152nd Avn. Maint. SQ  
A1C Spencer Furlong.....152nd Avn. Maint. SQ  
A1C Scott Grady.....152nd Avn. Maint. SQ  
SSgt Seth Freese.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
SSgt Transue Michael.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
TSgt Anthony Hinen.....152nd Civil Engineer SQ  
AB Gerard Chopin.....152nd Force Support SQ  
SrA Jared Melchionno.....152nd Force Support SQ  
TSgt Alexander Muniz.....152nd Force Support SQ  
A1C Thomas Fredericksen.....152nd Intel SQ  
A1C Sarah Gustason.....152nd Intel SQ  
A1C Austin Reed.....152nd Intel SQ  
SrA Chaeden Luebberke.....152nd Intel SQ  
SSgt Michael Gustason.....152nd Intel SQ  
A1C Alyssa Herrmann.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
A1C Rebecca Mortimore.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
AB Giovanni Videz.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
SSGT Charles Caster.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
SSGT Rhett Mora.....152nd Logistics Readiness SQ  
A1C Hannah McNeal.....152nd Medical GP  
AB Lacey Newsham.....152nd Medical GP  
Amn Jaynah Herrmann.....152nd Medical GP  
SrA Dawn Harris.....152nd Medical GP  
SSGT Adlai Ceja.....152nd Medical GP  
TSgt Alwen Vergara.....152nd Medical GP  
SrA Steven White.....152nd Ops. SQ  
SSgt Cole Melby.....152nd Ops. SQ

A1C Traesha Glover	152nd Security Forces SQ
AB Sarah Anderson	152nd Security Forces SQ
AB Seth Durman	152nd Security Forces SQ
AMN Kyle LeBlanc	152nd Security Forces SQ
Amn Adam Rogers	152nd Security Forces SQ
SRA Mathew Doyle	152nd Security Forces SQ
SSgt Cody Watson	152nd Security Forces SQ
TSgt Adam Nunley	152nd Security Forces SQ
A1C John Fischbeck	152nd Student Flight
PFC Samuel Bonner	17th SB
PV1 Kvon Anderson	17th SB
PV1 Josiah Boyd	17th SB
PV1 Cheyann Harley	17th SB
PV1 Christy Patinio	17th SB
PV1 Diego Ramirez	17th SB
PV1 Jesse Rojas	17th SB
PV2 Damian Parra	17th SB
PV2 Mikayla Stott	17th SB
SGT John Brion	17th SB
PV1 Yesenia Aguilar-Vasquez	1859th Trans
PV1 Michael Hanson	1859th Trans
PV1 Daniel Ramirez	1859th Trans
PV1 Thanh Thong	1859th Trans
PV2 Hannah Fleming	1859th Trans
PV2 Scott Plimpton	1859th Trans
SGT Lacyana Menealey	1859th Trans
PFC Ryan Barnard	1864th Trans
PFC Iyalhye Barraza	1864th Trans
PV1 Therecelorraine Varias	1864th Trans
PV2 Nicholas Tuason	1864th Trans
SPC Quendares Young	1864th Trans
AB Nicholas Radakovich	192nd Airlift SQ
AB Benjamin Smith	192nd Airlift SQ
CW2 Joshua Groth	2/238th AV
PV1 Jacob Velez	2/238th AV
PV1 Armando Andrade	240th EN
PV1 Johnathon Basilio	240th EN
PV1 Beatriz Juarez	240th EN
PV1 Hien Nguyen	240th EN
PV1 Amber Vargas	240th EN
PV2 Felix Martinez	240th EN
SPC Izaya Harris	240th EN
SPC Markroger Maramba	240th EN
SPC Edward Ruelas	240th EN
PV1 Alyssa Evans	3/140th S&S
SPC Milton Hsieh	3/140th S&S
2LT Bryan Querubin	3665th EOD
PFC Tawnee Burton	422nd ESB
PFC Kamran Saebfar	422nd ESB
PV1 Kahlia Bell	422nd ESB
PV1 Erik Bogarin	422nd ESB
PV1 Peyton Johnson	422nd ESB
PV1 Robert Leggio III	422nd ESB
PV1 Juancarlos Martinez	422nd ESB

PV1 Anna Phillips	422nd ESB
PV1 Kevin Pineda	422nd ESB
PV1 Haylee Romero	422nd ESB
PV2 Monica Castro	422nd ESB
PV2 Jasmine Kent	422nd ESB
PV2 Joshua Marran	422nd ESB
PV2 Vanessa Ortega	422nd ESB
PV2 Yaret Perez-Saldana	422nd ESB
SPC Mary Morris	422nd ESB
SPC Dryden Reid	422nd ESB
SSG Rader Rollins	422nd ESB
PV1 Marcus Labarber	485th MP
PV1 Matthew Punzalan	485th MP
PV1 Cesar Tovar	485th MP
PV2 Christopher Brizuela	485th MP
PV2 Erik Clifton	485th MP
PV2 Brandon Delarosa	485th MP
PV2 Tristian Faria	485th MP
PV2 Morgan Kennedy	485th MP
PV2 Eric Vizcarra-Sanchez	485th MP
2LT Thomas Payne	593rd Trans
PV1 Dandre Aitala	593rd Trans
PV1 Lavayha Miller	593rd Trans
2LT Brandon Thomas	609th EN
PV1 Brian Reyes-Sarracino	609th EN
PV2 Connor Rauh	609th EN
SGT John Burrows	609th EN
SPC Cameron Fricke	609th EN
PV1 Kayla Acedo	72nd MP
PV1 Mathew Fiscarelli	72nd MP
PV1 Daniel Hiltzley	72nd MP
PV1 Nour Hurer	72nd MP
PV1 Jonathan Macias	72nd MP
PV1 Joshua Thomassian	72nd MP
PV2 Anthony Barbarite	72nd MP
PV2 Katherine Deskins	72nd MP
PV2 Jessica Ortega	72nd MP
SPC Katherine Haldeman	72nd MP
SPC Juan Moralesrivera	72nd MP
SGT Jacob Flick	757th CSSB
SPC Michael Childsgussen	777th EN
PFC Ryan Knutson	MED DET
PV1 Jana Andrian	MED DET
PV1 Lauren Damiano	MED DET
PV1 Alejandro Romero	MED DET
SGT Michelle Young	R&R BN

MSgt Kevin Knight	152nd Civil Engineer SQ
MSgt Cecil Levy	152nd Civil Engineer SQ
TSgt Kelly Gannon	152nd Civil Engineer SQ
SSgt Nicholas Jones	152nd Intel SQ
Capt James Upton	152nd Logistics Readiness SQ
CMSgt Erich Kolbe	152nd Maint Ops Flight
TSgt Noel Mauyao	152nd Maint SQ
CMSgt James Warner	152nd Maint SQ
SMSgt Marcy Broadway	152nd Maint SQ
MSgt William Boekenooen	152nd Medical GP
SMSgt David Raschen	152nd Operations Support SQ
Lt Col Glenn Gevert	152nd Operations Support SQ
MAJ Douglas Seymour	17th SB
SFC Deedrick Prowell	17th SB
SFC Gil Reeder	17th SB
SGT Michael Gatewood	17th SB
MSG Steven Kovacs	17th SB
SFC Curt Prokasky	1859th Trans
Lt Col David Chauvin	192nd Airlift SQ
SMSgt Russell Stewart	192nd Airlift SQ
Lt Col Shannon Manning	192nd Airlift SQ
Lt Col Jon Schulstad	192nd Airlift SQ
CMSgt Gilberto Carrera	232nd Ops SQ
SFC Frank Digiovanni	240th EN
SSG Lawrence Moreno	240th EN
CSM James Richardson	421st RTI
SPC Paul Franklin	422nd ESB
SPC Gabriel Blender	485th MP
SFC David Rosado	593rd Trans
SFC Jeremiah Thompson	593rd Trans
SFC Tracy Castro	593rd Trans
MSgt Steven Givani	Air Guard HQ
SSG Joann Alvarez	JFHQ
SGT Benjamin Antone	JFHQ
SSG James Burch	JFHQ
SFC Ronald Creon	JFHQ
SSG Matthew Fenn	JFHQ
SPC Dalyn Jacobus	JFHQ
SGT Maciej Krolkowski	JFHQ
SSG Thomas Lopey	JFHQ
SSG Nathan Ohler	JFHQ
SPC Daniel Osburn	JFHQ
SFC Jennifer Pantea	JFHQ
LTC Christopher Patterson	JFHQ
SSG Michael Pugh	JFHQ
CSM Glen Roberts	JFHQ
SGT Cody Wilson	JFHQ
SSG Jason Coleman	R&R BN
LTC Keith Kamachi	R&R BN
SFC Gary Rapoza	R&R BN
SFC Ted Ziegenfuss	R&R BN
SFC Jason Fincher	CAMP STEAD

## RETIREMENTS

TSgt Rebecca Palmer	152nd Airlift Wing
TSgt Damien Falconer	152nd Civil Engineer SQ
SSgt Lorenzo Collins	152nd Civil Engineer SQ
SSgt Samuel Mccurley	152nd Civil Engineer SQ

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said he aimed to stay even-keeled.

“There’s nothing you can do. It’s all out of your hands,” Castagnola said. “It’s just part of the bureaucratic process of Capitol Hill and Congress.

“You can’t control it. All you can do is make the best of it and provide the best information as quickly as you can to those who can make a difference”

All of those hassles are in the rear view mirror now.

Cas celebrated his birthday on April 14 and reached his mandatory retirement age. His final official day on active duty was April 30. He said he’s done with work, at least for the time being. His wife, Jaci, retired from her career in education about two years ago and the couple are looking forward to gardening and traveling together. They are planning one last monumental family trip to Europe with all three of their children.

Although Castagnola’s active association with the Army has ended, the family’s military association continues: Cas’s son, Anthony, is an Army officer in Fairbanks, Alaska, and daughter, Nichole, works at the Army Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Virginia. Daughter Jovanna Castagnola-Stednick is recently married and living in



Nevada Army Guard file photo  
Col. Felix Castagnola III presents the U.S. flag to Claudette Tosolini in 2008.

Kansas.

“My dad has never been one to sleep in and *almost* always had breakfast ready for us on Saturday morning,” Jovanna said. “He always went out of his way to try and make it to as many track meets, swim meets and cross country meets as possible. He always had patience with us, even when I would follow him around the backyard just talking and talking.”

Assessing his nearly four decades in the military, Cas said he surpassed his career expectations the second he was offered a job by the Nevada Army Guard. Becoming a colonel was just icing on the cake.

“I never thought I would work full time for the Guard,” Castagnola said. “(My first job) was an opportunity presented to me at just the right time, right place and right reason. It worked out.

“I don’t have any complaints. The Guard has been good to me and my family.”

# CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History



Other Events and Functions

## May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 May Day	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 National Guard Marathon, Lincoln, Neb.	7	8 2001: Town of Gabbs, Nevada's smallest city, was disincorporated	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 1935: Last concrete poured for Hoover Dam	30	31		

## June 2018

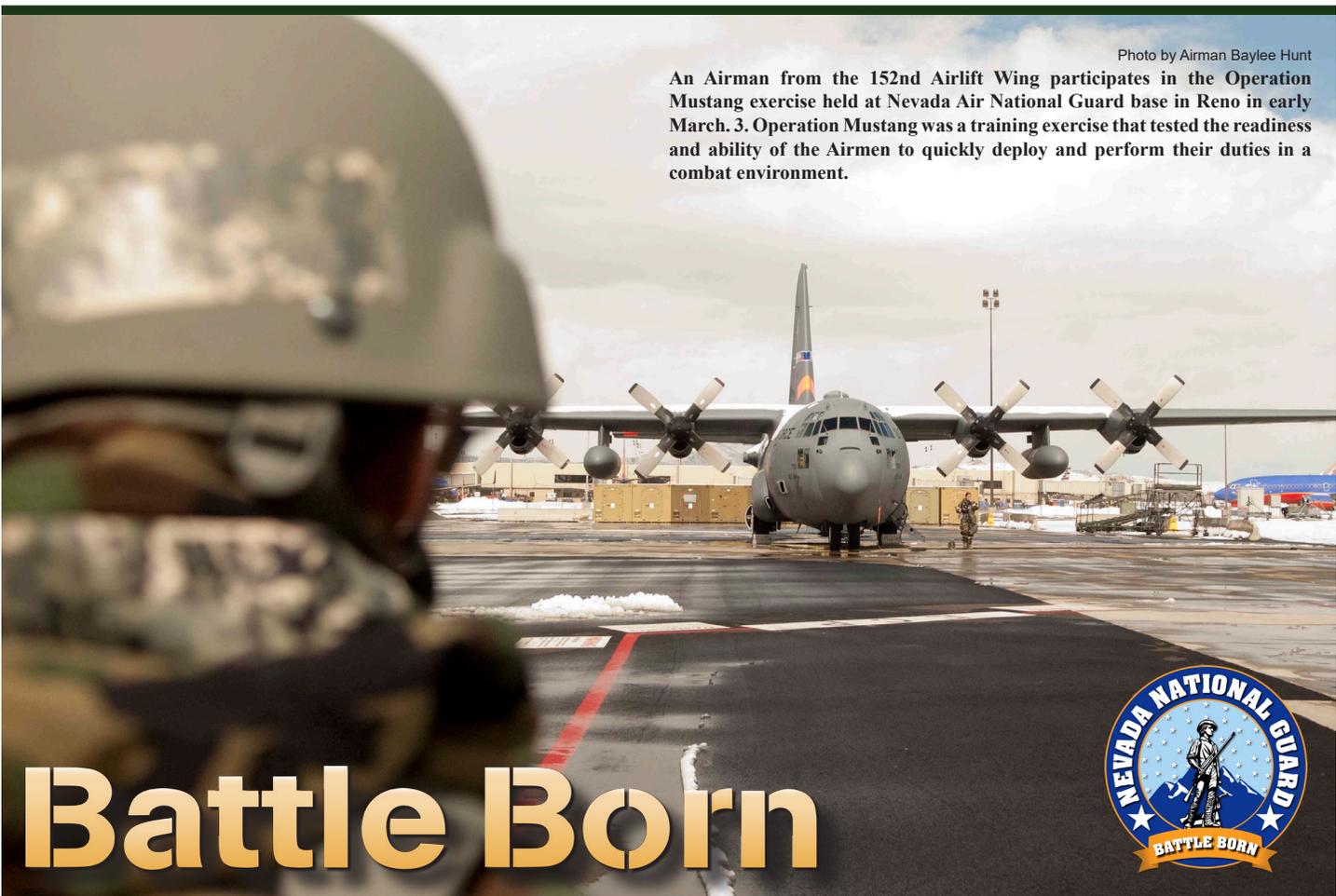
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 1933: First concrete poured for Hoover Dam	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day World Cup Soccer Tournament begins in Russia	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 1861: Gov. Nye proclaims establishment of the Territorial Government of Nevada	12	13	14
15	16	17 Major League Baseball All-Star Game set for Wash., D.C.	18	19	20	21 1922: The first radio station in the state, station KZDK, was established in Reno
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 International Friendship Day	31				

Photo by Airman Baylee Hunt

An Airman from the 152nd Airlift Wing participates in the Operation Mustang exercise held at Nevada Air National Guard base in Reno in early March. 3. Operation Mustang was a training exercise that tested the readiness and ability of the Airmen to quickly deploy and perform their duties in a combat environment.



# Battle Born

