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ON THE COVER: Sgt. Conor Czyzniewski of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion heads toward the finish line during the 2019 Nevada State Best Warrior Competition in Hawthorne in March. Czyzniewski won the 12-mile ruck march in about 2 hours, 30 minutes and he went on to win the Non-commissioned Officer Best Warrior title.

Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

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Leadership Interview

Spaulding set to become state's Army Guard Command Sgt. Major



By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Joint Force Headquarters

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding, 46, is set to leave his Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) position as the senior enlisted advisor to the deputy commanding general of the Army Guard in Virginia this autumn and become the Nevada Army Guard's state command sergeant major after the retirement of Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki.

Spaulding will work directly for the adjutant general and provide information and insight for the TAG on all matters concerning the state's enlisted Army Soldiers.

While Spaulding was still living in Virginia, Battle Born's Sgt. Walter Lowell caught up with the state's future Army command sergeant major and asked him some pertinent questions in advance of his return to the Silver State:

Battle Born: How are you preparing for your new position?

Spaulding: Twenty years ago, I would never have thought that becoming the state command sergeant major was possible. Now that I am preparing to return to Nevada, I spend a lot of time praying.

I have been in briefings with senior Army leaders and the mention of Nevada units will come up in conversation. Every interaction with Nevada units has left an indelible, positive mark on our senior leaders.

I am often reminded just how great our state's Soldiers are and how many of their accomplishments have become legendary. I hear from Nevada Guardsmen daily, whether by email, text or phone calls.

There is a lot going on within our ranks and a lot of great ideas on how to continue to keep the Nevada Army Guard at the forefront.

Battle Born: What are your training goals for the Nevada Army Guard?

Spaulding: The only way to accomplish any collective training is to be individually ready. That means that each Soldier needs to take his or her personal readiness seriously. If a Soldier is not physically and mentally ready to train, training does not happen. Every time one Soldier is out of formation, training is degraded and fellow Soldiers miss out on the feedback.

'The only way to build collective training readiness is through individual training.'
-Command Sgt. Maj.
Michael Spaulding

The only way to build collective training readiness is through individual training. I have sat in countless meetings with general officers, command sergeants major and the sergeant major of the Army and they continually emphasize the importance of individual training.

We can't do a company convoy without licensed drivers. We can't do a platoon or squad live-fire lane without individual weapons qualification. Quite simply, if commanders concentrate on their Soldiers being at the razor's edge of individual readiness, the collective piece will all come together. However, the reverse is not true. If Soldiers are not competent at individual tasks, they will struggle to ever become moderately proficient at collective tasks.

Squad leaders are our center of gravity for training. They need to plan training. They need to understand both their company commander's mission statement

and intent, their platoon leader's mission statement and intent, and become proficient at planning and resourcing their training. The month prior to execution is not the time to ask for meals, ammo, fuel and vehicles. That request is done 150 days out and wrapped up at 90 days out. Leaders at all levels need to get after the basics; train and empower junior leaders to conduct training.

Battle Born: What is your plan to help prepare Nevada Guard Soldiers for the new Army Combat Fitness Test?

Spaulding: Hands down, the test is the most comprehensive indicator of a Soldier's capability to work in combat conditions. Every Soldier should break out FM 5-0 to understand our new fighting doctrine. There will no longer be "safe" areas such as Forward Operating Bases to work from. We will work large scale combat operations from forward assembly areas.

The ACFT give commanders at every echelon a tool to measure the overall fitness of their unit. While the measurement is in points, leaders will clearly see just how motivated their Soldiers are while taking the ACFT. Remember, physical fitness and body composition are conditions of employment. Just like in any career, there are expectations of the employee. We have it much easier than many employees though. Unlike most career fields, we work and fight as a family.

We will have trained and competent Master Fitness Trainers at every echelon who will work with leaders and Soldiers to develop functional fitness training plans. One weekend of physical fitness training a month will never allow someone to pass the current test, much less the ACFT. There is no need for a huge investment in weights, gym memberships or personal trainers. Learning proper lifting techniques and agility drills, — even ruck marching — will help every Soldier to pass the ACFT.

Nevada Guard's training Sgt. Maj.:

Combat fitness test help is on the way

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY — The Nevada Army Guard's training sergeant major emphatically states it's not yet time for Guardsmen to start losing sleep over the Army Combat Fitness Test. The combat fitness test is set to become the standard physical readiness test in all components of the Army by October 2020. By the end of next year, the six-event ACFT will completely replace the current, familiar three-event Army Physical Fitness Test first implemented in the 1980s.

"Soldiers shouldn't sweat the combat fitness test this early in the implementation phase of the test," said

Command Sgt. Maj. Shane Jensen, the state's training and operations sergeant major. "Don't get me wrong — this test will become the Army standard and Soldiers should remain physically fit and be ready for the new test.

"But help in the form of training assistance is on the way. We are ready to graduate six Master Fitness Course Soldiers who will travel throughout the state helping Soldiers prepare for the new test. And we are receiving more than \$100,000 worth of equipment to ensure Soldiers are familiar with and can practice on the new events."

According to Army officials at the Center for Initial Military Training, the new test is strategically designed to test areas of physicality that are important in combat scenarios and are not addressed in the current Army Physical Fitness Test. The Army's fitness test is an annual requirement for all traditional National Guard Soldiers

The new test increases the number of events in the fitness test from the three events in the current Physical Fitness Test to six events in the ACFT. The six events include: strength deadlift, standing power throw, hand-raised push-ups, a 250-meter sprint, drag and carry, leg tuck and finally a 2-mile run. Requisite equipment for a test includes: hexagon barbells with bumper weight plates; nylon sleds with pull straps; kettlebells; medicine balls; and climbing pods and squat stands.

Jensen said preparation for the new fitness test is among the top priorities of every sergeant major in the Nevada Army Guard.

"Every sergeant major is making sure everything associated with the ACFT is properly resourced and explained in a way that gives every Soldier the best opportunity to pass every single one of these events," Jensen said.

The new test is gender- and age-neutral, and includes three minimum

standards that are based on unit and military job specialties. Soldiers in units

that are physically demanding will have to score higher than those in less physically demanding units in order to pass the new test.

Jensen said several testing locations have been pinpointed, including at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City. He said it is a misconception that the sprint-drag-carry event must be conducted on grass and that sites with a sufficient area of asphalt or bare earth are acceptable (only wood or rubberized surfaces are not authorized for the event.)

One early sign of the upcoming transition to the ACFT is Carson City Soldiers have begun using the bike path near the OTAG for their 2-mile run APFT testing course in order to simulate and meet the ACFT's one-hour time goal for the entire test.

Jensen referenced a recent Army.mil article for answers to common questions concerning the ACFT: (Questions in bold, answers in italics.)

Are there alternate events for the ACFT that Soldiers can take, especially those on profiles?

The final policy for alternate events or alternate tests is still to be determined. The Army is studying alternate fitness tests for Soldiers on temporary and/or permanent profiles.

These tests would help determine if a Soldier could heal and rehabilitate or if they need to be medically boarded for continued service.

How will the ACFT be graded?

The grading remains to be determined, but there will be a minimum baseline standard that equates with the general physical fitness required for a Soldier to perform high-physical demand, common Soldier tasks. Grading by MOS or by unit type are questions that will be answered after the field test has gathered more data.

Field testing for the ACFT has begun and will continue until it becomes the standard Army fitness test next autumn. Between this October and October 2020, every Army unit regardless component will take two not-for-record ACFTs about six months apart.

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**Command Sgt. Maj.
Shane Jensen**



Photo by Capt. Valerie Hollenback
Spec. Tyler Davis begins the leg tuck portion of the Army Combat Fitness Test in May.

DROP ZONE



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

RENO — Nevada Army Guard Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser was the keynote speaker in May at the University of Nevada, Reno's, Wolf Pack Battalion Commissioning Ceremony. Also attending were Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, Brig. Gen. Mike Hanifan, Col. Cory Schulz and Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki. A total of 17 Soldiers received their commissions and became full-fledged second lieutenants during the course of the ceremony. The new 2nd Lts. include: Art Chianchitlert, Cassidy Crise, Alexis Davalos, Daniel Garibay, Eric Hadlock, Joseph Heck, Chris Hopper, Jarrod Iwasaki, Nicholas Justiana, Henning Kelly, Adam Khouri, Bryce Lew, Jack Loftus, Kyle Nalley, Dominic Orvis, Elijah Taylor and Jada Wilson.



Photo courtesy 2/238th Aviation

MINDEN — A Douglas County back country skier received a lifesaving lift from a Nevada Army Guard Black Hawk helicopter crew in February after being injured in an avalanche. At the request of the East Fork Fire Protection District based in Douglas County, a Nevada Army Guard UH-60 Black Hawk crew was dispatched to Jobs Peak near Minden, Nevada, late in the afternoon to carry a skier with a broken leg to safety. The Nevada Army Guard was called to assist in the rescue after Douglas County and Alpine County rescue crews could not evacuate the skier due to steep terrain and deep snow. The peak of the mountain is located in California but the skier was attempting to summit on a route that began near Carson Valley. The Nevada Army Guard Black Hawk crew overcame low visibility and turbulence to evacuate the patient safely to an awaiting ambulance. The skier was successfully extracted with the use of a compact stretcher system (SKED) and was hoisted about 130 feet into the awaiting helicopter for transport to medical care.



Courtesy Photo

CAMP ATTERBURY, Indiana — About 800 Army and Air National Guard cyber security professionals — including four Nevada Army Guard Soldiers — joined industry network owners, an Army Reserve assessment team and federal and state agencies here in April for Cyber Shield 19, a two-week training exercise for defensive cyber operations. The exercise provided defensive cyber experience for members of the National Guard's Cyber Protections Teams, Defensive Cyber Operations Elements and Cyber Mission Assurance Teams. Nevada's Defensive Cyber Operations Engineer squad was teamed with the West Virginia Army Guard and Air Guard Airmen as well as some civilian employees from the Mountain State.



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Greiner

FERNLEY — Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve staff and Airmen in the 152nd Airlift Wing of the Nevada Air Guard presented the Seven Seals Award to Fernley High teacher Jewell McCullar in May. “Today, we had an opportunity to present an ESGR award to a teacher who was dedicated to collecting items to support our Air National Guard members during the deployment cycle,” said Fred Barton, the program manager for the Airmen and Family Readiness Center with the 152nd Airlift Wing.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

SUVA, Fiji — About 40 staff members from the Nevada National Guard, National Guard Bureau and Indo-Pacific Command visited the Republic of Fiji in June as part of an analytics team for the Republic of Fiji Military Forces. Working directly with the U.S. Embassy located in the capital of Suva and INDOPACCOM headquarters in Hawaii, the team, assembled by the Nevada Guard’s State Partnership Program, provided a complete analysis of the RFMF. The mission aimed to analyze areas of potential improvement within both organizations and identify the top practices, processes, systems that could benefit all parties. The groups also planned future training opportunities that will likely occur in Nevada.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eddie Siguenza, California Army Guard

HAWTHORNE — In the midst of an early-morning rain storm, competitors in the 2019 Army National Guard Region 7 Best Warrior Competition begin the 12-mile ruck march May in Hawthorne. It was one of the final events of the three-day event. More than a dozen Soldiers and non-commissioned officers are competed for top honors and a chance to represent the region in the Army National Guard Best Warrior championships in July in Oklahoma. (For results, see Page 10)



Photo courtesy 777th Engineer Detachment

CINCU TRAINING AREA, Romania — Soldiers from the 777th Engineer Detachment based in North Las Vegas fill forms with concrete for the footer of a multi-purpose building during Operation Resolute Castle last spring. The ongoing five-month mission aims to improve the infrastructure at allied based in the Eastern European region. In addition to Nevada, many other states – including Alaska, Colorado, Kentucky, Illinois and Pennsylvania– are contributing to infrastructure improvements in Poland and Romania. Operation Resolute Castle has two overarching objectives: to give U.S. allies in Eastern Europe permanent training facilities and to give Army engineers hands-on experience working in an austere environment.

Cavalry Soldier outlasts international Best Warri



By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

HAWTHORNE — Spc. Tyler Davis of 1-221st Cavalry overcame fierce internal — and international — competition to win the Nevada Army Guard's Best Warrior contest at the Hawthorne Army Depot in March. Davis, 29, of Las Vegas, bested a field that included both Soldiers and four Tongan Marines.

This year's Best Warrior contest marked the first time military personnel from the Nevada Guard's State Partnership Program competed alongside Nevada Army Guard Soldiers for the title. Nevada is partnered with the Kingdom of Tonga and the Republic of Fiji in the program that teams a state's National Guard with a country in an ongoing series of engagements that broach a wide spectrum of military, civilian, economic and social topics.

Sgt. Conor Czyzniewski, 23, of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, won the Non-commissioned Officer Best Warrior title. With their wins, both Davis and Czyzniewski also garnered the Nevada Army Guard's Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year awards, respectively.

The Army's Best Warrior contest has been contested Army-wide since 2002 and could be described as a military decathlon featuring a wide variety of events, including tests of physical fitness, marksmanship and Army knowledge. All told during the three days of competition March 12-14, the eight participating Soldiers and four Tongan Marines were scored in 11 different disciplines.

Davis and Czyzniewski advanced to represent the Nevada 8 / **BATTLE BORN** / Summer 2019

Guard in the Region VII Best Warrior contest. That event took place in Hawthorne in mid-May and included the top Soldiers from eight western states and territories. Davis tied for third place in his division and Czyzniewski took second. (See page 10)

Soldiers' Division Best Warrior contest

Davis, a motor transport officer in Las Vegas-based Delta Company, remained consistent in the 11 events. Although he did not win any one of the individual events, his consistency allowed him to finally pull away from tenacious Pvt. Sione Lonitenisi of the Tongan Marines. Lonitenisi was first in the Army Physical Fitness Test and the Soldier Readiness Test.

(Only the division and individual event winners were released following the contest; overall places were not released.)

Davis admitted the Tongans, who performed surprisingly well despite being unaccustomed to Hawthorne's elevation and winter temperatures, put a lot of stress on the home-state Soldiers. The other Tongans who competed were Pvt. Saevii Tonga, Pvt. Sione Atoa and Pvt. Dimitrious Polisima.

"Absolutely I felt the pressure," said Davis, who himself did a stint in the U.S. Marines before joining the Army Guard. "They are very well-rounded Marines. We realized they were winning many of the events."

The other Soldiers who participated were: Spc. Joel Olivares, 17th Sustainment Brigade; Spc. Matthew Clark, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; and Spc. Cindy Robles, 609th

or field



Engineer Company.

Maj. Tomaakino Tu'itavuki, the Tongan officer accompanying the Marines, said the performance by his South Pacific contingent left him pleasantly surprised.

"I was expecting we would take the last four places," Tu'itavuki said. "We have never trained in this type of weather or ever experienced this elevation. But our team has remained flexible and battled through three days of competition."

NCO Division Best Warrior contest

After locating only two of eight points during land navigation competition on the penultimate day of the contest, Czyzniewski believed he was destined for yet another runner-up Best Warrior result after placing second to Spc. Rihun Alexander Rimón of

the 609th Engineer Company in 2018.

But Czyzniewski, who lives in Monterey, Calif., and drills with Bravo Company in Las Vegas, dominated the final day with wins in the 12-mile ruck march and oral board to overtake the field. He won the 12-mile march by more than 20 minutes with his time of 2 hours, 25 minutes. He became eligible for the NCO competition just weeks before the event after attaining the rank of sergeant in February.

Although all of the Tongan Marines were privates and competed in the Soldiers' division, Czyzniewski said the addition of foreign competitors to the contest improved everyone's performance.

"Their presence was definitely motivating," Czyzniewski said. "They did just as well as we did, even though it was our home turf, and made all of us better."

The other Nevada sergeants in the contest included: Sgt. Brandon Hurst, Recruiting and Retention; Sgt. Francis "Frank" Champa, 1-221st Cavalry; and Staff Sgt. Douglas Zamora, 240th Engineer Company.

Entering the final day, Champa had Czyzniewski on the ropes after the recent graduate of Ranger School won the Pistol Marksmanship and Land Navigation events earlier in the week.

Nevada Guard officials said Hawthorne was chosen as the location for the contest because it is one of the few sites in Nevada with all of the requisite venues for a Best Warrior contest, including marksmanship ranges and land navigation courses.

Lt. Col. Randy Lau, the director of the Nevada Guard's State Partnership Program, said the multi-day competition achieved its goals on multiple levels.

"The contest was successful because it allowed partners to share military best practices, become familiar with new military techniques and assess what we should do in the future," Lau said. "The overarching success, though, was the fact we continued to build and foster a strong relationship with our partner countries."

Fiji sent two military observers to watch this year's Best Warrior contest and is set to send participants to Nevada next year.

Photo illustration by Sgt. Walter Lowell

LEFT: Sgt. Conor Czyzniewski of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, the winner of the NCO of the Year contest, fires his pistol during the Nevada Best Warrior Competition in Hawthorne in March.

INSET: Spc. Tyler Davis of 1-221st Cavalry displays his first place plaque after being named Soldier of the Year.

Individual event results

Best Warrior Contest

March 12-14 @ Hawthorne Army Depot

Army Physical Fitness Test: Tie, Czyzniewski, Lonitenisi

Pistol marksmanship: Champa

Rifle marksmanship: Tonga

Stress shooting: Tie, Tonga and Czyzniewski

Squad maneuver: Atoa (Soldier division)

Hurst (NCO division)

Machine gun assembly: Atoa

Army Combat Fitness Test: Czyzniewski

Soldier Readiness Test: Lonitenisi (Soldier)

Hurst (NCO).

Land navigation: Champa

Road March: Czyzniewski

Oral board: Czyzniewski (NCO) and Olivares (Soldier)

Utah Guard Soldier, Arizona Guard sergeant claim Region 7 Best Warrior titles

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY — Utah Army Guard Spc. Brenden Allen, 22, a student at Utah State University, and Arizona Army Guard Sgt. Kurt Van De Graaff, 27, a sergeant currently working on the Operation Guardian Shield border mission, emerged as the Soldier and Non-commissioned Officer winners of the Region 7 Best Warrior Competition in May.

Allen, of the 211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, and Van De Graaff, of the 363rd Explosive Ordnance Company, represented the region at the National Guard Best Warrior contest in July in Oklahoma. Maryland and Pennsylvania went on to win the competition. Region 7 includes the states of Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, Utah, Colorado, California, and the territory of Guam. The Best Warrior Competition is best described as a decathlon-type military event that includes physical fitness challenges, Soldier skills testing, written exams and board interviews.

Allen and Van De Graff overcame both the top Soldiers in the region and a relentless mix of rain and snow during the three-day completion to claim their titles. The majority of the events were contested at the Hawthorne Army Depot, the world's largest ammunition storage depot.

The home state's Soldiers fared well and narrowly missed advancing as Nevada's Sgt. Conor Czyzniewski placed second in the NCO division and Spc. Tyler Davis placed third in the Soldier division. Arizona's Spc. Ivan Tomitz was the runner-up in the Soldier category. The only Airman in the contest, Airman 1st Class Caleb Drake of the Utah Air Guard, finished tied for third with



Photo by Sgt. Zandra Duran

Left to right, Utah Army Guard Spc. Brenden Allen (Soldier division), 22, and Arizona Army Guard Sgt. Kurt Van De Graaff, 27, display their first place awards following the Soldier and Non-commissioned Officer Region 7 Best Warrior Competitions in May in Carson City.

Davis in the Soldier division and won several individual events.

"All of the competitors were high-quality Soldiers," said Master Sgt. Cameron Anderson of the Nevada Guard's training and operations section. "There was not a lot of disparity separating the Soldiers in the field."

Before the winners were announced during the awards ceremony in Nevada's capital city, Allen had tempered the expectations of his parents, Mark and Michelle Allen. They drove from Rocklin, Calif., to northern Nevada to see their son for the first time since Christmas.

"He led us to believe he didn't do well," Michelle Allen said.

But contrary to her son's prognostication, Allen had done very well. He won three of the 13 events contested – the rifle qualification, grenade qualification and the 12-mile ruck march – to take the regional title in his first year of Best Warrior competition.

"I was very happy with my performance, it was the smoothest run through a series of Best Warrior events I've done," said Allen, a junior at Utah State, located in Logan, Utah. "The Utah SARTs (small arms readiness and training) team prepared me well for the pistol and rifle qualifications. That helped me get off to a good start with a good first day."

Allen said he was especially pleased with his dead lift and medicine ball scores during the Army Combat Fitness Test and the fact he found all of his day land navigation points in a short span of time. He said his only mistake was bringing just one pair of boots to the competition, which were completely soaked by the start of the ruck march. Despite the soggy shoes, he was among the leaders in the ruck march and finished in just over three hours.

It was also a smooth run for Van De Graaff of Gilbert, Ariz., who won four of the 13 events contested in the NCO division. He won the Army Combat Fitness Test, the pistol qualification, the Soldier Readiness Test and the night land navigation competition. Nevada's Czyzniewski won three events, including the ruck march by a wide margin, but he couldn't overcome his slow start on the first day when he took fifth-place in the Army Combat Fitness Test and pistol and rifle qualifications.

Soldier Division:

- 1, Allen, Brenden, Spc. (Utah)**
- 2, Tomitz, Ivan, Spc. (Arizona)**
- 3, tie, Davis, Tyler, Spc. (Nevada)**
- 3, tie, Drake, Caleb, AIC (Utah)**
- 4, Beehler, Jake, Spc. (Colorado)**
- 5, Barrares, Dominic, Spc. (New Mexico)**
- 6, Quintana, Andrew, Spc. (Guam)**
- 7, Burns, Andrew, Spc. (California)**
- 8, Tran, Martin, Spc. (Hawaii).**

Non-commissioned Officer Division:

- 1, Van De Graaff, Kurt, Sgt. (Arizona)**
- 2, Czyzniewski, Conor, Sgt. (Nevada)**
- 3, Simmons, Kory, Staff Sgt. (California)**
- 4, Long, Kelly, Staff Sgt. (Utah)**
- 5, Yazzie, Lloyd, Staff Sgt. (New Mexico)**
- 6, Mendiola, Jermain, Sgt. (Guam)**
- 7, Napoles, Paulo, Staff Sgt. (Hawaii)**



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Lt. Col. David Evans, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Shauna Reese, prepare the 485th Military Police Company's guidon for its final casing during a ceremony in May. The unit was inactivated this spring after nearly 13 storied years in the Nevada Army Guard.

485th MP Soldiers case colors during ultimate, somber drill

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY — Since its inception in 2006, the Nevada Army Guard's 485th Military Police Company was one of the state's busiest units, completing foreign deployments to the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Afghanistan and the Middle East.

But with Army demand for the unit's specialty — detainee operations — decreasing, the 485th's short but storied history came to an end in May when the unit was inactivated and its colors cased by the Headquarters of the Army.

"It's a historic day, a somber day, as a unit leaves the active rolls of the National Guard," said Lt. Col. David Evans, the

former unit commander who now oversees the overarching organization of the 485th, the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. "Soldiers of the 485th showed the world what Nevada Guard Soldiers are capable of — your legacy is a more ready, disciplined and capable Nevada Army Guard."

The approximately 65 Soldiers in the unit, nicknamed the Law Dawgs, will not lose their jobs due to the inactivation; all have been offered positions in other Army units or will be afforded the opportunity to reclassify in other Army occupations. Some will even transition to the Nevada Air Guard.

Many of the unit's Soldiers will transfer to the Capital City's newest unit, the 137th

Military Police Company. Until last year, the 137th was based in Henderson, Nev., before moving north to Carson City.

In fact, 485th commander Capt. Luis Muruato will now become the 137th commander. The 72nd Military Police Company of Las Vegas is now the lone Nevada Army Guard military police unit in southern Nevada.

The 485th was established on Dec. 1, 2006, and its Soldiers drilled in Fallon from 2006-2008. The unit moved to Washoe County in February 2008.

Four Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Vogt and Staff Sgts. Tim Brady, Matt Kuhfuss and Ignacio Gonzales were in the unit for the entire 12 years, six months of its existence.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Nevada Guard chaplain Capt. Troy Dandrea, far left, addresses mourners during the funeral for Sgt. 1st Class David Gallagher in June at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

'The Army was his life'

Sgt. 1st Class David Gallagher, 1968-2019

By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
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BOULDER CITY — Solemn funeral pieces played on bagpipes served as the somber backdrop music for the hundreds of family members, friends and Guardsmen in the funeral progression to recognize the life and Army career of Sgt. 1st Class David Gallagher, 51, of Las Vegas, at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in late June. Gallagher, an armor crewman in Delta Company, 1-221st Cavalry, died June 4 when his M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank rolled over during a training exercise at Fort Irwin, California.

Reports of the accident state Gallagher, the tank commander, and the tank's loader were sitting with their heads outside the hatch when the tank started to roll over. Gallagher reached out and extended himself to push the loader back into the safety of the tank's turret.

For his heroic final actions, Gallagher was posthumously awarded the State of Nevada's Medal of Valor. The medal is the preeminent state award for Nevada Guardsmen, reserved for Soldiers and Airmen who distinguish themselves at the risk of their own life above and beyond the call of duty. He also received the Army's Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding military service from 2009-2019. He has also been nominated to receive the Soldier's Medal, the highest award possible for bravery outside of a combat environment. (Gallagher, a staff sergeant at the time of the accident, received a posthumous promotion.)



File photo
Sgt. 1st Class David Gallagher died in an M1 Abrams tank accident at Fort Irwin in June. He was 51 and had recorded 20 years of cumulative service in the Nevada Army Guard.

Gallagher was a Las Vegas native and he completed an initial 10-year stint in the Nevada Guard from 1988-1998, with the majority of his time spent with India Troop, 1-221st Cavalry. But the allure of the military cajoled him into re-enlisting in 2009. He served as a scout with Task Force Wildhorse at Forward Operating Base Khost during its 2009-2010 deployment in Afghanistan.

Shaylea Gallagher, Gallagher's eldest daughter, emphasized her father's affinity for his military duty. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Margie Gallagher, six children and three grandchildren.

"We know that the Army was his life and he's up there going, 'You know what?

I went out doing what I loved,'" Shaylea Gallagher said to a Las Vegas newspaper.

Gov. Steve Sisolak, commander in chief of the Nevada Guard, attended Gallagher's funeral and said he was distraught over the tragic death.

"I am heartbroken by the loss of one of Nevada's bravest," Sisolak said. "He was a leader within his unit and served as a mentor and as someone his fellow Soldiers looked up to. The First Lady and I send our deepest condolences to Sgt. 1st Class Gallagher's wife, loved ones, friends, the 1-221st Cavalry and the entire Nevada National Guard family."

Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, the Nevada Guard's land component commander, echoed the governor's sentiment that the Nevada Guard is like a close-knit family and Gallagher's Soldiers viewed him as a father figure.

"He saved his loader like any dad would save his own son," Doser said.

In his civilian occupation, Gallagher worked in the automotive industry. He was a huge fan of the Miami Dolphins – a season-ticket holder despite the fact he lived 2,500 miles from team's stadium – and the hometown hockey club, the Golden Knights. (The Dolphins are set to recognize Gallagher; details are pending.)

"It still breaks my heart that he never got to see the Dolphins win the Super Bowl in his adult life," Shaylea Gallagher said.

Gallagher's previous decorations included the Combat Action Badge, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.



Mission Complete: Retired Master Sgt. Live Tau, 1954-2019

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

RENO — Although his life was cut short by illness, no one would argue that retired Master Sgt. Live “Lee” Tau didn’t complete his mission on earth during his 64 years of life. Tau made good use of every second of his life, recording a military career of more than 40 years and a pastoral career nearly as long.

He was also an educator who served as a ROTC instructor at Reno High and a visible community activist who was a board member of the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Society and United Way of Northern Nevada. Tau died March 9 after battling cancer.

Several hundred people paid their final respects to Tau in a Celebration of Life in March at South Reno Baptist Church. Assistant Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry provided special remarks and recollections of Tau to the large crowd.

Tau was born in American Samoa on April 21, 1954. He graduated from Farrington High in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1973 and enlisted in the Army that same year. He moved to Reno in 1975. While in the reserve components of the Army, he was a computer system specialist for more than 18 years at Sierra Pacific Power Company.

Tau built an exemplary military resume during his four decades in the Army. He graduated from Airborne School, spent six years with Special Operations Command South in Panama, and served in the Nevada Army Guard as the 422nd Signal Battalion Headquarters detachment sergeant. Following the events of 9/11, Tau was deployed in 2005-2006 in Iraq as a brigade chaplain assistant with the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team based in Hawaii.

Many Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard knew Tau based upon his two longtime positions as both the state’s chaplain’s assistant and as Nevada’s Army Guard mobilization planning sergeant. Tau held the rank of master sergeant for 18 years. He retired from the Army on April 21, 2014, but then continued his association with the Army as an ROTC instructor at Reno High.

Tau’s love of the Army was trumped only by his pastoral work and family. Tau joined Faith Deliverance Church of God in Christ in 1977 and it was there that he met the pastor’s eldest daughter,



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
ABOVE: Master Sgts. Kenny Dupree and Torry Thompson prepare retired Master Sgt. Live Tau’s casket for transport to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley. BELOW: Retired Master Sgt. Live Tau was a renowned Soldier, educator and cleric. He died in March at age 64.

Patricia, and married her in 1978. The couple has five daughters, 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Tau was ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1985 and appointed Pastor of Faith Deliverance the same year. After serving in the Church of God in Christ for 15 years, he founded Word of Life Ministries, Inc., in 2000 and served as senior pastor. All told, he had served as a pastor and mentor in spiritual ministry for more than 33 years.

Tau’s academic record matched his military and clerical achievements. He received an associate’s degree in business from Truckee Meadows Community College and then went on to earn a bachelor’s in general studies

from Excelsior College in New York. He also obtained a Pastoral Studies degree from the International Bible Institute and Seminary and he holds a Master of Arts degree in family counseling from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

Tau’s relatives include his wife of 40 years, Patricia Tau, and daughters Sherry Noe Lindsey, Tosha Tau-Tolliver, Alicia Tau, Leilani Tau-Schneider and Stephanie Tau as well as 21 grandchildren.

Tau’s prominent Army awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, and the Nevada State Medal of Merit.

Tau is buried at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley.

DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
Family, friends and fellow Guardsmen welcome home a 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 carrying Airmen returning from the Middle East in March at the Nevada Air Guard base in Reno.

High Roller families withstand historic deployment cycle

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO — The 152nd Airlift Wing's largest deployment cycle in recent history hit close to home for many families.

Since October, more than 250 Airmen in the 152nd Airlift Wing, nicknamed the "High Rollers," completed missions supporting two separate deployment models.

More than half deployed as an Air Expeditionary Force. In that model, aircrew and maintainers were assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, a tactical airlift hub in Kuwait, and executed re-supply missions for combat service support to land component forces throughout the Persian

Gulf region.

In the other model, Airmen deployed individually for their Reserve Component Period, a prescheduled deployment timeframe for certain Air Force specialty positions.

The deployment affected many families — it inevitably seems deployments coincide with family emergencies, such as when furnaces break down, shingles blow off roofs and the family pet dies.

For example, two weeks after Master Sgt. Timothy Schweppe, the first sergeant for the 152nd Maintenance Squadron, left for his deployment, his roof began to leak and about a week before his return, his hot water heater died. His wife, Sara Schweppe, had everything in order by the

time he returned.

"I rely on Tim a lot," she said, "This deployment showed me that I can do it by myself. It wasn't fun but I could do it. It was my time to step up to the plate.

"I navigated the daily chores by myself. I found tremendous strength and comfort from my friends, family, the 152nd Key Volunteers (program), and my colleagues. Instead of taking the little things Tim did for granted, I value him even more. This deployment gave us time to plan for our future — our next set of goals. I call Tim's deployment a huge learning experience."

Master Sgt. Christopher Pope, a sheet metal technician in the 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, completed his second deployment.

His wife, Senior Master Sgt. Lea Pope, the 152nd Airlift Wing's education and training manager, said the second deployment was easier than the first.

"Each deployment varies so much depending on the location and the job that's being done," Lea said. "I felt like this one was easier for me. I understood what to expect and I worked very closely (in the past) with the people he deployed with. It's great knowing the team he had with him. That made it so much easier."

"I feel like I have it easier than a spouse who is not in the military," she continued. "I feel like I better understand what is going on and why."

"I'm also full-time on the base and, if I need help from anyone, it's easy to reach out to anyone on base for anything that comes up. I feel pretty lucky that I have a partner who truly understands what I do and that I understand what he does. I think it sets us up to better support each other's careers."

The deployment affected many families, including the entire overarching Nevada Air Guard family, said Senior Master Sgt. Tom Hansen, an aircraft maintenance production supervisor

"This deployment was unlike any of my other many deployments, as this was the first for the majority of our staff," Hansen said. "For the rest of us, we had to set the bar by demonstrating what it means to be a High Roller. Despite the challenges our



young Airmen were faced with in their new environment — including troubleshooting some of the most difficult aircraft maintenance issues I have ever seen in my career — I believe all of us gained a little more knowledge and we all walked away with something new to contribute to the success of the Nevada Air Guard."

Hansen's wife, Elise Hansen, had her share of issues to deal with while her husband was abroad.

"Tom left and within the first week, one of our pups died," Elise said. "That was rough, not only for me, but for him, too. My car broke down, the stove decided to break and I had to do all the snow plowing. This was the first deployment when we owned our own home, so handling those responsibilities was different."

As Elise was handling business back in Reno, Tom focused on the work he and his team were doing.

"The one thing that stood out the most to me is the core of the High Rollers grew closer together as a team," he said. "While deployed, the ability of maintenance and operations Airmen to work together is what made us successful. Every single one of us took on a new responsibility or challenge and we all came home with lessons learned from this experience."

Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
PHOTO ALBUM: Airmen from the 152nd Airlift Wing are greeted by their families and colleagues upon their return in March following a deployment to the Middle East.



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

As rural armories become scarce, Ely mayor ponders vacant building's future



By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

ELY — When the Nevada Army Guard vacated its Ely Armory last November, the keys to the 60-year-old building were literally handed over to City of Ely Mayor Melody Van Camp. Built on donated city land in 1959, the armory and land are once again the city's property after the Nevada Guard chose to terminate its lease.

Now, Van Camp and the Ely city council have a bittersweet decision to make concerning the landmark building at 545 Mill Street that was until last autumn the only active military facility in White Pine County: What should the city do with a pristine facility that has essentially outlived its usefulness to the military?

"I hate to see it vacant," said Van Camp recently while working at her sewing shop "Sew Crazy" just a few hundred yards from the old armory. "It's been a fixture in the park for decades. It's just always seemingly been there in the neighborhood.

"But we've also realized a true military presence in town has been fading. There probably hasn't been a true military presence in Ely for 20 years."

Van Camp, whose father Jack Van Camp, 87, was a corporal in the Nevada Army Guard in the 1950s, is just one of many small-city mayors faced with the conundrum of what to do with a vacant National Guard armory. Almost every state faces the decision of whether to shutter dated National Guard armories that don't meet Army mission requirements, often because of the same reasons that befell the Ely Armory — a lack of surrounding training space and sub-par security features. Within the past few years, for example, Alabama closed six armories and Mississippi shuttered four.

Despite the facts the Ely Armory was officially the home of Det. 1, 72nd Military Police Company, last year, and the building is in excellent shape after receiving more than \$1 million in improvements in 2012, very few Soldiers



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
City of Ely Mayor Melody Van Camp walks her dog past the vacant Nevada Guard Armory. Ely officials are pondering what to do with the landmark building on Mill Street.

have actually drilled in Ely in recent years. Although it only cost the Nevada Guard about \$1,500 per month to keep the water and heat on at the armory, even that small expenditure made no economic sense with minimal activity at the armory that cost \$128,000 to build in 1959.

The fact of the matter is the belief a small, rural town like Ely — population 4,000 — can support and field a National Guard unit is a bygone, romanticized notion associated with fading Americana just like small towns themselves.

When it was built in 1959, an armory in Ely made sense because the number of drilling Guardsmen residing in eastern Nevada easily matched the number of Soldiers in cities like Elko and Yerington. But since 1960, the population of Ely has actually declined; in contrast, Las Vegas' booming population has grown tenfold in six decades.

Today, there are just four Nevada Army Guard Soldiers who reside in Ely, but the Guard is not abandoning rural Nevada.

Recruiting and Retention commander Lt. Col. Jerome Guerrero remains optimistic the Nevada Guard can find a receptive recruiting audience. He's devoted three recruiters solely to the Silver State's smaller counties. But he admits it's hard to overcome the National Guard's dwindling role in small towns.

"Everybody was in the Guard in small

towns to have a getaway from the farm or ranch," Guerrero said. "Small-town populations, especially in the 18-45 age range we aim to attract, are dwindling because the employment and education opportunities exist in the urban areas."

Guerrero said the majority of the young, rural adults the Nevada Guard enlists eventually move to population centers to attend the state's universities.

"Our push now in rural areas is to locate students who want to attend school in either Reno or Las Vegas and offer them tuition assistance benefits," Guerrero said. "Then they themselves become urban residents."

Notably, Nevada National Guard officials were perhaps among the first in the nation to realize the future of the National Guard was shifting toward dependence on urban population centers rather than rural America. After all, they had the foresight to allow the Army Guard's Hawthorne Armory to become the Mineral County Juvenile Detention Center in 2002 — not even America's self-proclaimed Most Patriotic City could fully staff an Army Guard unit. (That building now houses the Mineral County Emergency Management office.)

Inescapably, the future of the National Guard is in metropolitan cities with a technology-savvy, well-connected population capable of supporting cyber-, communications- and information-based units. There is a real need for the state-of-the-art, \$32 million Speedway Readiness Center in Las Vegas, set to be completed in 2021. Its stark juxtaposition is the iconic Ely Armory in remote, eastern Nevada that has become a monument to an antiquated era of the National Guard.

Van Camp is confident the armory will not remain vacant for long. She said there is widespread interest in the building and believes either another government agency will take up residence there.

"It's a stunning building," Van Camp said. "It's in fabulous shape. We just don't know what to do with it yet."

Photo by Spc. Jonnie Blake, 106th Public Affairs Detachment
Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, left, presents The State of Nevada Office of the Military staff with the award for best Diversity Day Display for their portrayal of Egyptian culture during Diversity Day. The display included a 16-foot tall foam and wood pyramid, replicas of historical objects including the Ark of the Covenant and a mock embalmed pharaoh and mummy.



Diversity Day dishes up healthy dose of international perspective, awareness

By Spc. Jonnie Blake
106th Public Affairs Detachment

CARSON CITY — The Nevada National Guard's usually mundane office space was transformed into an international cultural center last week when international colors, foods and dress went on display during the organization's hugely popular annual Diversity Day celebration.

Many units and sections teamed to create displays for a wide spectrum of cultures and identities. Egypt, Poland, Mexico, Japan and India all boasted individual displays.

Also, Nevada's State Partnership Program countries Tonga and Fiji sponsored displays featuring Oceania culture.

Other booths included information on Native American, African American and women's history; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender; and disability awareness. The "Geek" booth featured an interactive arcade to showcase their culture.

"Diversity Day is a time for interaction among Guardsmen to gain awareness, mutual respect and understanding of different cultures," said Alicia Nyland, the Nevada Guard's Equal Employment Manager. "We combine the cultural observances that occur throughout the year into one annual event."

The winner of the perpetual trophy for best display with an almost perfect score was the Egypt booth hosted by State of Nevada Office of the Military employees. They built a 16-foot tall foam and wood pyramid, painted hieroglyphics on the walls inside and provided scrolls for translation.

There were replicas of historical objects such as the Ark of the Covenant, an embalmed pharaoh, a mummy and other artifacts on display. Many of the employees dressed up and wore Egyptian style make up.

This was a civilian group's first foray into Diversity Day display competition.

"The project doubled as a team building exercise and a great morale booster," said David Silva, a supervisor in the office. "We all enjoyed learning about Egypt's history and its modern culture and economics. Several of us learned how to read and write basic hieroglyphics.

"Egypt is so diverse it will give us a lot to work with year after year. We will never run out of new ideas to incorporate into future booths."

Second place went to 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion for its Poland display. The unit will deploy to Poland later this year, so Diversity Day provided the unit the opportunity to learn about the culture it will soon experience firsthand. The Soldiers from the 757th shared samples of traditional Polish cheese, sausages, pierogies, beverages and a delicious honey bee cake from The Bazaar, a local European deli and café.

Third place went to the Army National Guard Data Processing and Information Department with its "Geek" culture theme and its booth that included an arcade with virtual reality and other game consoles. The staff also conceived a communication game to encourage people to visit and learn about other booths.

Cultural cuisine was prepared by employees or local vendors in the community.


Some offerings included: Japanese shrimp, vegetables and gyoza; pulled pork and collard greens in association with African American history; Indian tacos for Native American heritage; Egyptian-inspired beef and chicken kebabs with hibiscus tea; carne asada tacos for Mexico; tikka masala for India and chorizo sandwiches for Nevada state history.

Local talent was featured as relevant cultural entertainment. Marigold Movement Center performed Egyptian style belly dances and Reno Taiko Tsurunokai drummed the beat of Japanese folk songs in the stage area.

The Nevada National Guard prides itself on its diversity. The National Guard Bureau awarded the Nevada Guard its 2017 Excellence in Diversity Award as the top state, territory or District of Columbia in the nation in the field of diversity for that year.

The NGB Excellence in Diversity Awards is one presented annually to outstanding National Guard individuals, organizations, states and territories for significant contributions to diversity and inclusion initiatives.

"With the success of this Diversity Day, we look forward to continue this event for years to come," Nyland said. "We constantly seek new groups and individuals to showcase and educate our workforce on the wide spectrum of cultures and identities around the globe."



High Rollers' fire fighting mission includes multi-agency team effort

Photos by Senior Airman Matthew Greiner

TOP: A Nevada Air Guard 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 circles over Grand Canyon Hills, Colorado, approximately 40 miles southwest of Peterson Air Force Base in May.
RIGHT: Airmen and members of the U.S. Forest Service plan training flights in the operations center at Peterson Air Force Base in May.

By Senior Airman Matthew Greiner
152nd Airlift Wing

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Wildland firefighting requires a multi-faceted approach with many government agencies teaming to combine resources — including the Nevada Air Guard.

Since 1974, the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Defense have operated under a joint program using the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, commonly known as MAFFS, which fits nicely into the back of Air Force C-130 aircraft.

Members of the military and the U.S. Forest Service met in May for annual MAFFS training this year at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This annual training helps the firefighters from both agencies get know each other well and form strong relationships.

The four Air Force units that annually participate in MAFFS include: the 152nd Airlift Wing from the Nevada Air Guard; the 153rd Airlift Wing from the Wyoming Air Guard; the 146th Airlift Wing from the California Air Guard and the 302nd Airlift Wing from the Air Force Reserves based in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Other agencies that attended the training this year included: the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the North Carolina Forest Service, the Texas Forest Service, CAL FIRE and the Alaska Forest Service.

MAFFS is a backup to commercial aerial firefighting units. In the event of a large fire, the military can be called upon to carry out MAFFS mission when commercial aerial firefighting units are exhausted. The military assets provide an additional capacity to support the total firefighting team and bring the ability to drop more than 3,000 gallons of retardant in six seconds.

Military planes equipped with MAFFS are identified by orange number marking on the side and tail of the C-130 aircraft.

Wildland firefighting includes multiple moving parts and the four military units participating play a supplemental role for many other elements.

David LaFon of the North Carolina Forest Service worked with the military units as the MAFFS liaison officer during the training in May.

“When people see the military planes flying, they feel the best in the nation have arrived to combat the fires. These are the professionals,” LaFon said. “MAFFS will lay down a



retardant line and will reinforce the fireline constructed by the handcrews. Sometimes, MAFFS will lay a retardant line to support the handcrews to help them get to another location or to protect property. The MAFFS units get called on to do a lot of the risky business.”

ON THE GROUND

Handcrews are the first responders to wildfires and include a team of 20 people. Their main responsibility is to construct “firelines.” Firelines look like a hiking trail and are constructed around wildfires to contain and control the fire. As their name implies, handcrews use hand tools, including: the Pulaski (a type of axe), shovels, rakes and chainsaws. Their task is to remove the fuel from the path of a fire and get down to the mineral soil.

Even after the fireline is constructed, a blaze can sometimes jump the fireline when embers rocket into the air and “spot across the line.” Embers can travel as far as a mile. They can also go under the fireline by burning through the root system of a tree.

“In extreme drought conditions, when a dead tree is completely dried out, if that tree catches fire, the fire can spread down into the roots and spread underneath the line,” LaFon said.

Once constructed, aerial resources are called in to reinforce the firelines and suppress destruction. When needed, the DOD provides the C-130 cargo planes and the forest service provides the MAFFS equipment, the pressurized fire-retardant tank system that sprays fire retardant from the rear side door of the plane.

Flying sorties for MAFFS requires specialized airplane maintenance and configuration of the fire-retardant tanks.

“I get really excited about the job,” said Senior Airman Aubrie Nolan, a 152nd Maintenance Group crew chief. “I am very passionate about the work. I love my job. I know the fires can be devastating and being able to help gives me a good feeling.”

“This mission is about saving lives and homes. The instant satisfaction that comes as a result of this mission is humbling,” said 1st Lt. Timothy Buxton of the 152nd Maintenance Group. “Being able to help people in the midst of a disaster, being capable to complete missions and turn the aircraft quickly and safely — it’s gratifying to be a part of this mission.”

IN THE AIR

Once construction of the fireline is complete and the C-130 is ready, it’s time to fly over the blaze and reinforce firelines with retardant.

John Ponts, an air tactical pilot with CAL FIRE, often works in the Aerial Supervision Module, the lead plane in a MAFFS mission. He manages tankers in the fire traffic area and directs them on where to drop their retardant.

“Being the ASM means you are the person who tactically puts together all the different pieces of the fight,” Ponts said.

It’s a difficult job that requires coordination with the other planes, incident commander and air tactical group supervisor.

“The ASM is an important position — not everyone is cut out for the role — but that is what I really wanted to do,” Ponts said. “One thing that attracted me to the position was the fact you are a part of the overall objective in comparison to, for example, a tanker pilot who carries out a task and leaves. They only see maybe 10 minutes of the fire, whereas in the ASM role you see four hours of the fight.”

“When you are in the heat of the battle, there is no room for extraneous thoughts,” Ponts said. “You have to be thinking three drops ahead.”

Ponts said the best way to describe the role of an ASM is to relate it to double Dutch jump roping. Every plane and helicopter in the firefight needs to complete their task and get out safely in a non-stop rhythm just like a jump roper.

“You can have 15 planes and helicopters in that double Dutch jump rope and it must remain smooth and seamless,” Ponts said.

Both military and civilian personnel participating in the training said they realized the importance of the mission.

“I like the challenge of the mission. It tests the skills of each aviator and each team position,” said Maj. Erik Christensen, a scheduler in the 152nd Operations Group.

Ponts said there is always a lot of discussion on the topic of improvement amongst tanker pilots, helicopter pilots and ASMs once a fire has been extinguished.

“It’s like any job,” Ponts said. “You go to your office and work with familiar people and discuss ways to improve your performance. But our office moves around the country.”

Nevada Guard family 'has a ball' at Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry

By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus
152nd Airlift Wing

VIRGINIA CITY — Some allege Chad and Shauna Reese are nuts, but that's only because they invest so much time concocting tasty testicles.

Since they first met in 2000, the Reeses, both Nevada Army National Guardsmen and Dayton residents, have missed only one Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry — and that was for their wedding.

Entrants compete in the annual festival, now in its 28th year, to create the most flavorful beef and sheep testicle dishes, also known as rocky mountain oysters. This year's festival occurred during St. Patrick's Day on the historic Comstock. It was also Chad and Shauna Reese's wedding anniversary.

"I cooked beef testicles on my anniversary and that was alright with me," said Shauna, the Nevada Army Guard's personnel sergeant major.

For the Reeses, it started as a dare but turned into a tradition.

Chad and Shauna first attended the "testicle festival" in 2001, a year after they started dating in Las Vegas. Later that year, Shauna became the 150th Maintenance Company's supply sergeant and moved to Carson City. Chad, now a chief warrant officer two in Joint Force Headquarters, hadn't joined the military. He worked at Martin-Harris Construction in Las Vegas. Eventually, he followed Shauna to northern Nevada and worked on the Silver State Hotshot firefighting crew before joining the Guard in 2010.

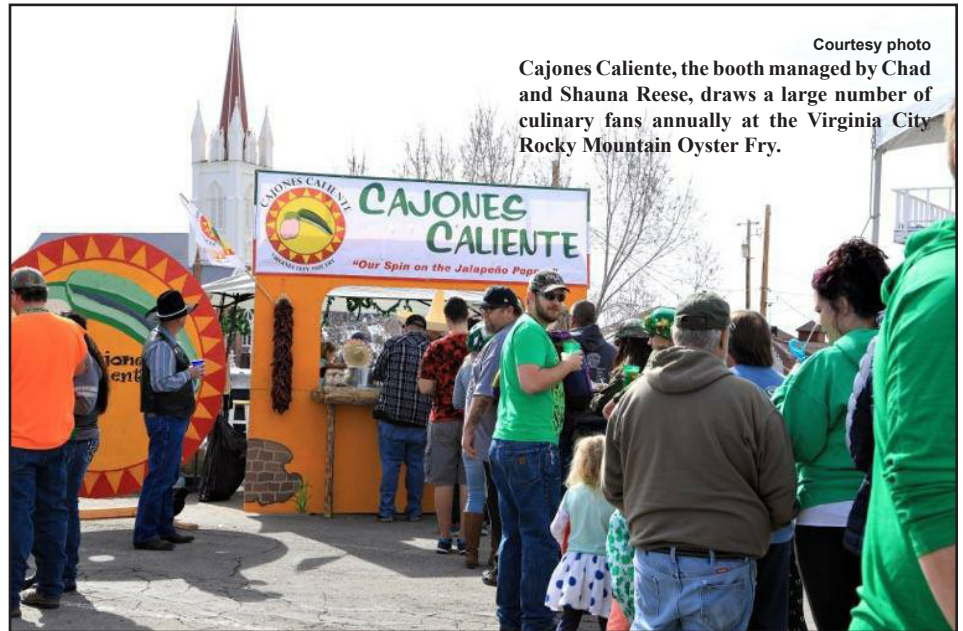
In 2001, Chad made his first trip to northern Nevada to visit his girlfriend and future wife. Then-1st Sgt. Bud Chattin, also a Storey County police officer, suggested Shauna take Chad to the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry.

"It was more of a dare," Shauna said. "It was a joke. But we actually ended up going."

Chad enjoyed it so much, he cooked rocky mountain oysters for their wedding reception the following year.

"I think he might have liked it a little more than me at first," Shauna said.

Cooks at the Rocky Mountain Oyster



Courtesy photo
Cajones Caliente, the booth managed by Chad and Shauna Reese, draws a large number of culinary fans annually at the Virginia City Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry.

Fry go by off-color, suggestive names, including "Nut Up or Shut Up" and "Lucky Charms."

"The Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry is one of our most well-attended special events in Virginia City. ... We like to keep it fresh and fun and give people a reason to return year after year," said Deny Dotson, the director of the Virginia City Tourism Commission. The commission estimates anywhere from 4,000-7,500 people visit the Comstock for the event.

After a few years attending with friends, the Reeses formed the team "Cajones Caliente" to compete in 2008.

"The first year we did it was a disaster," Chad said. "We didn't know what we were doing. We tried bagna cauda (an Italian dish served similar to fondue). It didn't work. Then, the second year, one of my buddies busted out a jalapeno popper. That's when it all started."

The combination of roasted jalapenos cut in half, filled with cream cheese, spices and, of course, beef testicles wrapped in bacon, proved a huge success.

Cajones Caliente has garnered a full sack of awards over the years, including numerous best presentation, taste and people's choice awards. They swept the categories in 2012 and 2013. As the event grew, the competition stiffened.

"We were winning everything," Chad said. "But the event has grown so much

over the years. It used to be held in the parking lot at Grandma's Fudge Factory, but now it's expanded to the Bucket of Blood (saloon) and there are booths up and down the street."

In the days leading up to the event, Chad was hesitant to bare his testicle tactics for this year's event, but he did describe the presentation as a "deconstruction" of their jalapeno recipe with ingredients mixed together and served in a bowl. Cajones Caliente was one of 12 entrants in this year's event. (Cajones Caliente scored second place this year.)

Per competition rules, cooking of this year's beef and sheep testicles is prohibited until the day of the event, but some preparation is allowed. The day before the fry, Shauna ground the testicles and Chad roasted jalapenos.

"It kind of looks like pink sludge when you grind it," Shauna said of the testicles, which are sold by the event in 40-pound boxes. "It's gross, but afterward it just looks like ground beef."

Booth decoration is also part of the competition. This year, Shauna setup a Leprechaun trap, given the event occurred the same day as Virginia City's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Her four children also setup Leprechaun traps at home.

"It's a family event," she said "Everybody participates. We all have a ball — literally."

Simultaneous Membership Program gives cadets jump on State Partnership Program, international affairs

By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
106th Public Affairs Detachment

SUVA, Fiji — Less than two weeks after receiving their commissions from the University of Nevada, Reno's ROTC program, new Army Guard 2nd Lts. Jada Wilson, 23, and Art Chianchitlert, 23, were on a plane to the South Pacific in June to represent the Silver State in the State Partnership Program.

They were two of about 50 personnel from several agencies, mainly the Nevada Guard, that composed the team assessing the current state of the Republic of Fiji's Military Forces. Fiji and Tonga are Nevada's two partner nations under the auspice of the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program. Fiji became a partner nation of Nevada in February and the assessment marked the first major engagement in the island nation.

The trip was orchestrated by the Nevada Guard's SPP staff, which plans and manages dozens of civilian and military informational exchanges annually between the three partner nations.

Wilson is a medical services officer assigned to the Missouri National Guard and Chianchitlert is an assistant operations officer assigned to the Nevada SPP section within Joint Force Headquarters. Both worked in Nevada's SPP office while ROTC cadets in the Army Guard's Simultaneous Membership Program. The program allows ROTC cadets to concurrently work in a variety of positions in the Nevada Army Guard. Wilson and Chianchitlert were the first SMP cadets to work on the SPP staff.

The young officers contributed to planning the trip, organizing travel, consolidating assessment techniques and then assisted the SPP staff with island travel and accountability in Fiji.

Wilson said her experience working within the SPP and then with the Fijian military was unique because it provided a rare opportunity to work with myriad highly-visible government agencies, including the U.S. State Department.

Wilson said she enjoyed being part of the decision making process, albeit as one of the youngest officers on the SPP team.

"International affairs helps build a well-rounded foundation for a



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

2nd Lt. Art Chianchitlert, right, an assistant operations officer, discusses Fijian military policies with a Republic of Fiji Soldier in June during a State Partnership Program exchange.

career," Wilson said. "One sees international vantage points and not just the U.S. stance on matters. We observe how different countries interact with each other. We're not just looking at politics from afar on a television screen."

Chianchitlert said his exposure to international affairs as a cadet proved beneficial on his first SPP trip as a full-fledged officer, mainly because he was already familiar with the SPP's goals and objectives.

"It felt amazing being trusted to work in such high-level tasks despite only being a commissioned officer for a few weeks," Chianchitlert said.

Wilson said the SPP office would be a good choice for SMP cadets looking for a home.

"I think it's a great place for current cadets to begin – and eventually advance their career," Wilson said.

There are currently several positions open for SMP cadets within the partnership program office. SMP cadets enrolled at either UNR or UNLV can call (775) 720-8940 for information.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Left to right, Capt. David Tole, the State Partnership Program security cooperation planner, Lt. Col. Randy Lau, the SPP director, Sgt. 1st Class Joe Babb, the Fiji Operations NCOIC, Sgt. Maj. Elbie Doege, the SPP assessment team sergeant major, 2nd Lt. Art Chianchitlert, an assistant operations officer, Maj. Michael Riggs, incoming bilateral affairs officer, and 2nd Lt. Wilson Jada, an assistant operations officer, take time out for a photo at the U.S. Embassy in Fiji in June.

Historian's Notebook

69th annual Armed Forces Day parade serves as homecoming for rural Nevada town



By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus
152nd Airlift Wing

HAWTHORNE, Nevada — Among the Patriotic holidays, Armed Forces Day remains one of the least celebrated or recognized.

A likely reason may be because it sits in the shadow of Memorial Day, which occurs just days later in May and unofficially marks the start of summer.

However, in Hawthorne, Nevada — a town of about 3,200 on U.S. 95 two hours south of Reno — it's the biggest holiday of the year.

Hawthorne hosted its 69th annual Armed Forces Day parade on May 18 and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bandoni, the fire emergency services chief of the 152nd Airlift Wing, served as the parade's grand marshal.

"It was an honor to represent my hometown on Armed Forces Day,"

Bandoni said. "I lived there from birth until I graduated high school in 1986. It was good to see old friends, both those who still reside in Hawthorne and many who come back once a year for Armed Forces Day."

For this military town — home of the largest ammunitions depot in the world in the remote Nevada desert at the base of 11,285-foot Mount Grant — Armed Forces Day reminds locals of the town's more prosperous past.

A TOWN AND A HOLIDAY

Hawthorne was founded as a railroad distribution point for local mines in the 19th century, but entered it's heyday in 1930 with the completion of the Naval Ammunitions Depot — the result of a massive explosion, a court inquiry and some politicking in Washington.

In 1926, an explosion at the naval

depot in Lake Denmark, New Jersey, killed 50 people and injured hundreds. A court inquiry into the explosion required Navy officials to explore options for a new site. The Navy focused on two locations: Herlong, California, and Hawthorne, Nevada.

In his argument why the depot should be in Nevada, Sen. Tasker Oddie, R-Nev., a ranking member on the Naval Affairs Committee, said the upcoming construction of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco might interfere with fleet movement in time of national emergency.

"There'd probably be less fear if they knew that they had a tremendous backup for the fleet in the form of a new, well-established ammunition depot well behind the Sierra Nevada Mountains," Oddie argued.

The argument convinced Sen. Hiram Johnson, R-Calif., and Nevada eventually became home to the world's largest



Photo by 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bandoni of the 152nd Airlift Wing waves to spectators during the 69th annual Armed Forces Day parade in Hawthorne in May.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus

A young woman receives a ride on a Patriotic float during the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day Parade in May.

ammunitions depot about halfway between Reno and Tonopah.

With its ammunition stockpile, Hawthorne was an active, busy town during World War II.

Hawthorne celebrated Navy Days before and during the war, but this changed in 1947 when Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, "unifying the four branches of the military" under the Secretary of Defense.

In 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced his intention to drop the individual celebrations for each branch of the military and create a celebration for all branches. In February of 1950, Truman proclaimed May 20, 1950, as the first Armed Forces Day.

"The earlier parades started in '47, '48, '49, and those were Navy Days," said Harold Fuller, who has lived in Hawthorne since the 1940s. "In 1950, we had our first Armed Forces Day parade. That was the first year Bill Harrah brought all his cars down for the parade. It was quite a big deal."

Fuller served as the deputy grand

marshal in this year's parade.

"I was honored," he said. "I didn't know anything about being considered for it at all. Surprised the socks off me. I really felt honored."

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Hawthorne no longer bustles like it did from the depot's opening in 1930 to the 1970s.

In 1965, the "Reno Evening Gazette" reported a workforce strength at 1,170 at the facility. The U.S. Army took command of the depot in 1977. Only one uniformed officer remains today, overseeing contract workers at the depot.

"We refer to ourselves as America's Patriotic Home," said Heidi Bunch, the manager of the "Mineral County Independent News." "The depot's main job is to support the warfighters. It doesn't matter if the warfighter is here or wherever. Our main concern is to support them to come home safe."

Bunch met her husband, Dennis, when they were both students at Mineral County

High. After living in Wyoming for a few years, they returned to Hawthorne 16 years ago. Both also work for Mineral County Search and Rescue, a non-profit arm of the sheriff's office, and serve as members on the Armed Forces Day parade board.

For Hawthorne residents, the parade is equal parts homecoming and celebration. Several high school reunion parties also doubled as an entrant in the parade. The parade included 55 entries and boasted an estimated attendance of 2,800, Bunch said.

Beginning Friday evening, the usually sleepy town along the Reno-Las Vegas route annually livens with vendors, games and a party along Main Street. At night, a fireworks show begins on the rooftop of the historic El Capitan Hotel and Casino.

For a brief moment, Hawthorne doubles in size and familiar faces return. For Bunch, it's a welcome sight for a town that likely reached its apex decades ago.

"I don't know if we will stay in Hawthorne the rest of our lives," Bunch said. "We will stay in Hawthorne as long as it is alive."



Photo by 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus

A Nevada Army Guard CH-47 Chinook is displayed at the Hawthorne Industrial Airport in conjunction with the Armed Forces Day celebration in May.

Air National Guard director stops in Reno to see ‘magic’

By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus
152 Airlift Wing

RENO — Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice, the director of the Air National Guard, said he visited the Nevada Air National Guard Base here in March to see some “magic” and view firsthand the attributes that give the base its outstanding national reputation.

“This is my first time here since becoming director,” said Rice, who began his role as director at the Pentagon in 2016. “In this role as director, I’m here to see the magic and what it is about Reno that distinguishes this base.

“Your reputation and the things that have happened here while I’ve been director have been impressive. I brought a team of about a dozen people here to find out what makes this base tick and how good it is.”

Rice, accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. Ronald C. Anderson, Jr., the command chief of the Air National Guard, met with Nevada Air National Guard headquarters staff, including Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry.

“This is a chance for our unit and for Lt. Gen. Rice to see all the excellent work we’ve been doing and that we are positioned for future missions,” Berry said. “The visit will let them know that we can take on additional

global or domestic operations. When they come with boots on the ground to see what we do, they get to see that our reputation is deserved. It’s also an honor for him to visit us and give our Airmen a chance to meet him.”

He also met with the Col. Eric Wade, 152nd Airlift Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Brian Gunderson, 152nd Intelligence Squadron commander.

“This is one of the top, most visually impressive bases we’ve been to,” Rice said. “Driving through the base, I’ve noted a lot, including Security Forces personnel and how professional they are; the friendly but definitely very serious professional Airmen; and the look of the buildings. That’s what I’ve noticed in my brief time here.”

Rice, who entered the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and served as the adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard, also mentioned the 152nd Airlift Wing’s emergence into the wild land firefighting realm with the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS:

“The 152nd has really set the standard for the whole Air National Guard for MAFFS. Their synergy of using the equipment at the right place at the right time, really has had a significant effect at putting out fires,” he said. “But their relationship with the U.S. Forest Service is over the top. Their ability to tap into something as fantastic as the MAFFS mission is awesome.”

The day ended with a speech from Rice and Anderson before hundreds of Nevada Airmen. Anderson asked everyone to stand if they had a family member who served in the Nevada Air Guard or family in the military. More than 90 percent of the Airmen in the room stood up.

“This thing you are a part of is a pretty amazing thing,” Anderson said. “This is a family organization. It’s unlike anything we have in the Department of Defense. This thing in the Air National Guard: this family. Thanks for being a part of it.”

*“I’m here to see the magic
and what it is about Reno.”*

-Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice



Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice, the director of the Air National Guard, addresses Airmen of the 152nd Airlift Wing during his visit to the Nevada Air Guard Base in Reno in March.

Photo by Senior Airman Baylee Hunt

Nordic newcomer propels Nevada Guard biathlon team to 7th place

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

JERICHO, Vt. — The addition of LeBron James to the Los Angeles Lakers did not pan out this year.

But the addition of Sgt. Jordan McElroy to the Nevada Guard's biathlon team this season surpassed all expectations as the Black Hawk helicopter mechanic from the 2/238th Aviation Battalion helped the Silver State skiers garner seventh place in the patrol race in the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships contested at Ethen Allen Firing Range in last winter.

The seventh place was the top finish for a Nevada Guard team since the 2014 team placed fifth. Biathlon is the winter sport that combines cross country skiing and rifle marksmanship. It is one of four sports sponsored by the National Guard Bureau, along with distance running, marksmanship and parachuting.

McElroy, 25, of Truckee, California, was the California State Cross Country Ski champion in 2012 while skiing for Tahoe-Truckee High. After graduation, McElroy enlisted in the Vermont National Guard to pursue a spot on the National Guard's All-Guard biathlon team. The team allows National Guardsmen to train for and compete in international and Olympic competitions while on military orders.

While with the Vermont Guard for six years, McElroy did make several international teams and won more than 10 medals at the CNGB championships, but a lingering back injury and related surgery affected his athletic performance. Last year, he transferred from Vermont to the Nevada Guard and he is set to deploy with the 2/238th to Afghanistan this autumn.

Paced by McElroy, the Nevada Guard team covered the 15-kilometer course in 1 hour, 16 minutes. The other team members included: Capt. Alex Stackhouse, Recruiting and Retention; Maj. Jason Little Owl, Army Readiness Center; and Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters. (Little Owl works at the Readiness Center in Arlington, Va., but is attached to Nevada for biathlon events.) Minnesota won the race with Utah and Vermont also earning podium spots.

McElroy also won two individual races, the independent civilian 10-kilometer sprint and the 12.5-kilometer pursuit. McElroy was not eligible for military awards in those races because he did not carry his rifle due to his back injury.

Despite not acquiring any new hardware during the championships, McElroy said he enjoyed the competition with his new teammates and was encouraged by his primarily pain-free performance.

"I really enjoyed getting back into biathlon following back surgery and competing for Nevada," McElroy said. "Being able to compete with no pressure on results or the need to beat other All-Guard team member allowed me to relax and have fun.

"In both the individual and team



Courtesy Vermont National Guard
Staff Sgt. David Eisele of the 150th Maintenance Company glides to the finish of the biathlon sprint race in Vermont last spring.

racers, I was able to surprise myself with great results as I felt free to enjoy the sport and competition I love. I also enjoyed working with the Nevada Guard Soldiers who were new to the sport; I enjoyed providing some instruction and seeing them exceed expectations and have fun."

For the first time in decades, the Nevada Guard sent the maximum allowable squad of eight athletes and two coaches.

In addition to the aforementioned athletes, other Nevada skiers (along with their top individual result) included: Staff Sgt. David Eisele, 150th Maintenance Company (21st in the men's novice sprint); Sgt. Robert Baker, 150th Maintenance Company (14th in the men's novice sprint); and Spc. Jonnie Blake, 106th Public Affairs Det. (seventh in the women's novice pursuit).

The same squad that placed seventh in the patrol race finished eighth in the 30-kilometer relay race.

Top individual results for those on the patrol team included: Stackhouse, 16th in the sprint; Little Owl, 20th in the pursuit; and Studenicka, 23rd in the pursuit.

The team was coached by Spcs. David Gardiner and Shayne Fulmer of the 150th Maintenance Company.

The overall team championship, based on a points awarded for top results in men's, women's and team races, went to the Utah Guard.

Host Vermont was second and Minnesota took third.

For information on joining the team for the 2019-2020 season, call 775-887-7250.

Chief, National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships

**15-Kilometer Military Patrol
Feb. 28 @ Jericho, Vermont**

- 1, Minnesota National Guard, 49 minutes, 9 seconds**
- 2, Utah, 53:08**
- 3, Vermont, 54:36**
- 4, Alaska, 55:56**
- 5, North Dakota, 1:04:20**
- 6, Maine, 1:09:33**
- 7, Nevada, 1:16:32**
- 8, Ohio, 1:21:04**
- 9, Rhode Island, 1:22:54**
- 10, California, 1:25:43.**

Nevada Guard Sports Briefs

Marksmanship team trajectory on the upswing

Staff reports

ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER, Arkansas — With the re-emergence of the Nevada Guard's marksmanship team this spring and The Adjutant General's Marksmanship Contest on the summer schedule for the first time in five years, the skill of marksmanship is receiving renewed attention in the Silver State.

After a few seasons of hibernation, the Nevada Army Guard Marksmanship team resurfaced at the 48th Winston P. Wilson Championships in Arkansas in April. The team included 2nd Lt. Matthew Hornback (609th Engineers), Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Reese (Joint Force Headquarters), Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Rogers (JFHQ) and Sgt. 1st Class Nicolas Hammond (238th Aviation).

Of the four sports sponsored by the National Guard (marksmanship, biathlon, marathon running and parachuting), the marksmanship competition is the largest. This year's championship included 350 participants on 80 teams competing in 17 different rifle and pistol matches. (Many states sent multiple teams)

Despite the team's recent hiatus, the Silver State marksmen finished in the middle of the pack in 32nd place. Their best results included a 13th-place in the "Know Your Limits Barricade Team" match and 21st in the "National Guard Infantry Team" match.

Hornback was Nevada's top individual. He finished in 82nd place, just outside of the coveted Chief's 50 badges up for grabs during the contest. Hornback's best result was 96th in the Rifle Excellence in Combat match; he was also 138th in the Close Quarter Battle and 141st in Special Zero.

Nevada's western neighbor, the California Army Guard team, finished as the team champions with its overall rifle team title combined with its third in the team pistol contest. Arkansas Army Guard Staff Sgt. Joseph Noe took the individual title as he won the pistol competition and was third in the rifle scoring.

Winston Peabody Wilson, for whom the championship is named, was a U.S. Air Force major general who served as chief of the National Guard Bureau from 1963-1971. The Winston P. Wilson Championship was established in 1971 to promote growth and development of state-level marksmanship.

As an aside to the return of the marksmanship team, the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Contest for Nevada Guardsmen is set for August (see advertisement for details). At that time, Soldiers and Airmen will compete to become a top-20 marksman in the state and earn a Governors 20 tab.

Last contested in August 2014, Staff Sgt. Frank Nash outshot 70 competitors in four events to win the state title. Staff Sgt. Christopher Bushey was second and Sgt. Roumel Arrozal was third.

For information on participating in the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match, call your unit or 775-887-7250.



Photo courtesy National Guard Marksmanship Training Center

After a short hiatus, the Nevada Army Guard Marksmanship team reformed and placed 32nd out of more than 80 teams at the 48th Winston P. Wilson Championships in Arkansas. The team from left to right included 2nd Lt. Matthew Hornback (609th Engineers), Sgt. 1st Class Nicolas Hammond (238th Aviation), Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Rogers (Joint Force Headquarters) and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Reese (Joint Force Headquarters).



Courtesy Nebraska National Guard

From left, Maj. Liberty Reyes, Capt. Keishmer Cardoso, Capt. Dan Woodbury and Sgt. Paul Duncan represented Nevada at the Lincoln Marathon in May.

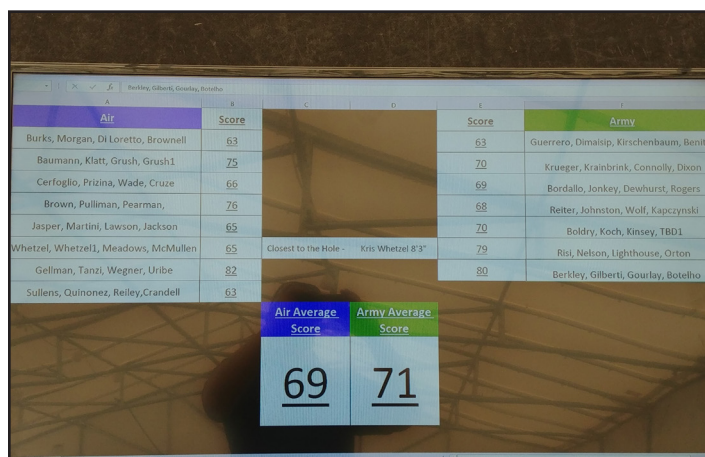
2 Soldiers run to berths on All-Guard marathon team

LINCOLN, Nebraska — The Nevada Guard's marathon team enjoyed its top performance in decades as the team placed two runners on the All-Guard Marathon Team in early May at the National Guard/Lincoln Marathon.

Two Nevada Army Guard Soldiers, Sgt. Paul Duncan and Capt. Keishmer Cardoso, made the team by placing in the top 50 male National Guard competitors. Both are now eligible to represent the National Guard at military and civilian running event during the upcoming year, including the Marine Corps Marathon and the Air Force Marathon.

Duncan, 35, of Henderson, ran the 26.2-mile course in 3 hours, 7 minutes to place 19th among the 159 competitors in the National Guard field. Cardoso, 28, of Las Vegas, finished in 3:22 to place 45th among National Guard men.

Hampered by an injury, Maj. Liberty Reyes, 39, of Las Vegas, attempted to better her sixth place finish of 2018 but came in 25th among National Guard women. Making his debut for the Nevada Guard marathon team was Capt. Dan Woodbury, 28, of Las Vegas, who was 119th in 4:27.



Air		Score			Score	Army	
Burks, Morgan, Di Loretto, Brownell	63			63	Guerrero, Dimalsip, Kirschenbaum, Benites		
Baumann, Klatt, Grush, Grush1	75			70	Krueger, Krainbrink, Connolly, Dixon		
Cerfoglio, Prizina, Wade, Cruze	66			69	Bordallo, Jonkey, Dewhurst, Rogers		
Brown, Pullman, Pearman,	76			68	Reiter, Johnston, Wolf, Kapczynski		
Jasper, Martini, Lawson, Jackson	65			70	Boldry, Koch, Kinsey, TBD1		
Whetzel, Whetzel1, Meadows, McMullen	65	Closest to the Hole - Kris Whetzel 8'3"		79	Risi, Nelson, Lighthouse, Orton		
Gelman, Tanzi, Wegner, Uribe	82			80	Berkley, Gilberti, Gourlay, Botelho		
Sullens, Quinonez, Reiley, Crandell	63						
		Air Average Score		Army Average Score			
		69		71			

Courtesy photo

The final scoreboard following the annual Nevada National Guard Association Golf Tournament revealed a close victory for the Air Guard's golf team.

Air Guard reclaims golf title from Army Guard at Wolf Run

RENO — The pristine fairways and finely manicured greens of the Wolf Run Golf Course in Reno served as the site this year for the friendly battle for links superiority and bragging rights in the annual Nevada National Guard Association Golf Tournament.

After losing a bitter tussle last year, the Air Guard reclaimed the trophy from the Army Guard this year in a four-person scramble format competition.

The average Air Guard score was 69; the average Army Guard score was 71.

The Air Guard was led to victory by a familiar figure, Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks. He was teamed with Dan Morgan, a Nevada Military Support Alliance board member.

Their team recorded a 63 and tied for low score with another Air

Guard team led by Maj. Donny Crandell, an Air Force chaplain, and one Army team that included Lt. Cols. Jerome Guerrero, Nick Chavez and Mikol Kirschenbaum as well as former PGA professional Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Benites.

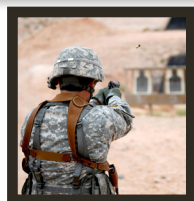
Benites, a former pro at The Boulders Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., was the star of last year's Army victory. This year, however, his effort to carry the entire Army team on his back proved too much to overcome.

The next three places belonged to the Air Guard.

The 152nd Airlift Wing entered a leadership team that included Col. Eric Wade, Lt. Cols. Kyle Cerfoglio and Shaun Cruze and Chief Master Sgt. Mark Prizina. The command chief made the most shots and carried the team to its competitive score of 66.

Master Sgt. Kris Whetzel won the closest to the hole contest, leaving his tee shot on the 17th hole just 8 feet, 3 inches from the pin.

For information on the 2020 tournament, call 775-887-7252.



Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match



August 13-15
Hawthorne, Nevada, HWAD Freedom Ranges
For entry information, call your first sergeant or administrative sergeant



Terrorism Awareness

It's Everybody's Duty

Terrorism is an enduring, persistent, worldwide threat to the army and our nation. The army must be capable of identifying, deterring, preventing, and defending against the full range of terrorist tactics, techniques, and procedures. Terrorist tactics evolve as adversaries seek to negate the army's strengths while exploiting identified weaknesses.

Antiterrorism awareness seeks to focus efforts and instill army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to prevent attacks and protect the army community and critical resources from acts of terrorism. Antiterrorism community awareness initiatives support sustained vigilance in our efforts to prevent and detect terrorist activities across all operations.

In addition to the threat from Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) and their supporters, the United States has also seen an increase in acts of domestic terrorism within the last two years, often involving individuals identifying with race – based supremacist ideology.

Incidents involving successful or disrupted attacks on public events and venues indicates recent attacks are not a new target set for the US. or overseas – based violent extremists. However, the visible shift from spectacular, mass – casualty count, and symbolic attacks to a focus on more practical small – scale widespread assaults against public targets has increased the possibility that soldiers and their families may become victims of a terrorist attack. Due to their effectiveness and practicality, improvised attacks involving knives, vehicle ramming, and small arms will likely continue to be favored by terrorists inspired by FTOs as well as domestic extremist ideology, in both the united states and overseas. High – profile attacks, coupled with effective messaging and calls to target crowds and public institutions may also inspire individuals to conduct similar attacks or take retaliatory actions.



Everyone is encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance, to remain aware of potential threats, and take the appropriate steps to strengthen their personal security while attending local holiday celebrations, concerts, festivals, sporting events, or parades. Additionally, extremists may also attempt to use public events to target first responders in secondary attacks. You are reminded to remain vigilant while visiting public venues, especially those heavily frequented by tourists. These include hotels, shopping centers, public beaches, restaurants, and national historic sites and monuments.

Stay current with media coverage of local news outlets and social media platforms so they can remain aware of their surroundings at all times.

The first priority for commanders and leaders at all levels is to protect military members, family members, civilian personnel, and retirees from terrorist threats.

AWARDS • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

MOVING UP AND MOVING ON • December 2018 - April 2019

Note: Some awards earned during this period may not be finalized and are set to appear in future issues

Meritorious Service Medal



Maj Melissa Beauchamp 152nd Force Support Sqd
Maj Barton Boma 192nd Airlift Sqd
SFC Nathaniel Borja 421st RTI
SSG Brian Bradley Recruiting & Retention
MSgt Jason Cambell 152nd Coms Flight
MSgt Sherri Clark 152nd Airlift Wing
MAJ David Connolly Recruiting & Retention
CPT Brian Crouse 422nd ESB
SGT Conor Czyniewski 422nd ESB
SPC Tyler Davis 145th Forward Support Co
SGT Paul Duncan JR Recruiting & Retention
MSgt Matthew Farley 152nd Security Forces Sqd
SFC Ilda Grimmert 991st Aviation Troop Com
SMSgt Jason Huth 152nd Mission Support Group
SSG Joseph Palomino 421st RTI
MSG Elias Perez Recruiting & Retention
SFC Ronald Portillo JR Recruiting & Retention
SFC Philip Risi 422nd ESB
MSgt Daphne Ross Air Guard HQ
SFC Cristian Strong 17th SB
CPT David Tole JFHQ
COL Eric Wishart JFHQ

Army Commendation Medal



SPC Karim Arafa 1864th Trans Co
CW2 David Aukeman 3/140th Aviation Det
LTC Laura Boldry JFHQ
SGT Quinton Bulloch 3/140th Aviation Det
SPC Nathaniel Clark 1-221st Cav C Troop
SSG John Cooley 2/238th Aviation Det
SPC Ivan Coronalezoya 145th Forward Support Co
CPT Benjamin Delapaz 1-221st Cav HHT
SPC Aldo Delatorre 1/189th Aviation Co
SFC Alejandro Delpozo 1-221st Cav HHT
SFC Nicholas Hammond 2/238th Aviation Det
SFC Heather Harris Recruiting & Retention
SGT Michael Knight 3/140th Aviation Det
SFC Christopher Laduca 1-221st Cav HHT
SFC Chad Lewis 145th Forward Support Co
SGT Andrew Lynch 3/140th Aviation Det
CW2 Steven Minifie 2/238th Aviation Det
SFC Bradley Nelson 3665th Ordnance Co
SFC Mike Nguyen Recruiting & Retention
WO1 Benjamin Schinzing JFHQ
SSG Race Shelton 3/140th Aviation Det
SGT Andrew Silvaroli 2/238th Aviation Det
SPC Paris Smith 3/140th Aviation Det
SSG Mercedes Taimanglo 145th Forward Support Co
CPT Derrick Tang 1-221st Cav HHT
CPL Rudolf Wosic 1-221st Cav HHT
SGT Jonah Younghaines 2/238th Aviation Det
1SG Joshua Zamzow 1-221st Cav A Troop

Air Force Commendation Medal



TSgt Anthony Haley 152nd Security Forces Sqd
TSgt Patrick Hall 152nd Security Forces Sqd
SSgt Michael Moore 152nd Security Forces Sqd

Army Achievement Medal



PV2 Kvon Anderson 17th SB
2LT Elijah Armstrong 1-221st Cav B Troop
SPC Jazmin Arteagaibanez Recruiting & Retention
SPC Joshua Bales 991st Aviation Troop Com
SFC Stephen Belcher Recruiting & Retention
SPC Curtis Bender 145th Forward Support Co
SGT Joshua Bigham 1-221st Cav HHT
SGT Ernie Calderon 1-221st Cav B Troop
SPC Erik Chan 1-148th Field Artillery Reg
SSG Brad Clodfelter 1-221st Cav C Troop
SPC Christopher Connors 1-221st Cav A Troop
SGT Michael Consul 3/140th Aviation Det
SFC Brandon Copley 1-221st Cav D Troop
SGT Christopher Cordoba 1-221st Cav B Troop
SPC Erik Delmar JR 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Ashton Dessert 150th Maint Co
SPC Bailey Dibenedetto 1-221st Cav C Troop
SGT Paul Duncan JR Recruiting & Retention
SGT Mark Dunn 240th Engineer Co
PFC Louis Durano 609th Engineer Co
SSG James Eddings 1864th Trans Co
SPC Joseph Edwards 145th Forward Support Co
SSG David Ellis 1-221st Cav HHT
SGT Neil Espinoza 3/140th Aviation Det
SGT Edwin Fabela 1-221st Cav B Troop
SGT Erick Fabela 1-221st Cav D Troop
SPC William Famini IV 1-221st Cav HHT
SPC Adam Flores 3/140th Aviation Det
SFC John Foley JR Recruiting & Retention
2LT Gary Furney 1-148th Field Artillery Reg
PFC Nicolas Gilbert SR 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Ivan Gomez 1-221st Cav A Troop
1LT Kelly Gonzales 757th CSSB
CPT Kandace Gonzales JFHQ
SGT Jose Gonzalez II 145th Forward Support Co
SGT Keahi Granstrom 1864th Trans Co
SPC Nichole Gunther 100th Quartermaster Co
SGT Zachary Hair 1-221st Cav A Troop
SSG Jessica Hana 150th Maint Co
SGT Daniel Hancock 1-221st Cav D Troop
PFC Michael Hanson 1859th Trans Co
SGT Todd Hensley 1-221st Cav C Troop
SSG Nicholas Humphrey 1-221st Cav B Troop
CPL Anthony Jenner 1864th Trans Co
SGT David Jensen 2/238th Aviation Det
SPC Anthony Johnson 1-221st Cav D Troop
CPL Tyler Jones 1-221st Cav D Troop
SPC Brandon Justice 1-221st Cav B Troop
SSG Michael Kostak JFHQ
SGT Matthew Lagrone Recruiting & Retention
1LT Daniel Lane 1-221st Cav C Troop
SFC Rutilio Lara 609th Engineer Co
PFC Thairras Laxton 3/140th Aviation Det
SSG Scott Leavitt 1-221st Cav A Troop
SGT Saxton Lee 1-221st Cav B Troop
CW2 Stephen Lee 3/140th Aviation Det
PV2 Sydney Libbyhahn 593rd Trans Co
CPL Chris Linares 1-221st Cav A Troop
PFC Dakotah Macdonald 1-221st Cav C Troop
SPC Andrea Maria 145th Forward Support Co
SSG William Mariona Recruiting & Retention
SGT Kerry Marriott 145th Forward Support Co
SPC Jason Martinez 1-221st Cav HHT
PV2 Alfonso Martinez 150th Maint Co
SSG Adalberto Martinez 3/140th Aviation Det
PFC Josiah Medina 777th Eng Det
SPC Juan Mendoza 1-221st Cav HHT

SPC Chandler Mesinar 1-221st Cav C Troop
SGT Richard Mirabelli 72nd MP
SPC Andres Miranda 1864th Trans Co
SPC Manuel Monroy 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Cesar Montalvoguerra 1-221st Cav C Troop
SSG Kyle Morse 1-221st Cav D Troop
SGT David Mosse JR 1-221st Cav HHT
SGT Dezirae Narvaez 145th Forward Support Co
PFC Jarrett Nilsen 1-221st Cav B Troop
SGT Ricardo Nungaray 1864th Trans Co
SSG James Oconnor 1-221st Cav A Troop
PFC Christian Oh 1-221st Cav D Troop
SPC Gildardo Pena JR 1-221st Cav D Troop
SPC Rafael Perea JR 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Marlon Portillololinas 145th Forward Support Co
SPC Justin Ramirez 1-221st Cav B Troop
1LT Thomas Robb 1-221st Cav D Troop
SPC Johan Rosales 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Alexandra Ruizrivera 3/140th Aviation Det
SGT Steve Sanson JR 1-221st Cav HHT
SPC Hector Santana JR 1-221st Cav B Troop
SPC Hunter Schultz 3/140th Aviation Det
SFC Nicholas Scobert 3/140th Aviation Det
SGT Lindsey Scott Med Det
PFC Christopher Shapiro 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Xavier Shuberda 1-221st Cav C Troop
SPC Alejandro Silva 145th Forward Support Co
SGT Landon Smiley 1-221st Cav A Troop
SPC Paris Smith 3/140th Aviation Det
SPC Octavio Solorzano 593rd Trans Co
SPC Joseph Stelletello 593rd Trans Co
PFC Manuel Suaybaguio 1-221st Cav D Troop
SGT Christian Tijerina 1-221st Cav D Troop
SPC Clifton Valentine 1864th Trans Co
SPC Jerome Versola 1-221st Cav B Troop
SPC Marycarmen Villalpandoortiz 145th Frd Support Co
SPC Benjamin Visser 3/140th Aviation Det
SPC Shane Webber 1-221st Cav B Troop
SSG William Wills III 1-221st Cav HHT
PFC Gilberto Yorba JR 1864th Trans Co
SPC Cyrus Zacarias 1-221st Cav A Troop
SGT Robert Zamzow 3/140th Aviation Det
SPC Luis Zarate 1-221st Cav A Troop

Air Force Achievement Medal



MSG Cameron Anderson JFHQ
SSG Brian Bradley Recruiting & Retention
SGT Francis Champa 1-221st Cav C Troop
SrA Mathew Doyle 152nd Security Forces Sqd
SMSgt Paul Hinen 152nd Security Forces Sqd

PROMOTIONS

LTC/Lt Col

Shawn Cruze 152nd Comptroller Flight
Andrew Wagner 991st Aviation Troop Com
Laura Boldry JFHQ
Alesha Perez JFHQ
James Phoenix JFHQ
Jenelle Kimsey 152nd Force Support Sqd

MAJ/Maj

Liberty Reyes 17th SB
Mark Kuhn 232nd Ops Sqd
Dillon Sauer 92nd CST

CPT/Capt

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Michael Colyer 1-221st Cav D Troop
 Patricia Mendoza 17th SB
 Brandon Williams 232nd Ops Sqd
 Jacob Parker JFHQ

1LT/1st LT

Dylan Weber 152 Student Flight
 Curtis Wiersma 152nd Intel Sqd

CW5

Brett Johnston JFHQ

CW4

Stephen Nielsen 1/189th Aviation Co

CW3

Joshua Groth 2/238th Aviation Det

CW2

Christopher Tapia 757th CSSB

CSM/SGM/CMSgt

Zell Johnson 1-221st Cav HHT
 Kevin Brun 152nd Maint Group
 Michael Ariztia 421st RTI

1SG/MSG/SMSGt

Thomas Zaremba 1/189th Aviation Co
 Karim Khaldy 1-221st Cav D Troop
 Martin Flores 145th Forward Support Co
 Richard Brant 152nd Maint Group
 Jennifer Harrell 152nd Maint Group
 David Woginrich 152nd Security Forces Sqd
 Mayra Haaglund 1859th Trans Co
 Richard Miller 1859th Trans Co
 Robert Jester 421st RTI
 Benjamin Green 422nd ESB
 John Shaw 757th CSSB
 Brian Faulkner JFHQ
 Charissa Sheppard JFHQ
 Donald Goodballet II Recruiting & Retention

SFC/MSGt

Robert Knight JR 1/189th Aviation Co
 Allen Marshall 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Daniel Rogers 137th MP
 Paul Gardner 150th Maint Co
 Darrell Hurlburt 150th Maint Co
 Amorita Jenkins 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 Ryan Carlile 152nd Maint Group
 Michael Massano 152nd Maint Sqd
 Christopher Pope 152nd Maint Sqd
 Patrick Hall 152nd Security Forces Sqd
 Nicholas Hammond 2/238th Aviation Det
 Charles Whipple 3/140th Aviation Det
 Steven Bunch 421st RTI
 Jeremy Tenorio 421st RTI
 Dashawna Berkley 422nd ESB
 Steven Frey 422nd ESB
 Katie Lindstrom 422nd ESB
 Israel Vazquez 422nd ESB
 Alfonso Zafra 422nd ESB
 Shakur Beavers 593rd Trans Co
 Rutilio Lara 609th Engineer Co
 Craig Kenison 92nd CST
 Stephen Belcher Recruiting & Retention
 John Foley JR Recruiting & Retention
 Gregory Krizmanich Recruiting & Retention
 Michael Russell Recruiting & Retention

SSG/TSgt

Gilberto Colon III 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Cesar Enriquez-Donate 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Brandon Dogelio 1-221st Cav C Troop
 Michael Hollins 1-221st Cav HHT
 Joshua Killingner 137th MP
 Pedro Jaime 145th Forward Support Co
 Kim Garback 150th Maint Co
 Brian Stanton 152nd Intel Sqd
 Alkennisha Little 17th SB
 Bridget Cantu 1864th Trans Co
 Jaycel Bench 232nd Ops Sqd
 Adam Huffman 240th Engineer Co
 Brittny Lynchduncan 240th Engineer Co
 Jason Gordon 421st RTI
 Sonia Lugo 421st RTI
 Christopher Davis 422nd ESB
 Jason James 422nd ESB
 Daniseearvin Montano 422nd ESB
 Louis Brown 609th Engineer Co

Eunice Rodriguez 72nd MP
 Adrian Sanchez 72nd MP
 Chelsea Canada JFHQ
 Samantha Perry JFHQ
 April Hall Med Det
 Deborah Hurtado Med Det
 Ana Nunez Med Det
 Morissa Hampshire Recruiting & Retention
 Michelle Young Recruiting & Retention

SGT/SSgt

Enrique Dealba-Altamirano 1/189th Aviation Co
 Eric Stout 1/189th Aviation Co
 David Tecson 1/189th Aviation Co
 Gwyneth Terry 1/189th Aviation Co
 Daniel Waller 1/189th Aviation Co
 Napaul Cavazos 100th Quartermaster Co
 Mayra Flores 100th Quartermaster Co
 Jeremy Crossley 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Matthew Erbach 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Zachary Hair 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Andrew Johnson 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Sidney Romero 1-221st Cav A Troop
 Richard Hernandez-Molina 1-221st Cav C Troop
 Eugene Marchev 1-221st Cav C Troop
 Henry Grant JR 1-221st Cav D Troop
 Daniel Hancock 1-221st Cav D Troop
 Sonya Bruns 137th MP
 Tiffany Elsner 137th MP
 Dominique Counts 145th Forward Support Co
 Colby Powell 145th Forward Support Co
 Jonathan Rogers 150th Maint Co
 Jeremy Laine 1859th Trans Co
 Grant Muzzio 1859th Trans Co
 Samantha Singh 1859th Trans Co
 Mason Burkhardt 2/238th Aviation Det
 Nathan Capps 2/238th Aviation Det
 Cody Clifford 2/238th Aviation Det
 Andrew Silvaroli 2/238th Aviation Det
 Mark Dunn 240th Engineer Co
 Derek Kier 240th Engineer Co
 Michael Consul 3/140th Aviation Det
 Kevin Ramos 3/140th Aviation Det
 Robert Zamzow 3/140th Aviation Det
 Jason Pavon 3665th Ordnance Co
 Jacob Rooney 3665th Ordnance Co
 Lenin Belalcazar 421st RTI
 Jahel Moreno 421st RTI
 Conor Czyzniejewski 422nd ESB
 Angela Delacruz 422nd ESB
 Enrique Ortega-Dominguez 422nd ESB
 Conor Pugh 422nd ESB
 Jaime Roque JR 422nd ESB
 Brian Sabiniano 422nd ESB
 Jose Sanchez 422nd ESB
 Uriel Renteria-Valdez 593rd Trans Co
 Andrew Sanchez 593rd Trans Co
 Tabor Schmaling 593rd Trans Co
 Cameron Fricke 609th Engineer Co
 Tristan Lopez 609th Engineer Co
 Vanessa Herrera 72nd MP
 Bret Satowski 72nd MP
 Trey Dufresne 757th CSSB
 Reese Johnson 757th CSSB
 Angelina Iniguez Med Det
 Kylie Shinn Med Det

SGT David Mosse JR 1-221st Cav HHT
 SGT Christopher Dickens 137th MP
 SGT Aaron Johnson 145th Forward Support Co
 SPC Edgar Jordan 145th Forward Support Co
 SGT Jacob Wright 145th Forward Support Co
 SSG Joshua Blair 150th Maint Co
 SGT Kenneth Kinzly 150th Maint Co
 A1C Michelle Brooks 152nd Airlift Wing
 A1C Maril Vernon 152nd Airlift Wing
 A1C Seth Cooke 152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd
 A1C Timothy Fluellen 152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd
 A1C Dawson Smith 152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd
 A1C Adam Merrigan 152nd Civil Eng. Sqd
 A1C Cody Puryear 152nd Civil Eng. Sqd
 SSgt Jeffrey Sitko 152nd Civil Eng. Sqd
 A1C Barbara Starnes 152nd Civil Eng. Sqd
 A1C Timothy Hand 152nd Maint Sqd
 A1C Dylan Paxton 152nd Maint Sqd
 AB Kendall Knuff 152nd Medical Group
 AB JaDa Meddley 152nd Mission Support Group
 1LT Joseph Lasky 17th SB
 SPC Estevan Benavidez 1859th Trans Co
 2LT Sean Dinnell 1859th Trans Co
 SGT Tyler Floto 1859th Trans Co
 SGT Christopher Traya 1864th Trans Co
 2LT Sergio Zarate 2/238th Aviation Det
 SPC Dkota Brodie 240th Engineer Co
 PFC Giovanni Munguia 240th Engineer Co
 2LT Vincent Owyong 240th Engineer Co
 SPC Adam Flores 3/140th Aviation Det
 SPC Khalil James 3/140th Aviation Det
 SGT Peter Ramos 421st RTI
 PFC Karina Contreras 422nd ESB
 SGT Josue Ibarra 422nd ESB
 SPC Ryan Parmer 422nd ESB
 SGT Fernando Rosales 422nd ESB
 SPC Carey Suitter 422nd ESB
 PV1 Nathan Unterein 422nd ESB
 SPC Michael Wallace 422nd ESB
 SPC Brent Caber 593rd Trans Co
 SPC Silvia Ramirez 593rd Trans Co
 SPC Mickey Carmichael 609th Engineer Co
 SPC Christopher Johnson 609th Engineer Co
 SGT Zachary Fierst 72nd MP
 PFC Karen Lloyd 72nd MP
 SGT Jacob Flick 757th CSSB
 SGT Ian Fritzsche 92nd CST
 CPT Layne Christopher 991st Aviation Troop Com
 WO1 Roberto Caceres-Valencia JFHQ
 CPT Trevor Mccarthy JFHQ
 CW2 Paul Santilena JFHQ
 WO1 Benjamin Schinzing JFHQ
 2LT James Drury Med Det
 SSG Cameron Sather Med Det
 SFC Skyler Lee Recruit Sust Program
 SGT Dominique Romero Recruit Sust Program
 SFC Katie Williams Recruiting & Retention

RETIREMENTS

MAJ Derek Imig JFHQ
 SGM Richard Deutch 1-221st Cav HHT
 CMSgt David Gonzales 152nd Maint Ops Flight
 1SG Bryan Sulanke 1-221st Cav C Troop
 1SG George Condos 1-221st Cav D Troop
 SMSgt Erik Eigenman 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 MSG David Hurwitz 17th SB
 1SG John Foster 422nd ESB
 1SG Stephen Lawrence JFHQ
 SFC Christopher Sackett 1-221st Cav D Troop
 MSgt Robert Marshall 152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd
 MSgt Robert Garrett 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 MSgt Yvette Maynard 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
 MSgt Benjamin Reynolds 152nd Maint Group
 MSgt Charles Mendoza 152nd Maint Sqd
 MSgt Matthew Zierenberg 152nd Maint Sqd
 SSG Salvador Orozco 1-221st Cav A Troop
 SSG Eric Head 1-221st Cav D Troop
 TSgt Frank Zuniga 152nd Medical Group
 TSgt Nathaniel Steiner 192nd Airlift Sqd

ACCESSIONS

SPC Mitchell Bartels 1/189th Aviation Co
 SPC Aldo Delatorre 1/189th Aviation Co
 SPC Jacob Mcdermott 1/189th Aviation Co
 SGT Aaron Bogdanovich 100th Quartermaster Co
 SFC Christopher Harty 100th Quartermaster Co
 SPC Ryan Redel 1-221st Cav B Troop
 PFC Ricardo Martinez-Shepard 1-221st Cav C Troop
 SGT Michael Milito 1-221st Cav D Troop
 PV2 Taylan Thomas 1-221st Cav D Troop
 2LT Brennen Hill 1-221st Cav HHT
 2LT Jason Lee 1-221st Cav HHT

CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History





Other Events and Functions

August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 TAG Marksmanship Match begins in Hawthorne	14	15	16	17
18 1920: The 19th Amendment was ratified, granting women the right to vote	19	20	21	22 1892: Nevada Militias first summer encampment at Treadway's Field, Carson City	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3 1783: Treaty of Paris signed ending the Revolutionary War	4	5	6	7 Adjutant General Change of Command Ceremony
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 1947: The National Security Act, 1947 established U.S. Air Force now independent branch	19 1957: Nevada's first underground nuclear test 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 1789: Congress passed the Act for the Establishment of troops 	30					

October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1943 :Women's Army Corps established	2	3	4	5
6	7 2001: Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Nevada Day: Observed 	26 Nevada Day Parade in Carson City
27	28	29	30	31 Nevada Day 		

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SILVER STATE VISIT: Gen. Joseph Lengyel, center, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, addressed the nation's National Guard U.S. Property and Fiscal officers during their annual workshop in April in Reno. During the workshop, the USPFOs from the 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia discussed the best ways to manage taxpayer resources while also fulfilling the Guard's mission to deter enemies and win conflicts.



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