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ON THE COVER: Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Davidson deadlifts 225 pounds during a training session in Carson City in September. The deadlift is an event in the Army Combat Fitness Test; the movement replicates a litter carry or the movement of ammunition and supplies.

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152nd Airlift Wing Airmen prepare for upcoming deployments with a familiarization class with their Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear earlier this year. About 300 Nevada Air Guardsmen have deployed or are set to deploy this fall and winter.

High Rollers prepare for largest deployment in recent history

By 2nd. Lt. Emerson Marcus
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO – Senior Airman Jonathan Zbella’s family knew his deployment would send him overseas for the holiday season and his 22nd birthday.

So, before he left, Zbella’s family held “Hallowbirthmasgivingsevetines Day.”

“We had a little of everything,” said Zbella, a finance customer service support personnel deployed in Southwest Asia. “They served turkey, ham, corned beef and cabbage, spaghetti and macaroni and cheese.”

Zbella is one of about 300 airmen of the 152nd Airlift Wing — nearly a third of the entire wing in Reno — who have deployed or are set to deploy this fall and winter to various locations in the U.S. Central Command, an area comprised of the Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, extending from Egypt in the west to Pakistan in the east.

It’s the largest deployment event in the unit’s recent history, said Master Sgt. Michelle Rauch, 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron superintendent for the plans and integration office.

In 1968, the entire Nevada Air National Guard unit in Reno deployed in response to 4 / **BATTLE BORN** / Autumn 2018

North Korea’s capture of the USS Pueblo, a U.S. Navy vessel.

Five decades later, U.S. Air Force deployment models have changed, moving away from the simultaneous deployment of entire wings and groups.

What makes the 152nd Airlift Wing’s current deployment cycle so robust is the combination of two deployment models that occurred at the same time.

About half of the deployers left as an Air Expeditionary Force, or AEF, a familiar deployment model for the 152nd.

The other half deployed for their Reserve Component Period (RCP) a prescheduled deployment timeframe for certain Air Force Specialty Code positions.

“It’s rare for both to happen at once,” Rauch said. “It has definitely made for a busy deployment cycle.”

The AEF called for personnel trained in operations and maintenance, roughly half of the unit’s deployers this year.

The unit’s most recent AEF deployment occurred in 2015. That year, more than 90 Nevada Guard airmen were assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, a tactical airlift hub for re-supply missions providing combat service support to land component forces throughout the Persian Gulf region.

Meanwhile, the RCP, a six-month deployment window, includes support

personnel from numerous professional fields going to various locations in U.S. Central Command. Exact locations and personnel assigned for the 2018 AEF and RCP are not being released for operational security reasons.

“The 152nd Airlift Wing has accomplished so much in the past two years and while this deployment cycle has not come without its challenges, we continue to overcome and thrive,” said Col. Eric Wade, 152nd Airlift Wing commander. “From flood and fire response in Nevada last year to hurricane response around the U.S. and, now, current deployments overseas, the High Rollers continue to answer the call.”

Zbella worries more about how the deployment will affect his family and girlfriend than himself.

“People keep telling me that once I get into a routine after about a month, it will be busy, and it will smooth out quite a bit,” said Zbella, one of three siblings currently serving in the Nevada Air National Guard.

Not surprising given his position in the 152nd Airlift Wing Comptroller Flight, Zbella plans to save money during the deployment.

“I want to be able to move out of my parents’ house when I return,” he said. “Hopefully, once I return, I’ll have enough saved for my own place.”

Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks



Upcoming year a prime time for Nevada Guard readiness, opportunity

The upcoming year promises to be both a time of preparation and opportunity for the Nevada National Guard. The Nevada Air Guard has a major deployment in Fiscal Year 2019 and the Nevada Army Guard has seven deployments starting this next year and stretching through FY 2021. Not coincidentally, all of this activity comes during a time of renewed emphasis on readiness for both the Air and Army Guard.

In addition to readiness, the upcoming year is also a time to seek new opportunities. The military is in a period of transition as a result of the latest National Defense Strategy that emphasizes the Indo-Pacific Theater of Operation.

The new strategy will bring opportunities to those enlightened enough to perform the hard work required to thrive in the new environment.

Leon Megginson, a Louisiana professor inspired by Charles Darwin, wrote: “It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but rather the one most adaptable to change.”

It is with this mindset that Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen must view the future that lies ahead. With the Kingdom of Tonga – located in the heart of the Pacific Ocean – teaming with the Nevada Guard in the National Guard’s State Partnership Program, the Nevada Guard is in a prime position to realize future opportunities that support the National Defense Strategy’s prioritization of the Indo-Pacific Area of Operations.

In my opinion, management consultant and educator Peter Drucker said it best when he wrote: “You can either take action, or you can hang back and hope for a miracle. Miracles are great, but they are so unpredictable.”



Photo by 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus

A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 aircraft sits on the flightline this summer moments before leaving Reno for Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado to assist federal agencies there with several fires burning in the Centennial State.

The Nevada National Guard has to take action to secure its future and not wait for the proverbial miracle. The easiest way for the Nevada Guard to ensure its relevance is to analyze what the active-duty military cannot do – and then quickly do it.

In recent years, military officials have changed war planning from a “Threat Based” model to a “Capabilities Based” model. The lingering question is: “Is it time to embrace a new model of planning for the future world that is coming our way?”

The key to the answer is to embrace intelligent risk taking while avoiding seduction by the latest and greatest technological advances as a panacea for securing the future.

The only certainties are that the world will continue to continually surprise us with both natural and mankind-caused events – and it will also remain uncertain.

The good news is both the Nevada Army and Air Guard are well-positioned for the future. The Nevada Army Guard leadership’s decision to move the 1-221st Cavalry and join the 116th Cavalry Combat Team is an example of moving a force today in order to be relevant in tomorrow’s military.

The same rationale rings true for the 152nd Airlift Wing and its receipt of the Modular Airborne Firefighting System. Although the equipment is owned by the U.S. Forest Service, the addition of the system to the 152nd brings with it many immediate benefits, including the wing’s aircraft modernization to the C-130H3.

It is this type of forward thinking that will keep the Nevada Guard relevant, adaptable, and an organizational leader to meet the demands of the future world.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Soldiers with the 17th Sustainment Brigade board an aircraft after their deployment ceremony in Las Vegas in 2016. After a lull in deployments, the Nevada Army Guard is set to support seven deployments between 2019-2021.

DROP ZONE



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

TONGA – Maj. Lance King of the 152nd Operations Support Squadron addresses the audience during the Women’s Peace and Security symposium hosted by His Majesties Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Tonga in May. The symposium was hosted by the Tongan military and the American attendees were invited under the auspice the National Guard’s State Partnership Program. The Nevada Guard is teamed with Tonga in the SPP.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber

FALLON, Nevada — A Security Forces Airman from the 152nd Security Forces Squadron fires a round at his target during weapons qualifications in August at the Bravo 19 range located at Naval Air Station, Fallon. About 25 security forces members qualified at this annual training event.



Courtesy 3665th

FORT IRWIN, California – 3665th Ordnance Company (EOD) Soldiers pause for a group photo during their annual training in August. During the rotation, the Soldiers practiced common warrior tasks and drills and their specific EOD skills such as improvised explosive device disposal and unexploded ordnance response.



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Greiner

JOINT BASE LEWIS MCCHORD, Washington – 152nd Medical Group Airmen take time for a photo after completing their annual training at Madigan Army Medical Center in August. The Airmen from the 152nd spent their time in the Evergreen State integrated into active operations and they received real-world on the job training in the hospital.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

LAS VEGAS — Staff Sgt. Leonard Bundy of the 1-221 Cavalry earns a bronze medal and reaches the podium after competing in the Sin City Showdown Muscle Contest in August. Bundy is one of a number of Soldiers and Airmen competing successfully in a wide variety of sports and fitness competitions. (See story on Capt. Liberty Reyes on Page 26.)



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

STEAD — Sgt. 1st Class Craig Kenison of the 92nd Civil Support Team, center, receives congratulations from Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, left, and Army Guard Chief of Staff Col. Cory Schulz after winning the 2018 Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior Competition (Non-commissioned Officer division) last spring. Kenison went on to take second place in the Region VII contest in New Mexico. To recognize his achievement, Kenison received the Army Achievement Medal from New Mexico Army Guard State Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Garcia. Kenison was up against eight NCOs from seven states – Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah – and the territory of Guam while in New Mexico.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

STEAD — Spc. Rihun Alexander Rimón of the 609th Engineer Company outpaces the field in the 12-mile ruck march en route to his overall victory in the Soldier division in the 2018 Nevada Army Guard Best Warrior Competition. Rimón finished the course in 2 hours, 10 minutes – the fastest among all participants – to beat Spc. Conor Czyzniejewski (422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion) by less than two minutes. Rimón represented Nevada in the Region VII contest but was not among the top-2. Rimón trains with another 609th Soldier, Sgt. Grant Reimers, to prepare for Best Warrior competitions. Reimers was the National Guard's Best Warrior Champion in 2017 and finished second in the All-Army Competition.

Demanding combat fitness test promises to improve readiness, save money

By Spc. Jonnie Riley
106th Public Affairs Detachment

CARSON CITY – U.S. Army officials announced in July that a new physical fitness test – the Army Combat Fitness Test – will become the standard physical readiness test in all components of the Army by October 2020. The ACFT will replace the Army Physical Fitness Test with a gender- and age-neutral assessment that tests the types of physical demands Soldiers often face in combat.

Field tests for the ACFT will begin this autumn and by October 2020 all active-duty Soldiers, Army Guardsmen and Army reservists will be required to take the test.

“The Army Combat Fitness Test will become a cornerstone of individual Soldier combat readiness,” said Maj. Gen. Malcolm Frost, the commander of the Army’s Center of Initial Military Training. “It will reduce attrition and it will reduce injuries and, in the long run, actually save the Army a heck of a lot of money.”



Photo by Spc. Jonnie Riley
Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Murphy of Joint Force Headquarters demonstrates a hand release push up.

The six events in the ACFT will include: the sprint-drag-carry; the leg tuck; the hand release push-up; the standing power throw; the strength deadlift; and the lone holdover event from the current APFT, the 2-mile run. Some equipment will be needed for the

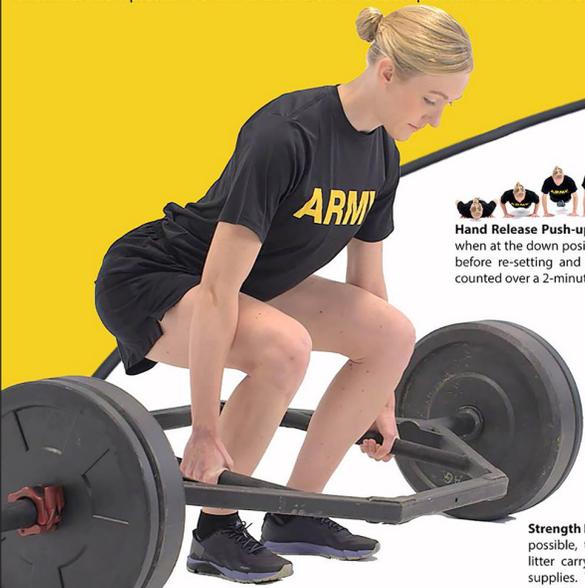
test, including: a 90-pound sled, kettlebell weights, a pull-up bar; a 10-pound ball; and a deadlift weightlifting bar and weights. (See graphic for details.)

Nevada Army Guard operations and training Command Sgt. Maj. Shane Jensen



Army Combat Fitness Test

The six-event ACFT tests all of the major muscle groups and provides an accurate, scientifically-validated assessment of a Soldier's readiness based on the tasks a Soldier may encounter in training or combat. The events are completed in order and Soldiers must complete all six events in 50 minutes or less.



Strength Deadlift: Soldiers lift the maximum weight possible, three times, under control, replicating a litter carry or the movement of ammunition and supplies. The event tests lower body muscular strength, coordination and balance.



Sprint-Drag-Carry: For this timed event, Soldiers will complete five laps for a total distance of 250 meters. During the five laps, Soldiers will perform sprints, drag a 90-pound sled and hand-carry two 40-pound kettlebell weights. The event tests a Soldier's movement skill under anaerobic conditions: sprinting, dragging, carrying, turning and moving sideways. It replicates moving a casualty to safety, moving supplies or moving under fire.



Leg Tuck: From a straight-arm hang, Soldiers must raise their legs up so that their knees or thighs touch their elbows. Soldiers are tested on the number of successfully completed repetitions. Soldiers will stop when they are unable to continue or they have reached the two minute time limit. This event replicates climbing up and over walls.



Standing Power Throw: Soldiers throw a 10-pound ball up and backwards over their heads for maximum distance. The throw replicates the movement required to assist a buddy over an obstacle or the power required to leap across a ditch. The event tests explosive power and coordination of legs, and arms.



Hand Release Push-ups: Soldiers start in the prone position, do a traditional push-up but when at the down position they release their hands and arms from contact with the ground before re-setting and pushing up. The number of successfully completed repetitions is counted over a 2-minute period.

2-Mile Run: The 2-mile run is conducted outside on a track or paved course. Soldiers run two miles as quickly as possible, replicating movement to contact over distance. At the completion of the 2-mile run, the Soldier's time is recorded, and the Army Combat Fitness Test is completed.

said there will certainly be some initial costs to implement the test.

“As we can clearly see, this program will cost the military a significant amount of money just for the equipment alone,” Jensen said. “I have not had the full immersion to the testing, so I’m not sure if the bang is worth the buck.

“I do believe change is good, if properly vetted, and a gender-neutral test will be widely accepted.”

According to Army officials, at least six years of research went into the test’s development as researchers studied what Soldiers must do athletically during combat.

From a historical perspective, the first four Army fitness tests had 5-6 combat related tasks. The APFT, introduced in 1980, was an adequate assessment of muscular and aerobic endurance, according to Army officials, but those two components of fitness are not the only important areas of fitness relative to combat readiness.

To perform well across the full spectrum of operations in a complex and unknown battlefield, Soldiers must possess significant physical capacity in all areas of fitness including strength, power, speed, and agility, said the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training. These officials at the center also believe the ACFT will measure these additional areas and significantly enhance combat readiness while reducing injury and attrition by establishing a comprehensive assessment of combat fitness.

Jensen was unsure if current Soldiers would receive any concessions for previous injuries or profiles.

“A concern I have heard throughout the force is: ‘How will the profile issue be addressed?’” Jensen said. “Many of



Photo by Spc. Jonnie Riley

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Davidson of Joint Force Headquarters practices the sprint-drag-carry event with dumbbells substituting for kettlebells.

the ‘Seasoned Soldiers’ (with deployment experience) have sustained a multitude injuries over their careers, some combat-related and some not.”

The policy for alternate events or alternate tests remains to be determined. The Army is studying alternate fitness tests for Soldiers on temporary and/or permanent profiles. The alternate tests would help determine if the Soldiers in question could heal and rehabilitate or if they would require a medical board for continued service, said the Center for Initial Military Training.

The center also noted the Army’s need for a certification and training program for all graders and Master Fitness Trainers. According to the center, MFTs are a force enabler who are trained in all the events and training requirements for the ACFT. Using the train-the-trainer method, teams from the Army Physical Fitness School will certify master instructors for the ACFT

in the near future.

Coincidentally, a Nevada Army Guard Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Julia Martinez, is the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge at the Master Fitness Trainer Course at the Warrior Training Center located at Fort Benning, Georgia.

“Although the ACFT is a well-rounded assessment for tactical athletes, we have a long way to go in properly preparing Soldiers to execute the assessment – let alone supply the Guard states with proper equipment,” Martinez said. “In the meantime, while the 60 battalions that are required to conduct the ACFT this next fiscal year conduct their tests, I recommend the Guard states send their leaders to the Master Fitness Trainer Course.

“In the MFTC, we teach students how to develop well-rounded, tactical athletes and stress the importance of proper program design to increase strength and endurance while also reducing or mitigating injuries.”

Martinez has traveled to West Virginia and Nebraska to instruct the Master Fitness Training Course and helped the National Guard in those states establish a physical fitness training program. More than 50 Soldiers graduated from those classes and are now embedded within Guard units to improve physical readiness.

Martinez said it might be time for Nevada to plan for a MFTC class.

“(If we don’t have a program in place), we have a long way to go in ensuring Nevada National Guardsmen and women are fully prepared and, more importantly, staying injury free (as they train for the ACFT),” Martinez said.



Photo by Spc. Jonnie Riley

Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Murphy, right, spots Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Davidson as he performs the leg tuck event. The event simulates the physical skills needed to climb over walls.



AP Photo Josh Edelson
The Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing drops fire retardant on a burning hillside during the Ranch Fire in Clearlake Oaks, Calif., in August.

High Rollers go all in for 2018 firefighting season

By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – Wildland firefighters rarely find themselves out of the woods.

The most destructive fire in California history, the Tubbs Fire, occurred last year outside the typical fire season in mid-October.

But, for now, a demanding fire season that charred more than 1.2 million acres of California appears to have slowed down, at least relatively, and military units supporting federal firefighters have returned home.

One element of the multi-pronged firefight, the use of military C-130 units operating the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS, ended a month-long request for service in late August.

For the first year since joining the four-unit MAFFS team in 2016, the Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing, commonly known as the "High Rollers," saw significant time over fires.

The 152nd aircrew flew 104 sorties and

dropped more than 2.4 million pounds of fire retardant. Combined, the four-unit Air Expeditionary Group — comprised of the 152nd and three other C-130 military airlift wings — flew a total of 283 sorties and dropped 7 million pounds of retardant this year. These numbers include activations in Colorado in early July.

During the August activation, MAFFS aircraft flew in and out of McClellan Air Tanker Reload Base in Sacramento, dropping retardant near fires across the state, from San Bernardino in the south to the Oregon border in the north, said Lt. Col. Michael Fugett, a 152nd Airlift Wing pilot.

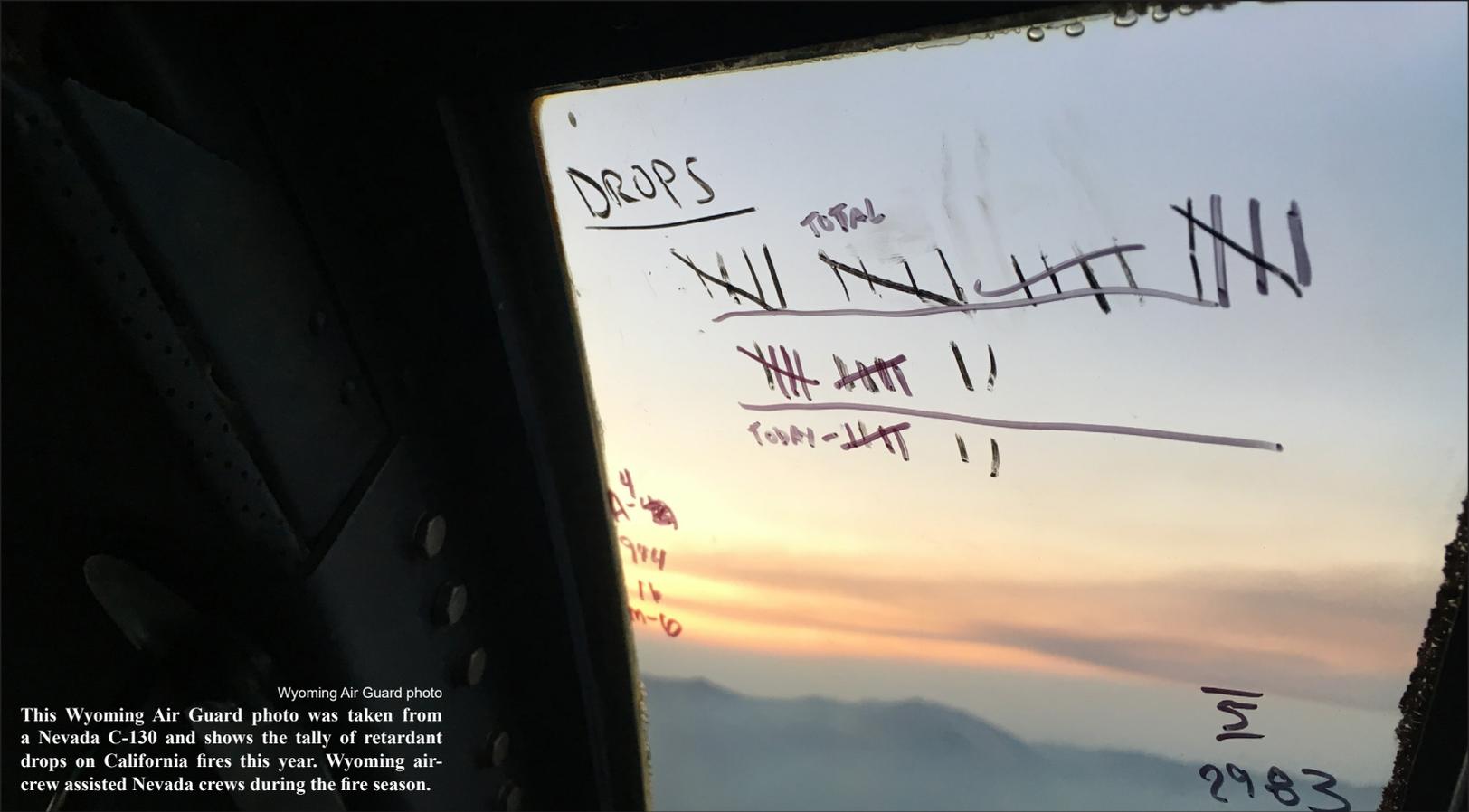
The military's role in federal, wildland firefighting focuses on assisting the contracted civilian fleet. Once the civilian fleet is stretched thin and in need of additional support, federal agencies direct military aircraft to locations in need of support — often the worst fire spots.

"Where conditions were the worst, that's where we were going," Fugett said of this year's activation.

The herculean task demanded a team effort from countless state and federal



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Plunket
As seen from the flight deck of a Nevada Air Guard C-130, a distant aircraft drops retardant on a wildfire.



Wyoming Air Guard photo

This Wyoming Air Guard photo was taken from a Nevada C-130 and shows the tally of retardant drops on California fires this year. Wyoming aircrew assisted Nevada crews during the fire season.

agencies. Mandated by federal law, aircrew work a maximum of six days straight before taking a minimum of one day off. And with the constant demand for drops, maintainers on the ground worked long hours ensuring aircraft readiness for the next request.

Members of the 152nd Airlift Wing rotated in and out throughout the month-long activation. One of the other four MAFFS units, the 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard, supported the activation with aircrew operating 152nd Airlift Wing planes.

“We couldn’t have done it without Wyoming,” Fugett said. “They supplied us with aircrew to supplement us since we are so new and we don’t have as many aircrew

trained up. They supplied aircrew for one plane the entire time. They spent the entire month helping us.”

“At our standardization during MAFFS spring training (in April), Wyoming and Nevada were able to blend crews and seamlessly operate in what is a very complex, demanding environment,” said Maj. Neil Harlow, Wyoming Air National Guard MAFFS coordinator. “Wyoming is here to continue to train and support our sister unit in Nevada to obtain goals as a fully staffed and functioning MAFFS unit.”

When the 152nd Airlift Wing was named in 2016 the newest of the four military units to support the U.S. Forest Service with MAFFS, initial predictions

anticipated it taking four years for the unit to certify a full aircrew. The certification process demanded a certain amount of time in the air over actual fires with other units and extensive training.

With assistance from Wyoming and the other MAFFS units in California and Colorado, along with the amount of hours over fires this year, the High Rollers have certified enough aircrew to fly autonomous missions anytime for federal or state requests, Fugett said.

“It’s wonderful, because now when we get called out, I don’t have to call anyone else, I have tactical control over my team,” he said. “It’s been a very productive, busy and successful fire season.”



Photo by Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum

Two Nevada Air Guard C-130s designated MAFFS No. 8 and No. 9 stand ready to respond on the Coast Guard ramp at McClellan Air Tanker Refueling Base in Sacramento, California, in August.

National Guard, civilian agencies ally to quench California wildfires

By Spc. Jorge Garcia
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CHICO, California —With dense smoke obscuring the sky and white ash descending in the central valley here north of Scaramento, the Nevada Army Guard teamed with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the Nevada Division of Forestry and the California Army Guard to extinguish the relentless series of wildfires that plagued the Golden State in August.

At one of the wildfires that garnered national attention – the huge Mendocino Complex Fires – the Nevada Guard was on the frontline of the blaze that proved to be the largest wildfire in California history. CAL FIRE requested Nevada Guard aviation support after CAL FIRE exceeded its own aerial firefighting capabilities and private aviation companies became overwhelmed along the containment lines that stretched hundreds of miles.

“Without the National Guard assets, we would be way behind on what we would need to support the fire,” said Byron Vance, the CAL FIRE incident manager for Team 2 in Chico. “It’s a huge asset to have the Nevada Guard here because of the huge capabilities of the resources they provide.”

A Nevada Army National Guard’s

1/189th Aviation CH-47 Chinook helicopter is capable of dropping 2,000 gallons of water in one drop; a 2/238th MEDEVAC Black Hawk is capable of dropping 660 gallons per drop and – when conditions are right – can make a drop every four minutes.

Vance said the strategy used to fight a wildfire varies on the size of the fire, the terrain underfoot, weather conditions and the natural fuels present in a particular region. With a fire of the magnitude of the Mendocino Complex Fire, military assets were required, mainly due to the fact that CAL FIRE was stretched thin across the state battling dozens of fires simultaneously.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Daniel Walters, a pilot with the 991st Aviation Troop Command, said flight crews felt a sense of determination as they prepared to battle the wildfires.

Capt. Brian Soule, the executive officer of 2/238th, said a domestic firefighting mission can be even more challenging than a foreign sortie in an enemy country.

“Firefighting is more dangerous than flying in a combat zone and these aviation Soldiers voluntarily leave their families and jobs to help out,” he said.

By August 18, all of the Army Guard Soldiers and equipment in California had safely returned to Nevada. Final statistics revealed that the Army Guard CH-47 with

call sign Mustang 78 had made 162 bucket drops totaling 363,977 gallons of water and the UH-60 Black Hawk with the call sign Wolfpack 46 had delivered 527 water bucket drops totaling 396,500 gallons of water,



Photo by Spc. Malachi Mansfield
Soldiers prepare a bucket for firefighting operations on a UH-60 Black Hawk fighting wildfires at Mendocino Complex Fire in August at Elk Creek, Calif.



Photo by Spc. Malachi Mansfield
Spc. Joenetta Benjamin, a fueler with the California Guard’s 646th Aviation Support Battalion refuels a UH-60 Black Hawk fighting wildfires at the Mendocino Complex Fires in August at Elk Creek, Calif.



Photos by Spc. Jorge Garcia

LEFT: A CH-47 Chinook with the Nevada Army National Guard's 1/189th Aviation prepares to land at the Elk Creek Heliport. **CENTER:** A UH-60 Blackhawk from the California National Guard returns to the heliport after battling the Mendocino Complex fires. **TOP:** A Nevada Guard Soldier performs maintenance on a UH-60 main rotor in August at Elk Creek, California.

Ground crews vital in aerial battle on wildfire frontline

By Spc. Malachi Mansfield
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CHICO, California – Extinguishing the flames of the largest complex wild fire in California history – the Mendocino Complex fires – proved to be a Herculean task for a host of emergency responders in August, including unsung Nevada Guard utilities and maintenance crews. The Mendocino Complex fires included the Ranch Fire and River Fire which combined to char hundreds of thousands of acres in Mendocino, Glenn and Lake Counties.

One vital but underappreciated section supporting aviation assets at the enormous blaze were the fuel specialists from the Nevada Army Guard's G Company, 2/238th General Support Aviation Battalion. They were responsible for fueling the Black Hawk from their own unit as well as the Chinook from 1/189th Aviation.

Before the fire was finally suppressed, the Black Hawk dropped 427 buckets of water totaling 310,925 gallons during 80 hours of flight time. The Chinook completed 136 drops and delivered 274,000 gallons upon the fire in 45.2 hours of flight time.

Many Soldiers worked overtime to get the proper equipment in order for the battle against the relentless wildfire.

"I got a call at 7 p.m. at night with a request to come out with a fuel truck the next morning. We began work at 4:30 a.m. to get the truck ready," said Sgt. David Jensen, a 2/238th fueler.

Jensen said the additional truck added to the fleet at the Elk Creek heliport cut down on driving time and provided the helicopters with more fuel to fight the fire for more hours per day.

"(The battle) wouldn't be possible without everyone's cooperation," Jensen said.

Helping its eastern neighbors, the California Guard provided the Nevada units a 5,000-gallon tanker that allowed for quick refueling and reduced the Nevadans need to travel back to their home base in Stead, Nevada.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Leist, a 1/189th aviation operations sergeant, said the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) provided excellent support for all of the organizations that responded to California's call for firefighting assistance.

"CAL FIRE quickly met all of the needs we encountered or anticipated," Leist said

By early September, the River Fire was 100 percent contained and the Ranch Fire was 98 percent contained. More than 450,000 acres had burned and 157 residences were destroyed as a result of the fires.

Nevada Army Guard support by the numbers:

B Co, 1/189th GSAB (Chinook)
Flew 48.9 Hours
Dropped 162 buckets totaling
363,977 gallons of water

G Co, 2/238 GSAB (Black Hawk)
Flew 91.6 hours
Dropped 527 buckets totaling
396,500 gallons of water

Army Guard totals:
Flew 140.5 hours
Made 689 sorties
totaling 760,477 gallons



Distinctive Lakota helicopters familiar face of Army aviation in southern Nevada

Photo courtesy Sgt. Darius Steward

A Nevada Army Guard Lakota helicopter makes a morning pinnacle landing 7500 feet above sea level during the 3/140th Security and Support's annual training last summer. The Nevada Army Guard's 3/140th Security and Support, B and D companies, operate and maintain all of the state's Lakota aircraft..

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

NORTH LAS VEGAS – With its unique shape and silhouette, not even the most naïve Las Vegas tourist will ever confuse a Nevada Army Guard UH-72A Lakota for a sightseeing-junket helicopter bound for the Grand Canyon.

With all six of the Nevada Army Guard's UH-72 Lakotas – easily recognizable with their eggshell shape and glass cockpits – based in North Las Vegas, sightings of the light utility helicopters are common in Clark County skies as the Lakota crews train for medical evacuation and homeland security missions. The six Lakotas are maintained and operated by the approximately 60 Soldiers in companies B and D of the 3/140th Aviation Battalion and are housed at the Limited Army Aviation Support Facility on Cheyenne Ave. Lakotas dominate the hangar – there are no CH-47 Chinook or UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters based in Clark County.

Each of the Lakotas is worth up to about \$8 million depending on its particular configuration, according to Pentagon figures. Nevada's Lakota inventory of six aircraft, worth nearly \$50 million, is one of the largest in the western states, surpassing Oregon's total of four Lakotas and Idaho's



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

A crew from Delta Company, 3/140th Security and Support, performs a mock medical evacuation on a simulated casualty in North Las Vegas during annual training. Delta Company maintains and operates four UH-72A Lakota configured for medical evacuations from its base in North Las Vegas; each of the helicopters is worth more than \$8 million.

two.

Lakotas, renowned for their agility and responsiveness, are considered the most versatile of Army rotary aircraft, able to perform general utility tasks including search and rescue, medical evacuation, rescue hoist, disaster response and security oversight. The Lakota has also replaced the TH-67 trainer helicopter as the Army's primary training aircraft.

Like the majority of Army rotary aircraft, the Lakota moniker stems from the name of a Native American tribe (i.e., Apache, Chinook, Apache, Black Hawk, Kiowa). The name of the tribe chosen by the Army reflects confidence in the ability of the aircraft and must promote an aggressive spirit. Like other air frames, the first Lakota was accepted and blessed by a prominent chief of its associated tribe.

Joe Red Cloud, a chief of the Oglala Sioux tribe of the Lakota nation, accepted the first Lakota alongside Gen. Richard Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, in 2006.

Although a familiar sight now, Lakotas in southern Nevada remain relatively new to the valley. After the Army chose the Lakota to replace its aging OH-58 Kiowa fleet in 2006, the Nevada Guard acquired its first two Lakotas in 2011 and based them in Reno.

In 2014, the state's entire Lakota inventory was consolidated in North Las Vegas at the LAASF to reduce maintenance costs and take advantage of southern Nevada's consistently good weather for training.

"In terms of Army aviation, the Lakotas have become synonymous with southern Nevada," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephen Lee, the companies' aviation maintenance officer. "The Lakotas are ready to provide assistance and services to the state of Nevada whenever needed. Our goal is to continue our integration into the local network of law enforcement and first-responder organizations and assist on an increasing number of missions."

The fleet grew to its current total of six Lakotas in 2015, with the Nevada Army Guard actually receiving the last of the 212 Lakotas destined for the National Guard. (Since then, the Army has purchased another 200 Lakotas to increase its current fleet of Lakotas to 412, according to Jane's Defence Weekly. By 2023, the Army will

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- Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Lee

have 463 Lakotas.)

Bravo Company maintains the four Lakotas configured with homeland security equipment and D Company oversees the two Lakota configured for medical evacuations.

Equipped with thermal imaging link-download broadcasting ability, Bravo Company often provides aerial support on local and federal law enforcement

and military missions. It can also potentially augment customs and border protection personnel along the nation's border. Although occasionally tapped for counterdrug missions, those type of missions have decreased in lieu of more inter-agency support missions.

The medical evacuation-configuration Lakotas are equipped to transport two stretcher-bound casualties as well as one ambulatory casualty. Two medics are assigned to each medivac flight to provide airborne medical care.

Although it's the Army's prominent light utility helicopter, Lakotas are restricted to domestic operations and are not deployable to combat zones.

Because aviation Soldiers must be competent in their military occupation in a combat environment, all Lakota pilots and crew are initially trained on Black Hawk or Chinook airframes. Pilots and crew become qualified on the Lakota in a subsequent course that produces a Lakota Additional Skill Identifier.

That situation does not preclude eligible applicants from enlisting directly into the 3/140th Aviation Battalion, but it does mean the new Soldier will experience an extended initial entry training period of time before becoming a full-fledged, Lakota-qualified aviation Soldier.

Lee said the 3/140th is constantly seeking pilots and maintenance staff. For information on joining the 3/140th, call 775-887-7399.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
A Lakota equipped for medical evacuations flies over North Las Vegas.



NEVADA CAVALRY REMAINS ON TARGET DURING ITS LARGEST LIVE-FIRE TRAINING

Story and photos by Sgt. Walter Lowell
Joint Force Headquarters

BOISE, Idaho – The Nevada Army Guard's 1-221st Cavalry conducted its largest live fire training exercise since joining the Idaho-based 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team. More than 500 Soldiers participated in the exercise at the Orchard Combat Training Center near Idaho's capital city in last Spring.

The training event began in early May and continued through mid-June. The training highlighted the firepower of the brigade's new M1A1 AIM-SA Abrams Main Battle Tanks, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, 120mm mortars and crew-served

weapons.

The training also included platoon lanes. Platoon lanes occur when four vehicles – M1s or M2A3s – navigate as a team through a series of fighting positions while engaging a simulated enemy force of moving and stationary targets.

Before joining the brigade, the 1-221st, based in Las Vegas, was an Armored Reconnaissance Squadron outfitted only with older models of the Bradley Fighting Vehicles from 2007-2016.

Prior to 2007, the unit was classified as an Armored Cavalry Squadron equipped with M1 Abrams tanks.

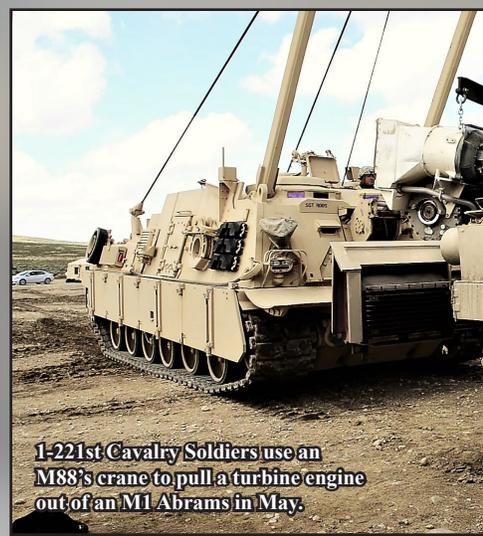
Today, the squadron includes one tank company, three recon Bradley troops

(company-sized unit), a headquarters troop and a 120 mm mortar platoon.

The 1-221st went to OCTC last summer to complete its unit certification and introduce itself to the 116th CBCT team, giving its Soldiers an initial glimpse of the capabilities of the Nevada Army Guard renowned Las Vegas-based combat arms unit.

The 145th Brigade Support Battalion, Delta Company, formerly the 777th Forward Support Company, is also participating in the exercise to provide vehicle recovery and maintenance, ammunition services, medical support, fuelers, and cooks to provide two hot meals a day for the troopers.

A 1-221st Cavalry M3A2 fires its M242 Bushmaster 25mm chain-driven autocannon at practice targets during training in May.



1-221st Cavalry Soldiers use an M88's crane to pull a turbine engine out of an M1 Abrams in May.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
A 1-221st Cavalry M1 Abrams
Main Battle Tank fires a tracer
round during its live fire training
event in May.

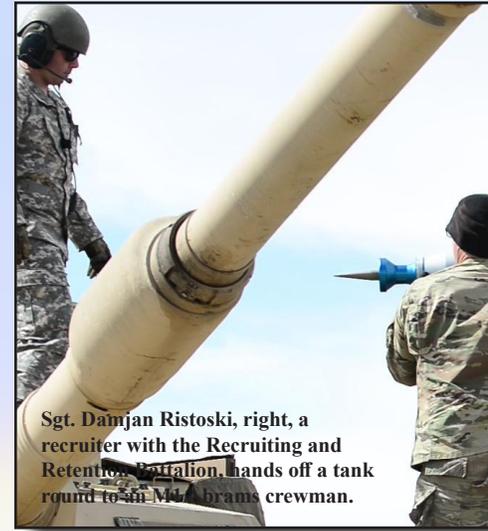


From left to right, Staff Sgt. Johnathan Marquez,
Spc. Lawrence Easley and Pfc. Tyler Kazarian,
members of a Bradley fire support team, take
a break from training in Idaho in May.



Sgt. Timothy Evans, a forward observer, peers
from the hatch of an M2A3 Bradley fighting
vehicle in May while training in Idaho.

An M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank fires its M256A1 120mm smoothbore gun at practice targets at Orchard Combat Training Center.



Sgt. Damjan Ristoski, right, a recruiter with the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, hands off a tank round to an M1 Abrams crewman.

1-221st Cavalry medics are ready to respond during training in May.



A 1-221st M3A2 fires its M242 Bushmaster 25mm chain-driven autocannon at practice targets in May in Idaho.

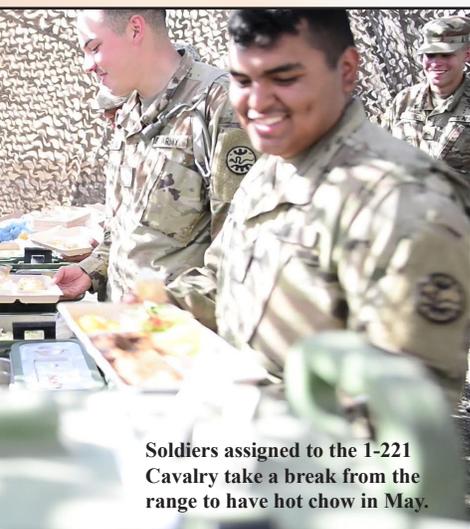




An 1-221st armor crewman looks through the gun site of an M1 Abrams in May.



An M113 with the 1-221 Cavalry fires an M120 120mm mortar during a live fire exercise in May.



Soldiers assigned to the 1-221 Cavalry take a break from the range to have hot chow in May.



A 1-221st Cavalry M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank fires its M256A1 120mm smoothbore gun at practice targets in May.

Nevada Guard celebrates diversity, inclusion during annual fete

By Spc. Jorge Garcia
106th Public Affairs Detachment

CARSON CITY — The aroma of exotic foods and the colorful sights of clothing from around the globe filled the Office of the Adjutant General here during the Nevada National Guard's sixth annual Diversity Day Celebration in August. More than 200 people attended the event to share cultural information and traditions and underscore the Guard's ongoing commitment to promote diversity and inclusion.

"Diversity Day provides an opportunity for all of our Soldiers and Airmen to come together and celebrate cultures," said Alicia Nyland, the Nevada Guard's equal employment manager. "Instead of celebrating one culture per month, we combine the celebration of all

the world's cultures into one annual event to give everyone a broad perspective on global diversity and culture."

Diversity Day featured performances from Kimo Pokaka'a and Kuhio Yim band, Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band and the Halau Hula O'Leilani dancers. There were 18 booths representing cultures from around the world, including a dozen featuring food samples.

After a vote among attendees, the Taiwan display received the award for "Best Booth." The Taiwan delegation won voters with its beef and broccoli, chicken asparagus, orange beef, cheese won tons and steamed rice dishes. The Tonga booth was runner up and the El Salvador booth finished third.

The event this year coincided with a visit from military officials from the Republic of Fiji, the Kingdom of Tonga

and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Jack Moceica, the deputy secretary of the ministry of defense from Fiji, gave a benediction before the event started.

"When you're talking about the topic of diversity and the history of Nevada, you're speaking about one of the most diverse states in America," said 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus, the Nevada Guard's historian. "It's been one of the most diverse states since it joined the Union in 1864.

"The state's early population primarily consisted of miners who traveled to the Comstock with the hope of striking it rich. The vast majority of the miners were immigrants. Today, we continue to boast one of the most diverse populations in the nation."

*Make plans now to attend
Diversity Day 2019!*

Photo by Spc. Jorge Garcia

A youngster proudly displays the flags of Fiji and the Kingdom of Tonga. The Tonga booth won second place in the booth competition.



Photo by Spc. Malachi Mansfield
The Taiwan delegation captured the impressive first-place trophy at the Nevada Guard's Diversity Day event.



Photo by Spc. Jorge Garcia
Vanessa Hollenback performs a Hawaiian dance.

Photo by Spc. Malachi Mansfield
Visitors flood the the drill hall floor at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City during the Diversity Day event.

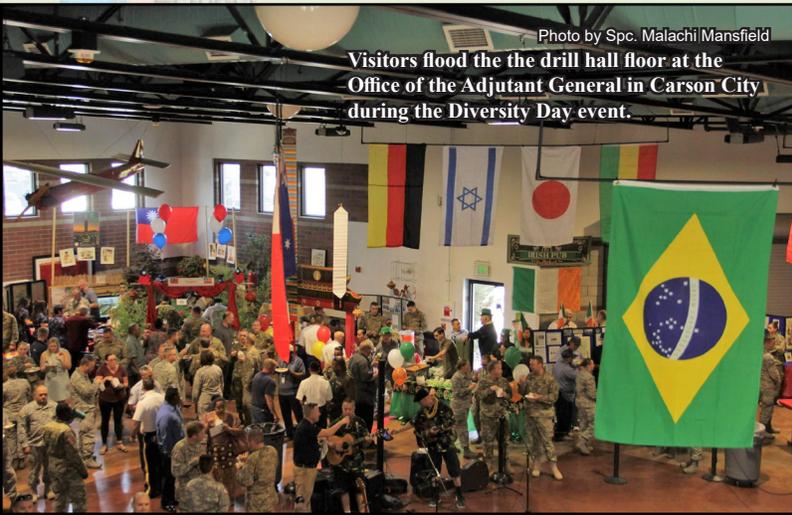


Photo by Spc. Malachi Mansfield
The Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band entertains guests with the sound of Scottish bagpipes and drums.



Photo by Spc. Jorge Garcia
A guitar player shares Hawaiian music with the crowd during Diversity Day 2018



Photo by Spc. Jorge Garcia
Trina Hinen, left, and Ashley Staggs take a photo in front of the first-place Taiwan display that included a Koi pond.

Work for Warriors recognized for support of Nevada's Veterans



From left to right: retired Command Sgt. Maj. Juan Rangel, Miguel Corzo, Mark McAllister, Toni Giddens, Luis Alvarez, and Bruno Moya, take time out for a photo after Work For Warriors received the State Veterans Supporter of the Month award on August 24 in the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas. Rangel nominated Work For Warriors for the award and Giddens, the program manager for Work For Warriors, accepted it on behalf of the organization.

Photo by Walter H. Lowell

By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Joint Force Headquarters

LAS VEGAS – Hard work does not go unnoticed.

After helping more than 1,000 job seekers attain meaningful employment since its inception in 2014, the Work for Warriors Nevada organization received the state of Nevada's "Veterans Supporter of the Month" award August 24 during a ceremony at here at the Grant Sawyer Building.

The monthly award is given to organizations that provide extraordinary support and assistance to Nevada's Veterans. Eligible organizations include non-profits, Veterans Administration groups, National Guard programs, and businesses that contribute to the quality of life for Veterans.

Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske spoke about the organization and presented the award.

Toni Giddens, the program manager of Work For Warriors Nevada, accepted the award along with several members of her staff.

Giddens said a Nevada Department of Veteran Services committee meets and reviews nominated candidates quarterly. The committee then recommends one organization to be recognized each month and sends the recommendations to the

Work For Warriors Achievements

Since October 2014 W4W support includes:

- 4,830 Resumes processed
- 65 Job fairs
- 35 Resource fairs
- 42 Workshops
- Salary ranges of those supported and placed into employment ranges from \$25,000 to \$135,000

governor for confirmation.

According to its mission statement, Work For Warriors is a free, federally-funded employment program open to all National Guardsmen, reservists, and their immediate family members as well as Gold Star families and Veterans in need.

"We assist candidates through the entire employment process, from start to finish," Giddens said. "For job seekers, we assess a candidate's skills and provide him or her with any needed resources and assistance before connecting them with our partner employers. Our goal is to provide guidance for our clients and allow us to assist them in attaining the position that best fits their skills and talents."

Cegavske said Work For Warriors plays a crucial role in the transition from military service to civilian employment.

"You can go into a job interview and fill in a form that says 'I'm home from the service,' but not everyone is willing or able to hire you immediately," Cegavske said. "It's good to have an organization like Work for Warriors available with ongoing assistance is able to help Veterans and military personnel transition to civilian employment."

Kat Miller, the director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, said she was glad Work for Warriors and other groups that specifically help Veterans are receiving some due credit.

"They are not looking for recognition, but we would like to shine a light on the great work they are doing because it lets other groups and organizations know how they might offer their services to Veterans," Miller said.

Cegavske urged all Veteran programs to let the NDVS know about their capabilities at (775) 688-1653 to better inform Veterans about the resources available throughout the state.

To nominate an organization for the Veterans Supporter of the Month award, visit: <https://www.veterans.nv.gov/>

For assistance from Work for Warriors Nevada, visit:

<https://www.workforwarriorsnv.org/>

High Rollers help out with the 33rd annual Canada Goose Round-Up

By Sr. Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO -- Airmen in the 152nd Airlift Wing teamed up with the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the 33rd annual Canada Goose Round-Up in June. The agencies teamed to relocate 396 Canada geese from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport area to a safe, remote location at Carson Lake in Churchill County.

Many geese don't migrate from northern Nevada and enjoy the area's ample food and water sources year round. This situation can lead to bird strikes with aircraft operating in the Reno-Tahoe region, including the 152nd Airlift Wing's C-130s.

"The Goose Round-Up event the USDA sponsors helps mitigate the potential for commercial, civil and military aircraft striking birds in the Reno Tahoe International Airport area," said Maj. Tom Dorsett, the chief of safety for the 152nd Airlift Wing. "The Bird Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard is the Air Force program that aims to preserve war fighting capabilities through the reduction of wildlife hazards to aircraft operations. Our relationship and coordination with the local Reno USDA office to foster a safe environment for flying operations is extremely important."

Dorsett added: "The birds, once safely rounded up and relocated, have a low percentage of returning to the local area. That greatly reduces the numbers that are repopulating locally, eventually leading to a potential hazard to our daily flying operations."

In early summer, geese are flightless due to molting. This makes for an ideal time to gather the birds. They are herded into "drive" traps, leg banded, loaded into a trailer and relocated.

The group of Air Guard volunteers started at 5:30 a.m. on each day of the four-day Round-Up. The first geese were captured at Virginia Lake and subsequent locations included the ponds near NV Energy, Fisherman's Park on the Truckee River, the Sparks Marina and Edgewood in Tahoe.

The 152nd Airlift Wing Safety Office coordinated the volunteer effort.

Senior Master Sgt. Angela Ash, the human resource advisor for the 152nd, brought her grandson, Cory, along for the Round-Up at the Sparks Marina.

"Anything that I can share with my grandson is important to me. I want him to understand the different aspects of service and my part in the service to our state and country," Ash said. "Being a member of the Nevada Air Guard has given me opportunities to share with my family very unique situations that regular citizens don't get to experience. This opportunity has given my grandson



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber;
The 152nd Airlift Wing's Chief of Safety, Maj. Tom Dorsett, helps out at the 33rd Annual Canada Goose Round-Up in June. The 152nd Airlift Wing worked closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Nevada Department of Wildlife to move geese from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport area to a remote location at Carson Lake, Nevada.

a special memory of me and the team I support in the Air Guard."

Although amusing at times, Ash said her participation in the Round-Up was satisfying because of its practicality.

"I really didn't know about our unit's involvement in this program," Ash said. "I think it's great the safety office offers this opportunity for us to help do something that directly affects our mission."

"It's great to support anything that helps with the safety of the men and women of our flying squadron. I believe the safety of our Airmen and our planes is paramount. Helping the neighboring airport is an added bonus. It was a nice way to give back to the unit and the community. I wish more folks got involved with their children. It is definitely different than just looking at the planes because it involves the safety of Airmen and aircraft."

Ash said early exposure to the Air Guard would likely make the military an attractive option to her grandson in the future. If not the military, then a wildlife job at the least.

"Cory was excited when I asked him about helping gather the geese," Ash said. "After the first morning, he asked if we could do it again. He had no problem getting up in the early hours of the morning. He also asked me about how he would get a job later working with the Nevada Department of Wildlife."

One of the captured geese had 50-feet of fishing line wrapped around its foot, which officials were able to safely remove, likely saving its life. A domestic rabbit was also found during the Round-Up that shepherded to the Washoe County Animal Services shelter.

For information on participating in the 2019 Round-Up, call the 152nd Airlift Wing Safety Office at 775-788-9448.

Historian's Notebook

Reno Veterans Day parade honors local WWI hero



By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus
Nevada Guard State Historian

Darrell Melville Dunkle left deep roots in Reno when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917.

He left his undergraduate program and position on the University of Nevada football team. He left his parents. And he left his wife, Edith Duarte, whom he married Dec. 19, 1917 — five months before he entered the trenches in France during World War I.

Dunkle, born and raised in the Biggest Little City, did not return; his life cut short at 21. He was one of more than 116,000 Americans killed in what is commonly referred to as the “Great War.”

A century after his death on July 18, 1918, Dunkle, beloved by those he knew in Reno as well as those he served with in France, remains one of the most honored Nevadans killed in World War I, with the Darrell Dunkle Post 1 of the American Legion, 877 Ralston Street in Reno, named in his honor.

On Nov. 11, the city of Reno's annual Veterans Day Parade will recognize the centennial of World War I, and Dunkle will be honored with a riderless horse leading the parade. Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada Air National Guard commander, is set to serve as the parade's grand marshal and the 152nd Airlift Wing, of Reno, is set to provide a C-130 flyover at 11:11 a.m. to start the parade.

“Time and again, Nevadans defended freedom when asked. From the Civil War, to protecting us in cyberspace, our veterans are the standard for honor and patriotism. Darrell Dunkle defines those virtues and is an example for us all,” Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve said.

The parade begins at the Virginia Street Bridge and travels north, toward the university Dunkle played football, studied and enjoyed fraternity life.

Dunkle enlisted on April 18, 1917, two weeks after the U.S. declared war on Germany. He swore in as a private at

Fort McDowell, Calif., and served in Company A, 4th Engineers, 4th Division.

First assigned to the British front, the 4th Division moved near the Meaux and Chateau-Thierry, initially as a reserve force. They quickly saw action.

On July 18, 1918, allied forces executed a counter-offensive against the Germans. The 4th Division was in position south of the Ourcq River with two French corps.

The allies near the Ourcq River faced “exceptionally heavy shell fire,” wrote Capt. C. E. Chase, Dunkle's commanding officer.

In a letter to Dunkle's father, D.W. Dunkle, who served as the Washoe County treasurer, Chase wrote, “Corporal Coleman was hit in the leg by a piece of shrapnel and your son, who was near him, stopped to bandage and assist him. While doing this a shell burst very close, killing them both instantly. They were inseparable friends, slept together and chummed together.”

Before the explosion, Chase noted Dunkle saved the life of a U.S. Army lieutenant before moving to bandage the corporal.

Chase added: “Your son was courageous and a soldier of the finest type, and his devotion to duty at all times was marked, his congenial spirit and good nature was a constant good example to the other men of the company, all of whom were his friends. I assure you that he was a credit to the service and a great loss to his

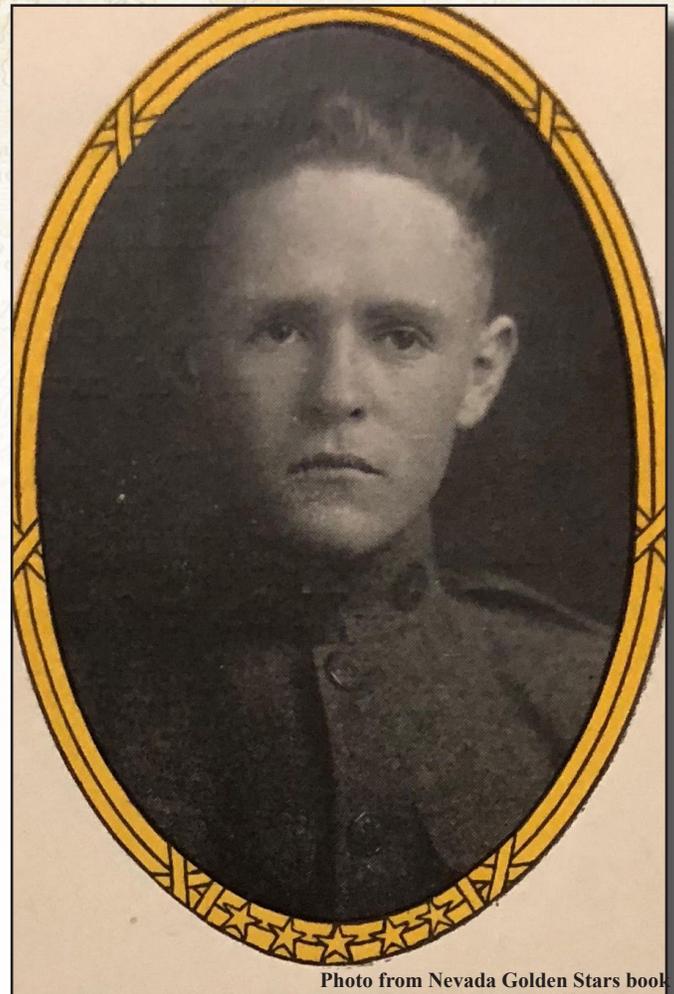


Photo from Nevada Golden Stars book

Country.”

Within two years after his death, American Legion Post 1 in Reno, was named after Dunkle. Today, his name can be read on a blue sign over the entrance to the brick American Legion post.

Shortly after the war, the state of Nevada published its “Golden Stars” book to remember Nevadans killed during the war. Dunkle's two-page write-up ends with a passage from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

“O, not in cruelty, not in wrath, the reaper came that day; 'Twas an angel visited the green earth and took the flowers away.”

A Nevada Air Guard C-130 flyover is set for 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11 above Reno.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Lily Hansen, 22, runs ahead of her grandfather, retired Army Guard Maj. Ken Curtzwiler, during the Sixth annual Memorial Run/Walk in Carson City in early September.

7 YEARS AFTER TRAGEDY, MEMORIAL RUN SERVES TO UNITE FAMILY

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY -- Seven years after it was the backdrop for a horrific crime, an infamous site in Carson City became the location of a poignant family unification Thursday before the start of the annual Memorial Run/Walk to commemorate the three fallen Soldiers killed in a shooting incident here Sept. 6, 2011.

In the same IHOP restaurant parking lot where Eduardo Sencion began his shooting spree that resulted in the deaths of three Nevada Guardsmen and one civilian, Lily Hansen, the daughter of victim Sgt. 1st Class Miranda McElhiney, formally met her grandfather, retired Maj. Ken Curtzwiler, for the first time. The two had met briefly at McElhiney's memorial service in 2011, but Hansen did not realize Curtzwiler was her grandfather at the time.

This year's event marked the first time Hansen, 22, a medical student at Washington University in Missouri, was able to attend the Memorial Run/Walk that follows the 3-mile route McElhiney, Lt. Col. Heath Kelly and Master Sgt. Christian Riege would have taken back to the Office of the Adjutant General on Fairview Drive had they survived Sencion's rampage. Florence Donovan-Gunderson of South Lake Tahoe was also killed.

Hansen said she had wanted to participate in the event for years, but she was a varsity athlete at the University of Wisconsin and couldn't risk an injury in a non-collegiate event. Hansen was the coxswain of the Badgers' varsity eight in women's rowing.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
At the site where her mother, Sgt. 1st Class Miranda McElhiney, was killed in a 2011 random shooting incident, Lily Hansen, 22, takes time out for a photo with her grandfather, retired Army Guard Maj. Ken Curtzwiler

On May 13, Hansen coxed the Badgers fourth place in the Big 10 Championships. In 2014, she was the coxswain of the U.S. Junior National Team that competed in Hamburg, Germany.

"It's exciting to meet new family," said Hansen, who grew up in San Anselmo, California, and graduated from San Dominico High. "I didn't really know my grandfather. I'd only met him casually."

Although mother-daughter, Hansen said she had a "cousin"-like relationship with McElhiney. Hansen was openly adopted by Mary Ellen and Rupert Hansen but maintained a relationship with her birth mother, McElhiney.

"We would exchange letters and texts, but it wasn't like we would talk every day," Hansen said.

Coincidentally, Sept. 6, 2011 was also the first day Hansen ever attended a women's rowing practice.

Curtzwiler, 61, was elated his granddaughter was able to finally participate in the event.

"The event marks a horrible day but good things can come from it," Curtzwiler said.

The South Lake Tahoe, California, is running for the city's District 5 Supervisor race that will be decided in November. He said he aims to host his granddaughter on a trip to Tahoe in the near future.

Curtzwiler, retired from the Guard since 2008, gained notoriety in the Nevada Guard when he passed air assault school at the age of 37 and then the Marine Corps Winter Warfare Course when he was 44.

Escorted by a Carson City Sheriff's motorcycle patrol, about 50 people ran and walked the course from the IHOP to the Office of the Adjutant General this year. Not surprisingly, Hansen outpaced all of the women in the field and Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan, the assistant adjutant general for the Army Guard, was among the first male finishers. Also near the front of the pack were 1st Lt. Micah Gill and 2nd Lt. Phil Fred.

The untimed 3-mile run to commemorate the victims of the IHOP shooting is the brainchild of Maj. Laura Boldry. She has organized and participated in the event since its inception in 2012.

"I felt it would be a way to bring their spirits back to the Office of the Adjutant General and home, because they didn't make it back that day," Boldry said.

Vegas Soldier among National Guard's elite runners

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

LINCOLN, Neb. – Nevada Army Guard Capt. Liberty Reyes earned a spot on the National Guard's elite All-Guard running team Sunday by finishing sixth in the women's division in the Lincoln/National Guard Marathon (26.2 miles) Trials. Her time of 3 hours, 45 minutes and 12 seconds also gave her second place in the women's 35-39 age division.

The top-15 National Guard women were named to the All-Guard team. Reyes, 38, of the Las Vegas-based 17th Sustainment Brigade, is the first Nevada Guard runner to make the All-guard team since Spc. Bill Raitter of the Medical Detachment took 12th in the men's race in 2008.

Reyes said she was pleased with her performance considering the Midwest was experiencing a heat wave over the weekend. Her time was only one minute slower than her personal record of 3:44 recorded in 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"I am absolutely ecstatic about making the All-Guard team, especially given the increasing temperatures during the race and the overall quality of the runners who are competing for spots on the team," Reyes said.

By earning a position on the All-Guard team, it's likely Reyes will be invited to represent the National Guard in several highly-visible marathon events during the next year, including the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. and the Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Reyes improved dramatically from her 16th place finish in 2017, when it took her more than 4 hours to cover this course. This year, she estimated she could run the race in 3:40 and she nearly did, averaging about 8 minutes, 35 seconds per mile over the course that traversed Nebraska's capital city.

Overall, Reyes was the 37th women in the field of nearly 1,000 Guardsmen and civilian marathon runners.

Capt. Kimberly Quinn of the Florida National Guard won the National Guard women's race in 3:11:29; Capt. Kenny Rayner of the District of Columbia



Photo courtesy Calico Racing
Capt. Liberty Reyes of the 17th Sustainment Brigade captures the women's title in the Full Moon Half Marathon in Rachel, Nevada, in August after running 13.1 miles in 1 hour, 51 minutes. Earlier in the season, Reyes was the sixth National Guard female runner at the Lincoln (Nebraska) Marathon, earning her a spot on the All-Guard Marathon Team.

National Guard was first in the men's race in 2:38:55.

National Guardsmen participating in the National Guard trials are placed on orders and receive compensation for attending the event, which usually coincides with a sports-focused Recruiting and Retention conference. Potential participants must meet certain qualifying standards in certified civilian marathons. The entry fee to the Lincoln Marathon is waived; entry fees to qualifying marathons are not reimbursed.

For information on qualifying for the 2019 Lincoln Marathon, call 775-887-7250.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Flanked by Nebraska Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac, right, and Nebraska State Command Sgt. Maj. Marty Baker, Capt. Liberty Reyes of the 17th Sustainment Brigade receives her award for placing sixth among National Guard women's division runners in the Lincoln (Nebraska) Marathon in May.

Photo by Spc. Jorge Garcia

Sgt. William Marsh of the 106th Public Affairs Detachment shows a Salvadoran girl how to use his camera in July.



Army philanthropy on display during El Salvador humanitarian mission

ZACATECOLUCA, El Salvador – The warfighting element of the U.S. military is well known, especially the Army’s ability to surround and destroy the enemy.

Often overlooked, however, is the U.S. military’s incredible capacity to build nations and help other countries through humanitarian exercises.

Throughout the summer, I was able to experience this other side of the Army while participating in the humanitarian exercise “Beyond the Horizon” while serving with the 106th Public Affairs Detachment.

Beyond the Horizon included 800 service members from the Army (active duty and Guardsmen), the Air Force, the Marine Corps as well as civilian medical professionals.

All of the participants composed Combined Joint Task Force Hope and rotated in and out of El Salvador from May to July.

For 90 days, everyone worked with El Salvadorian government agencies, the Salvadoran Army, and U.S. philanthropists to build four schoolhouses and one medical clinic. The Americans also hosted four medical clinics to give free medical care to the local population.

The 106th Soldiers were not there to lay brick or provide medical care. The unit was there to document the exercise and show the world the amazing things the U.S. military is doing for its Central American allies.

Preparing for the international mission proved just as difficult as its execution for our tiny unit. Capt. Valerie Hollenback, the



Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
106th Public Affairs Det.

commander, and four other 106th Soldiers were stretched thin as we took turns working in El Salvador. Only two of the unit’s Soldiers could be in the country at any given time. The other 106th Soldiers who participated with me were: Spc. Jorge Garcia, Sgt. William Marsh and Sgt. Zandra Duran.

In my opinion, our mission was an amazing success. The unit’s Soldiers produced and shared 14 print articles, 83 videos and 880 photos while expanding a Facebook page from less than 1,000 followers to more than 3,000. During the last month of the exercise, the Facebook page reported that more than 80,000 people were reached in Central America and in the U.S.

The consensus was that we enjoyed our time in El Salvador, especially the interaction with the locals. We were based in the La Paz district near the city of Zacatecoluca.

The residents did not have many valuable worldly possessions, but they did have an abundance of genuine friendliness.

On deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, I learned to recognize the eyes of a

hateful person. I saw no hatred while in El Salvador. There were no fake smiles, just gratitude. The locals knew we were there to help and they replied with kindness.

The nature of our jobs allowed us to explore the district past the primary construction sites. We enjoyed meeting the government officials who were set to maintain the schools and clinic after we left and the non-government groups that donated furniture, books and supplies to support the projects.

It was fascinating to watch the progress on the schools as they were constructed. Our unit took time-lapse video of the construction of one school to show the entire process from the groundbreaking to the ribbon cutting in just a few minutes.

Most importantly for the Nevada Army Guard, Beyond the Horizon gave five of the state’s public affairs Soldiers a great real-world learning experience to prepare them for the documentation of future missions, regardless whether a humanitarian or combat operation.

For three months, the Soldiers wrote and recorded images on a full-time basis for an international audience and were not constrained by the limited time of a drill weekend.

Personally, I look forward to participating in future humanitarian missions. I enjoy traveling, meeting new people, and photographing Soldiers at their best.

The public affairs detachment, headquartered in Carson City, currently has three vacancies.

For information on joining the unit, call (775) 887-7267.

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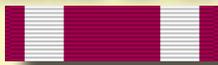
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Legion of Merit



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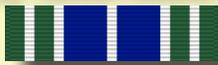
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Air Force Commendation Medal



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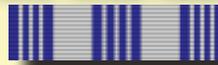
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PV1 Jayah Huene 100th Quartermaster Co
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| PV1 Clayton Brandt | 422nd ESB | PV1 Deangelo Mortel | 777th Eng Det | PV2 Carlee Hernandez | Med Det |
| PV1 Janise Mack | 422nd ESB | SPC George Shandrow IV | 777th Eng Det | SGT Brennan Mcnamara | Med Det |
| PV1 Julian Senda | 422nd ESB | PFC Savannah Ganieany | 1-221st Cav A Troop | PV1 Rameen Feda | Med Det |
| 2LT Francisca Vega | 422nd ESB | PV1 Eric Contreras | 1-221st Cav A Troop | SGT Paul Duncan JR | Recruiting & Retention |
| SPC Jeremy Pereyra | 422nd ESB | PFC Kenroy Moreira | 1-221st Cav A Troop | SGT Jacob Mccreary | Recruit Sust Program |
| PV2 Lizette Gamiochipe | 422nd ESB | SPC Maxwell Jones | 1-221st Cav A Troop | SGT Dalton Acosta | Recruit Sust Program |
| PV1 Miguel Ballocanag | 422nd ESB | PV1 Eduardo Garcia | 1-221st Cav A Troop | SGT Sean Dinnell | Recruit Sust Program |
| PV1 Jayden Woodard | 422nd ESB | PV2 Charles Chung | 1-221st Cav A Troop | A1C John Fischbeck | 152 Student Flight |
| PFC Jaemin Lee | 422nd ESB | SPC Daniel Sheahan | 1-221st Cav A Troop | | |
| PV1 Adam Dittberner | 422nd ESB | PV1 David Whitney JR | 1-221st Cav A Troop | | |
| PV1 Conor Pugh | 422nd ESB | PV1 Zachary Hernandez | 1-221st Cav A Troop | | |
| PV2 Joshua Sorenson | 422nd ESB | PV1 Raymundo Chavezcarrera | 1-221st Cav A Troop | | |
| PV2 Daniel Gil | 422nd ESB | PV1 Ousa Meas | 1-221st Cav A Troop | | |
| PV2 Ryan Mitchell | 422nd ESB | PV2 Adam Gutierreztellez | 1-221st Cav B Troop | | |
| PV1 Jordan Allard | 422nd ESB | SSG Alejandro Alvarez | 1-221st Cav B Troop | | |
| PFC Sarah Martindale | 422nd ESB | PV1 Jarrett Nilsen | 1-221st Cav B Troop | | |
| SPC Mason Low | 422nd ESB | PV1 Brian Olguin | 1-221st Cav B Troop | | |
| PFC Hannah Cardwell | 422nd ESB | PFC Marty Sempliciano | 1-221st Cav B Troop | | |
| PV1 Samantha Short | 422nd ESB | PV1 Kevin Stone | 1-221st Cav B Troop | | |
| PV2 Alejandro Rea | 422nd ESB | PV1 Edgar Fregoso | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| 2LT Brian Grevenkamp | 422nd ESB | PV1 Dilan Jimenezmiranda | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| 2LT Nick Lighthouse | 422nd ESB | PV1 Lajuan Covington JR | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV2 Addison Sorca | 422nd ESB | PV1 Winstonadam Chu | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV1 Jansen Bell | 422nd ESB | PV1 Reshawn Jackson | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV2 Ngoc Nguyen | 422nd ESB | PV1 Erlen Lazaro | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV1 Reid Hallam | 422nd ESB | PV2 Dakotah Macdonald | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV2 Maddilyn Hill | 422nd ESB | PFC Houston Moore | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| SPC Raymond Hall | 422nd ESB | PV1 Dillon Ortizortiz | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV2 Tyler Griffith | 422nd ESB | PV1 Anthony Sporerellana | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| 2LT Michael Orton | 422nd ESB | PV1 Nikolai Baron | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV1 Samantha Brown | 485th MP | SPC Philip Brown | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV2 Austin Hendry | 485th MP | PV1 Angel Medina | 1-221st Cav C Troop | | |
| PV2 Ryan Mora | 485th MP | PV1 Jose Castanedaosegueda | 145th Forward Support Co | | |
| PFC Lynn Lazaro | 485th MP | SGT Jalyn Todd | 145th Forward Support Co | | |
| PFC Ashle Love | 485th MP | PV1 Amador Monarrez | 145th Forward Support Co | | |
| PV2 Orion Heinze | 485th MP | PV1 Rafael Chavez | 1-221st Cav D Troop | | |
| SPC Terrance Mcvicker | 485th MP | PV1 Manuel Suaybaguio | 1-221st Cav D Troop | | |

RETIREMENTS

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| COL F.T. Castagnola | JFHQ |
| LTC Mike Kimbrell | JFHQ |
| LTC Christopher Patterson | JFHQ |
| MAJ William Mathson | 421st RTI |
| CPT Timothy Jeffers | 17th SB |
| CW3 Ian Dasmann | 2/238th Aviation Det |
| WO3 Shelley Hargraves | JFHQ |
| SGM Juan Rangel | 17th SB |
| MSG Jason Shipp | TRAINING CENTER, CAMP STEAD |
| MSG Robert Gates | JFHQ |
| SFC Allen Morris | JFHQ |
| Msgt Tristan Cornett | 152nd Maint Sqd |
| SFC Gil Reeder | JFHQ |
| SMSGt Jason Huth | 152nd Mission Sport Group |
| Msgt Christopher Jensen | 152nd Maint Sqd |
| SFC John Tome | 3665th Ordnance Co |
| SMSGt Michael Sekerak | 152nd Maint Group |
| SFC Ramos Tomas III | Recruiting & Retention |
| SFC William Donahue | 422nd ESB |
| SSG Wesley Brockmann | 1859th Trans Co |
| Tsgt Frank Zuniga | 152nd Medical Group |
| SGT Hopper Doval III | 422nd ESB |
| Ssgt Yvette Maynard | 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd |
| SGT Oscar Smith | JFHQ |

2nd Lts graduate

Staff reports

CARSON CITY -- Countless hours of expended energy and time came to fruition this past spring and summer when 14 Soldiers were awarded their gold bars and joined the Nevada Army Guard's officer corps.

The new second lieutenants who received their commission in March (listed with their branch affiliation and unit) included: 2nd Lt. Amanda Kemberling, Field Artillery, 221st Cavalry; 2nd Lt. Russell Furney, Field Artillery, 1-221st Cavalry; and 2nd Lt. Alecia 30 / **BATTLE BORN** / Autumn 2018

Chandler, Transportation Corps, 1859th Transportation Company.

Graduates who received their commission in July included: 2nd Lt. Philip Roen, Engineer Corps, 609th Engineer Company; 2nd Lt. Philip Fred, Engineer Corps, 609th Engineer Company; 2nd Lt. Matthew Hornback, Engineer Corps, 609th Engineer Company; 2nd Lt. Michael Orton, Signal Corps, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; 2nd Lt. Nick Lighthouse, Signal Corps, 422nd ESB; 2nd Lt. Sean Dinnell, Transportation Corps, 1859th Transportation Company; 2nd Lt. Thomas Green, Military Police, 72nd Military Police Company; 2nd Lt. Tevin Flores, Adjutant General Corps, Recruiting and Retention; 2nd Lt. Edward Abellana, Armor, 1-221st Cavalry; 2nd Lt. Jason Lee, Armor, 1-221st Cavalry; 2nd Lt. Wen Wei, Ordnance; 150th Maintenance Company.

CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History



Other Events and Functions

October 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------|---|----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 <small>Colombus Day</small> | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <small>U.S. Navy Birthday</small> |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 <small>1869: Sutro Tunnel under Virginia City begins construction</small> | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 <small>Nevada Day (observed)</small> | 27 <small>Nevada Day Parade</small> |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <small>Halloween 1864: Nevada becomes 36th State</small> | | | |

November 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 <small>Election Day</small> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 <small>Veterans Day</small> | 12 <small>Veterans Day (observed)</small> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 <small>Thanksgiving Day</small> | 23 | 24 |
| 25 <small>1859: Nevada's first Territorial Legislature held</small> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

December 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <small>1941: Pearl Harbor attacked</small> | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <small>1867: Central Pacific railroad first to enter Nevada</small> | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 30 | 24 31 <small>New Years Eve</small> | 25 <small>Christmas Day</small> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |



Photo by 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus

This photo shows a C-130 from the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, visible through the trees during Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS, training on April 24, 2018. The 152nd recently completed a month-long activation fighting fires around California.

Battle Born

