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ON THE COVER: Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry is sworn in as Nevada National Guard's 30th Adjutant General by Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak at the Nevada Air Guard Base in Reno in September. Berry succeeded Brig. Gen. Bill Burks after Burks held the position for a decade.
Photo by Spc. Jonnie Blake

INSET PHOTO: Quinn Rauchle, 4, holds the flag presented to her by the Nevada Guard honor guard during the memorial service for her father, Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle, on Sept. 19 at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery. Chase Rauchle took his own life on Sept. 9.
Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

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DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP

EOD Soldiers' departure ignites flurry of deployment activity

Staff reports

LAS VEGAS — The departure of the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company in August ignited a flurry of deployment activity for the Nevada Army Guard in recent months. By the end of winter, five Nevada Army Guard units including 200 Soldiers will be deployed on three continents.

The 3665th was the first Nevada Army Guard unit to embark on a foreign deployment in three years. Although based in Henderson, the unit held its mobilization ceremony at the Las Vegas Readiness Center to mark the beginning of its mission to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. About 30 Soldiers deployed to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel for about 10 months.

Established recently in 2013, the 3665th is the lone EOD unit in the state and the deployment is the unit's first. EOD Soldiers specialize in defusing unexploded ordnance, improvised explosive devices and weapons of mass destruction.

"We are fully prepared to take on our mission," said 3665th 1st Sgt. Benjamin Hopper. "We'll be working with both conventional and unconventional forces assisting in disarming improvised explosive devices and clearing out unexploded ordnance. We can do both either mounted or dismounted." (Hopper was set to become a first sergeant at the time of the mobilization ceremony and was wearing sergeant first class rank during the event.)

Hopper, 35, of Alabama, is one of 12 Soldiers in the unit not from Nevada. Because full-fledged EOD Soldiers are so rare, the 3665th draws upon many Soldiers who reside in other states but drill and train in Nevada.

Hopper was the rare Nevada Army Guard Soldier to deploy with a full beard. He received a religious accommodation waiver to grow out his beard before deploying. He is a Norse Pagan.

The unit is commanded by Maj. Aaron Mach. Sgt. Jessica Done is the unit's lone female Soldier.



The unit is set to return to the Silver State in June 2020.

Black Hawk aviation unit takes off for Afghanistan

RENO — After months of preparation, about 30 Soldiers in G Company, 2/238th Aviation finally took off for northern Afghanistan in early September to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The aviation Soldiers operate and maintain the Nevada Army Guard's fleet of UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and specialize in





LEFT: Soldiers in the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company conduct a training mission in the mountains near Hawthorne, Nev., prior to their August deployment. **BELOW LEFT:** Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak takes time out for a photo with Soldiers in the 2/238th Aviation unit during their deployment ceremony in September. **ABOVE:** Five CH-47 Chinook helicopters assigned to the 1/189th Aviation unit perform a flyover at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Reno on their way to predeployment training in Texas. (Photos courtesy 3665th, Spc. Jorge Garcia and 2nd Lt. Michael Orton, respectively)

medical evacuation missions.

The Nevada Army Guard has seven Black Hawks in its inventory. Of the seven, three are set up for medical evacuation and transport. Those three helicopters went with the unit to its pre-deployment training; the other helicopters will remain in Nevada for domestic operations including potential firefighting and search and rescue missions.

Dozens of friends, family members and fellow Guardsmen wished the company safe travels during its formal departure ceremony in September at the Army Aviation Support Facility. The ceremony marked the start of the unit's fourth deployment to Afghanistan since 2001.

Gov. Steve Sisolak was in attendance and extolled the Soldiers for their upcoming noteworthy mission.

Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry, the Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard, also addressed the Soldiers at the ceremony and commented on the sacrifices the Soldiers and their families will have to make this upcoming year in order to support the county's interests in Afghanistan. He also thanked the families of 2/238th in advance for their unwavering support of the unit in upcoming months.

Capt. Nigel Harrison, the commander of G Company, previously deployed with the Black Hawk unit to Herat, Afghanistan, in 2013. Although most of his missions in 2013 were routine patient transfer, he did evacuate three patients who were targets of improvised explosive device attacks. Harrison said he would never forget the impact those three Soldiers had on his career as a medical evacuation pilot.

The roughly 30 Soldiers who departed in September will return home in about six months when another set of 2/238th Soldiers rotates into Afghanistan to supplant the first iteration.

Bravo Company out the door to Kuwait and beyond

RENO – Fourteen years after the unit first deployed to southwest Asia in the post 9/11 era, the Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard's Bravo Company, 1/189th Aviation once again began a foreign mission to the same general region in October. Their deployment began with a mobilization ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility.

About 60 Soldiers participated in the ceremony that marked the start of the unit's nine-month mission that will begin in Kuwait. Some Soldiers will stay in Kuwait while others will likely be based in Iraq and Afghanistan. The unit operates and maintains the Nevada Army Guard's fleet of CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

Two northern Nevada units packing their bags

The headquarters element of the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion is set to send about 70 Soldiers to Poland in December to support European Command's Operation Assured Response. Although its European base will be in Poland, the battalion's Soldiers will likely be dispersed in several countries. The battalion's Soldiers specialize in the oversight of subordinate transportation, maintenance and security elements.

Det. 3, Company B, 2/641st Aviation is the unit that maintains and operates the Nevada Army Guard's lone fixed-wing aircraft, a C-12 Huron. Most of the tiny detachment's Soldiers are set to deploy to Djibouti in January 2020 to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel within Africa Command's area of responsibility. This will be the fourth foreign deployment since 2001 for the detachment, making it one of the most-heavily deployed units in the Nevada Army Guard.



Photo by Sgt Ryan Getsie
Sgt. Jason Wiedenman of the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company poses for a photo in front of the EOD branch emblem before deploying in August.

Nevada Guard's 'Pinball Wizard' now going full tilt in Afghanistan

By Sgt. Ryan Getsie
17th Sustainment Brigade

HENDERSON — Sgt. Jason Wiedenman of the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company is a self-proclaimed “pinball wizard.” That characterization of the 33-year-old Soldier became a no-brainer after he landed his civilian job as a pinball machine repair technician.

It's a stark contrast from his military position as an EOD team leader. Wiedenman, of Sawyer, Michigan, was one of the roughly 30 Soldiers in the 3665th who deployed to Afghanistan in August for a 10-month mission to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

“When I got off active duty, I didn't set out to chase money,” Wiedenman said. “I fell into the pinball job because my dad's friend owns an amusement company and he asked me to work for him.

“What's cool about the job is after I repair the machines, I get to play them. You have to make sure it works after you fix them.”

Wiedenman is one of 12 out-of-state Soldiers who deployed with the Nevada unit.



Photo courtesy 3665th EOD
Sgt. Jason Wiedenman of the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company works to quickly disarm a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device during pre-deployment training at the Henderson Fire Department in June.

Because EOD Soldiers are some of the most specialized in the Army, EOD units often search far and wide for qualified individuals.

Wiedenman said he didn't mind the 2,000-mile commute from the Wolverine State to southern Nevada for his pre-deployment training and unit drills.

“Las Vegas is an attractive location,” Wiedenman said. “It's pretty cheap to get here and back.”

After annual training this spring, Weidenman was awarded his Senior EOD Badge, a mark of a team leader. The badge recognizes a Soldier's leadership, competence and tactical ability.

Wiedenman said his civilian employer is supportive of his deployment, even if it will have to find an alternate pinball wizard this upcoming year to repair pinball machines.

“The company I work for totally understands,” Wiedenman said. “My boss is fully on board and supports the military.”



Semper Guard: Former Marine Corps officer begins Nev. Air Guard job at Nellis

By Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum
Joint Force Headquarters

LAS VEGAS — Judging by his airtight Marine Corps aviation resume, it's a safe bet the new Deputy Director of the Virtual Test and Training Center Maj. Geoffrey Franks will thrive in the Nevada Air Guard. Franks, whose call sign is "El Gato," officially joined the Nevada Air Guard in August during a swearing in ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base.

Franks, an F-35 pilot in the Marine Corps, is replacing Lt. Col. Jacob Hammons. Hammons is now the wing commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing in Reno. Franks will continue to fly the F-35 with the 6th Weapons Squadron.

"This is an unbelievable opportunity," Franks said. "The Virtual Test and Training Center is an incubator where we can make things happen."

Franks, 39, a native of Portland, Oregon, joined the military in 2003 after graduation from the University of Idaho. He served at bases across the country in Florida, Texas, South Carolina and Arizona before landing in Nevada.

Early in his career, he flew the F/A-18C Hornet and was a Weapons and Tactics Instructor before transitioning to the F-35 in 2016. While flying the F-18, Franks recorded deployments to Iraq (2008-2009), Afghanistan (2012) and the western Pacific. He graduated from TOPGUN in Fallon in 2010 as a Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor.

After converting to the F-35, Franks moved to Nellis and was one of the 10 initial cadre of instructors at the 6th WPS. He was the A flight commander and focused on air-to-air tactics.

For the past 18 months, Franks was a liaison between the military and the aviation industry and previously he had worked closely with the Virtual Warfare Center run by Boeing in St. Louis, Missouri.

"My background in the simulation world is the reason I was selected to be here," Franks said. "I have test, industry and simulation experience that I bring to the table."

The VTTC provides the U.S. military



Photo by Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum
Former Marine Corps officer Maj. Geoffrey 'El Gato' Franks swears in as an Airman in the Nevada Air National Guard at Nellis Air Force Base in August.

a facility to test and practice tactics, techniques and procedures needed to combat adversaries in a classified and controlled environment.

Franks has actually come full circle. While in college, he was interested in the Air Force and met with an Air Force recruiter, but because his Criminal Justice degree was not associated with

engineering or mathematics, the Air Force was disinterested. Instead, he joined the Marines to fly jets. Now, 16 years later, the Air Force lured him away from the Marine Corps.

Franks has been married to Andrea, a speech pathologist, for 17 years. They have twin 11-year-old daughters, Claire and Isabelle, and reside in Las Vegas.

DROP ZONE



Photo by Sgt 1st. Class John Hines

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Harty, a motor sergeant with the 100th Quartermaster unit, conducts a practical exercise review involving battlefield strategy during a Battle Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Course last summer. The Nevada Guard annually sends 3-7 sergeants to the three-week course. Students in the course cover many subjects and techniques used by officers when planning combat operations. After completion, graduates assist commanders by providing an accurate overview of what is happening on the battlefield.



Photo by Spc. Dominic Trujillo

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Cavalry scouts from the Nevada Army National Guard's 1-221st Cavalry Squadron, 116th Brigade Combat Team, refine their tactical movements aboard a M3A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle last summer in advance of upcoming live-fire missions. The 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team trained at the National Training Center for nearly a month alongside Army National Guard units from 12 other states during the rotation. The aim of the rotation was to improve both unit and Soldier proficiency to provide combatant commanders with a trained and ready unified cavalry force capable of fighting and winning any battle in any type of environment.



Photo by Sgt. Zandra Duran

RENO, Nev. — Three 2/238th Aviation Company UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and crew fly away from the Army Aviation Support Facility in September to begin their deployment in Afghanistan. The unit will provide medical evacuation support while deployed.



Courtesy photo

RENO — Airmen from the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing attended the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in Washington, D.C. From left to right, back to front were: Senior Airman Olivia Kennedy, Staff Sgt. Kathryn Heeran, Senior Airman Meghan Arrance, Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Harrell, Tech. Sgt. Rita Middleton, Capt. Jessica Sarradet, Capt. Megan Curry, Capt. Merridy Young, Tech. Sgt. Melanie Pearmain and Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Myrick.



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Greiner

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Airmen from the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing participated in Water Survival Training in June. The training was at Point Loma Naval Annex, California. The training was broken down into five primary topics including survival kit components and water survival gear, swimming techniques, 20-man life raft survival, one-man life raft survival and parachute canopy exit. The 152nd Medical Group had two medics participating in the event to ensure safety.



Photo courtesy 1864th Transportation Co.

CAMP NAVAJO, Ariz. — During its annual training last summer, the 1864th Transportation Company provided transportation support for five units along the route from Camp Navajo, Ariz., to Camp Grayling, Mich., in support of Northern Strike 2019. The unit's Soldiers drove 185,000 convoy miles and transported 2,613 tons of equipment.

Nevada welcomes first new adjutant general in a decade

Grandmother:
'One day, you will
speak to the world'

By Emerson Marcus
Nevada Guard Command Historian

CARSON CITY — As a child, Ondra Berry never received easy lines during annual plays at the Baptist church he attended in Evansville, Indiana.

His grandmother, Carry Carter, made sure of that.

"My grandmother used to always give me long speeches that I had to memorize — and I hated it," Berry said with a smile. "Everyone else had about two lines for the church Easter play. I had a page to memorize. While practicing, if I messed up one word, she would tell me, 'Do it again.' She explained to me over and over that I needed to work on my public speaking because, as she often said to me, 'One day, you will speak to the world.'"

Berry, a brigadier general in the Nevada Air National Guard, became the state's 30th adjutant general during a change-of-command ceremony Sept. 7 at the Nevada Air Guard Base fuel cell hangar in Reno. He replaced Brig. Gen. William Burks who had served as the state's adjutant general since 2009. Berry, 61, of Sparks, Nevada, is the first African American to hold the position in the state's 155-year history.

The lessons Berry learned from his grandmother, including her insistence that he memorize long monologues during church plays, helped refine a skill

Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry, 61, the 30th adjutant general of the Nevada National Guard, was sworn into office in September.



he has used throughout his career.

That skill became invaluable at a time when Berry came to a crossroad in 2005, which steered him on a path to become Nevada's adjutant general, especially after a fortuitous meeting with the director of the Air National Guard and future chief of the National Guard Bureau.

'A defining moment'

In 2005, Berry, then the deputy police chief at the Reno Police Department, threw his name in the running for the top law enforcement position in the city.

Berry was one of two finalists, but he was not selected for the job.

"I had a pity party for about three days," he said. "Life is going to throw stuff at you, but it's how you bounce back. That was a defining moment for me. I'm driven by defining moments. These

are the small events in your life, things that happen to you or that you create. These moments have huge consequences."

After 25 years at RPD and raising his three children with his high school sweetheart, Margo, in northern Nevada, Berry took a job in Las Vegas as senior vice president at MGM Resorts working on diversity initiatives. Berry was uniquely qualified for the position as the founder of Guardian Quest, a diversity and inclusion training company in Nevada.

The Reno Gazette Journal wrote an editorial after Berry announced his retirement from RPD: "He may not have made it to the top job in the Reno Police Department, but the chances are good that someone mentored by former Assistant Chief Ondra Berry someday will. That's the legacy Berry...will leave behind."

"I believe that my job is to stay inspired everyday," Berry said. "If you are not inspired, you cannot inspire. Everybody wins when a leader gets better. Servant leadership is a big deal for me because

Photos by Spc. Jonnie Blake

TOP: Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry addresses the crowd after becoming adjutant general.

BOTTOM: Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak presents Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry with the state's guidon to signify Berry's assumption of command.





Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
 Brig. Gen Ondra Berry, center, and
 Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan, right,
 are greeted at the finish line by Chief
 Warrant Officer 5 James Baumann at
 the annual IHOP Victims Memorial
 Run in Carson City in September.

I really believe we are put into these jobs to serve."

A fortuitous meeting

Shortly after, then-Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, director, Air National Guard (two years before he became chief of the National Guard Bureau) took notice of Berry.

Berry was asked to speak at an Air Guard senior leadership conference, known as "Safety Focus," at Volk Field, Wisconsin. One of the speakers cancelled, and Berry said he was asked to speak about leadership and how a culture of taking care of Airmen promotes safety.

"I knew of his reputation, but this Safety Focus, this is where we first looked each other in the eye and realized that we could make a good team," McKinley said in a phone interview with Battle Born magazine. "We decided at that moment, we were going to work together to be supporters of the Guard, and then we became close friends."

McKinley added: "We certainly stayed very closely aligned. When I became chief, I often requested Berry (Col. Berry at the time) be keynote speaker at many of the national conferences that TAGs and commanders attended."

Berry became the director of cultural transformation at the National Guard Bureau in 2008 and held multiple advisory positions at NGB until 2018.

"I was able to speak at all 54 states and territories working for General McKinley," Berry said. "My grandmother was right. I needed to be ready to speak to people around the world."

"I had the opportunity to work with the first two chiefs of the National Guard Bureau in history," Berry said. "My time working there led to a greater understanding of the purpose and role of the citizen Soldier and how critical the National Guard is to winning our nations wars. I learned a lot from my time there and I will never forget them."

Berry, an education major who played running back at the University of Evansville in Indiana and eventually enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard in 1986, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in 2013 as the assistant adjutant general, Nevada Air National Guard. Gov. Steve Sisolak publicly named Berry the next adjutant general in August.

"If I had gotten the police chief job or I hadn't been at the right place at the right time, and I hadn't been prepared to meet General McKinley, I wouldn't be here today," Berry said. "One of my favorite quotes, by Whitney Young, 'It's better to be prepared for an opportunity than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.'"

One-man world-changer

■ Story No. 9: The latest entry in our series of monthly stories about people who make a difference in our community. Today we feature Ondra Berry, a Reno police officer who believes one person can make a difference in the world, the community and a child's life.



The Berry file

- **Age:** 33.
- **Occupation:** Lieutenant with the Reno Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau.
- **Accomplishments:** President of Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society. Selected in 1992 to work on Cultural Differences Advisory Board by the American Correctional Association. Counselor in 1989-90 for Anytown USA. Anytown co-director, 1991. Winner in 1991 of the Reno Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award for community service and the JCPenney Golden Rule Award for community service. Named a board member of United Way of Nevada in 1991. Appointed in 1989 to State Job Training

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Airman of the Year

OUTSTANDING: Ondra Berry, the Air National Guard's Airman of the Year.

Reno Gazette Journal archives Decades-old headlines signaled Ondra Berry's promise of future success.

Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry settles into his new desk at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City in October.



TAG provides glimpse into early tenure

By Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry
The Adjutant General

The most common complaint I hear is there is a lack of communication. As your leader, I will communicate — a lot. That's why I want to address the Soldiers and Airmen of the Nevada National Guard with my first column as Adjutant General.

Thank you for your support through my first 100 days as Adjutant General.

So far, we've seen two Nevada Army Guard units deploy. We keep them and their families in our hearts.

We also began our new strategic plan for the Army and Air. Stay tuned for more info to come. The four priorities will remain the same, but we will add a fifth pillar: Force Development.

Moving forward, I have plenty of plans, including the organization of a Junior Enlisted Council. For high-speed Soldiers and Airmen in the force, please reach out to my staff. I will help get the ball rolling.

Let's stay great at the basics, make innovation a priority, develop the warfighter, protect the homeland and create great partnerships, as seen in our State Partnership Program.

Additionally, pay attention for leadership learning opportunities in 2020. I spent the first five years of my career enlisted before I commissioned. I can relate to the challenges of not having the opportunity to be heard or excel.

It is critical that we find ways to unleash the untapped potential of our enlisted force with constant communication and inclusion. Our leadership will begin a video series in 2020. Follow my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nvadjutantgeneral/> to follow those upcoming videos.

For the next six months, I will be focused on strategy, talent management and culture. Please forward any recommendations on how to improve processes in our organization.

The Nevada National Guard is greater than its individual parts. That is why

I emphasize Unity as one of my three tenants. Getting out of our fox holes and communicating with one another is critical to accomplishing our common goals and building upon the unity of the Nevada National Guard. Most of our misunderstandings occur because we don't communicate enough. A wise person once told me, "What do I know? Who needs to know it? And have I told them?" I encourage everyone to communicate unselfishly for the benefit of us all.

As Jackie Robinson said: "A life is not important except in its impact on other lives."

To contact my office, please reach out to Mark Prizina, 775-887-7302 or mark.a.prizina.civ@mail.mil.

MY SUGGESTED READING LIST: "Call Sign Chaos" by Jim Mattis; "You are Worth it" by Kyle Carpenter; "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu; "The 15 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John Maxwell; "Servant Leadership in Action" by Ken Blanchard.

Meet Adjutant General Ondra Berry

What are your favorite hobbies?

- 1) Reading Autobiographies
- 2) Working out
- 3) Listening to live music

"I love to read...If you came to my house, you'd say, 'Barnes and Noble has nothing on you.'"

Top 3 artists on your music playlist

- 1) Tower of Power
- 2) Celine Dion
- 3) Kurt Carr

"You can see my music for yourself. I still have an iPod, and I'm not getting rid of it until it breaks."

Berry's 3 keys to success

- 1) Well-being
- 2) Continuous Growth
- 3) Development

"My motto that drives me each day: Take care of Airmen, Soldiers, and Civilians so that they can take care of the mission."

8 deaths since 2015: Nevada Guard not immune to scourge of suicide

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

FERNLEY – No one will ever know what pushed him past his tipping point. But on the non-descript late-summer afternoon of Sept. 9, Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle, 31, a full-time Nevada National Guard recruiting and retention Soldier, could no longer tolerate his internal struggles and he took his own life. The decorated Afghanistan Veteran was survived by his wife, 4-year old daughter and 1-year old son.

Rauchle's case was a solemn reminder that suicide remains a serious threat to Nevada Guardsmen. Rauchle was the sixth Nevada Army Guard Soldier to commit suicide since 2015. The Nevada Air Guard has also suffered two suicides in the past three years.

Nevada's statistics are not extraordinary – or pacifying. During 2015-2018, the Army Guard in the District of Columbia, Maine, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands reported zero suicides. The Pennsylvania and Texas Army Guards both reported 32 suicides, the highest total among the 54 National Guard states and territories.

Across the nation, the Army National Guard reported a total of 450 suicides from 2015-2018. The Air National Guard reported 64 suicides in the same four-year period.

The Department of Defense readily states National Guardsmen are at "heightened risk" for suicide death in comparison to the general U.S. population. In the Pentagon's first Suicide Report released in September, it said the National Guard's suicide rate is now markedly higher than the active duty's and reserve component's suicide levels. The most recent figure reveals 30.6 suicide deaths per 100,000 Guardsmen, far above the 22.9 for reservists and the active duty's number of 24.8. The suicide rate for the general U.S. population for ages 17-59 was 18.2 per 100,000 people.

Because of the composition of the U.S. population versus the military (composed of a high percentage of young males), statisticians view the suicide rates between the military and general population as roughly equivalent – except in the case of National Guardsmen.

Why is the National Guard's suicide rate so high? One simple theory proposed by Uniformed Services University's Center for Deployment Psychology is the fact most Guardsmen are dealing with a higher number of stressors at both work and home. Whereas an active duty Soldier may be balancing family life and a military job, a Guardsman is usually balancing a civilian job



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Canyon Rauchle, 1, adds some clay at his father Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle's internment site at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in September.

as well. The small differences between active duty and National Guard military service – even simple administrative and legal issues – add up to become additional stressors on a Guardsman.

Another issue is the fact most Guardsmen are often unclear whether they should seek mental health care assistance from military or civilian health care providers.

(Those simplistic potential reasons do not, however, explain why the reserves have a lower suicide rate than the U.S. population. As stated in the Suicide Report, the act of taking one's own life is complex and no two cases are identical.)

Nationwide, the National Guard Bureau is set to implement two initiatives to deter suicide in the upcoming year.

One initiative will be the SPRING (Suicide Prevention and Readiness Initiative for the National Guard) Program, which will compile the top suicide-prevention practices from all 54

National Guard states and territories.

That program is set to dovetail with NGB's Warrior Resilience and Fitness Division's Innovation Incubator, which seeks pilot program for expanding readiness, wellness and resilience within National Guard ranks.

Specific to the Nevada Guard, the Suicide Prevention Program is set to host Suicide Prevention Training for all Nevada Army Guard Soldiers and family members Nov. 20-22 in Las Vegas and Dec. 11-13 in Sparks. Soldiers will be placed on orders (no compensation for family members.)

During the course, attendees will receive the two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and the one-day Army Ask, Care, Escort (ACE) Suicide Intervention class.

For information, call 775-384-5846 or 775-384-5819.

Soldiers and Airmen needing immediate assistance should call the Military Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255, then press 1.

Rauchle family aims to turn the tide on disturbing suicide trend

By Craig Rauchle
Special to Battle Born

Editor's Note: Craig Rauchle is the father of deceased Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle. Chase Rauchle, 31, committed suicide on Sept. 9.

I know firsthand the fact that, in a blink of the eye, a family's worst nightmare can turn into a reality. Writing as the patriarch of the Rauchle family, our family now aims to turn the unimaginable nightmare of suicide into future optimism for those who suffer silently with post-traumatic stress disorder and depression.

Recently, I received a phone call I never anticipated: "Sir, this is the medical examiner's office calling. I am very sorry to inform you that your son passed away this afternoon. Can you come down here?"

Naturally, I was left searching for answers to difficult questions. I pondered: How can this happen? What is the cycle that leads to this type of tragedy?

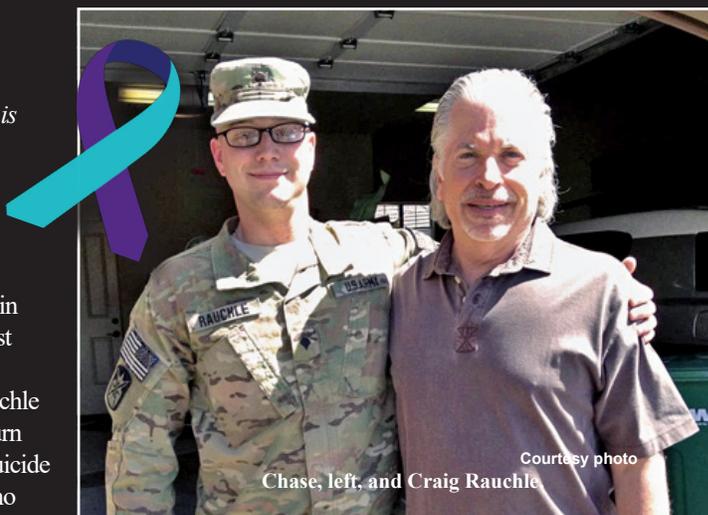
My search for answers lead me to believe there are substantive answers to the questions and I firmly believe there is more we can do to stem the alarming suicide rate.

First, I would like to see a cultural change within the armed forces. I believe the revelation of ideations of suicide still generate a stigma in the military.

I believe military personnel who admit to struggles with stress and depression are still stigmatized and these admissions are viewed as signs of weakness and failure.

No matter what leadership may say, I know many service members are fearful that admissions of struggles may disqualify them from career advancement or new assignments in the future – some are even fearful of discharge from the military.

Policies need to change quickly. I trust our service members are encouraged – perhaps even mandated – to schedule therapy sessions with trained psychologists. Early stage counseling



can prevent and manage the symptoms of depression. Proactive actions can stop this dark curtain from coming down over an individual's life.

I strongly believe we cannot place Soldiers and Airmen in stressful conditions and just hope they can "suck it up" and tolerate yet another demanding situation. Stress feeds into depression and the cycle will self perpetuate until a crisis occurs.

In the case of my son, the seeds of depression did exist. In my opinion, the stress of his military assignment exacerbated his depression and pushed him deeper and deeper into a downward spiral, and, in this case, there was no return.

Undoubtedly, his depression carried over into his home life. That led to marital and family pressures that contributed to his helpless feeling. Ironically, he was fearful of seeking assistance because he believed seeking help would hasten the end of his military career.

I sincerely believe my son wanted nothing more than to be an outstanding Soldier, good father and husband. But the pressures he felt led him to believe he was failing miserably in every aspect of life. In the end, he felt everyone would be better off without him.

After experiencing my own personal nightmare, I am now a strong advocate for mental health education and awareness and will strive for policy changes and legislation to eliminate suicide. An individual's mental health is far more important than a personnel file free of notations on psychological health.

On behalf of my son and in his name, I will strive to voice the concerns of those who battle depression and stress.

With that in mind, our family has established the Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle Memorial Fund. All funds raised will be used for support, education and treatment of stress related disorders, depression, PTSD and related mental illnesses.

I hope you might consider to help us, help others. This is just the first step in what we trust will be a worthy national endeavor in Chase's name.

The Chase Rauchle Memorial Fund

The Chase Rauchle Memorial Fund has been established to support, educate and treat stress related disorders and depression.

The fund is held and managed by Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Nevada. All donations are tax-deductible.

There are several ways to donate:

Credit Card: Go to www.parasol.org then go to the "Donate Now" link at the top of the page and then navigate to "select a fund" and scroll to the "Chase Rauchle Memorial Fund."

Check: All checks should be made out to Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation with The Chase Rauchle Memorial fund written on the memo line. Mail to Parasol Community Foundation, 948 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV 89451

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SPP exchange rate remains high with Nev. Guard's 1st major visit to Fiji

By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
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SUVA, Fiji – The Nevada Guard’s State Partnership Program staff hit the ground running in June conducting a massive exchange with Nevada’s newest partner nation, The Republic of Fiji.

The exchange marked the first large-scale visit by Nevada Soldiers and Airmen to the South Pacific nation since Fiji became the Silver State’s second international partner in 2018.

A 40-person analysis team visited Fiji for two weeks. Individuals from the Nevada National Guard, the National Guard Bureau and Indo-Pacific Command met with Republic of Fiji representatives to review both U.S. and Fijian military processes and procedures. Just as important as the assesment of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces' processes and systems were the process improvement and joint-partnership training opportunities discovered by the Nevada Guard.

The group worked in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy located in the Fijian capital of Suva. Before the exchange, they considered all of the pertinent topics, potential obstacles and other national influences in the region.

The team composed by the Nevada Guard SPP staff included subject matter experts in military personnel and administration, cybersecurity, joint operations/disaster planning, maritime security, training and force management, logistics, maintenance, recruiting and retention, and medical operations.

Assessment team members spent about a week with senior counterparts and toured facilities while compiling their reports. The first three days were reserved for the Americans to get to know their Fijian colleagues in a cultural immersion before the analysis began, said SPP director Lt. Col. Randy Lau. The initial relationship-building opportunities helped construct close ties between the team members and Fijian Soldiers.

“The Fijian military opened up to us more than we could have expected,” Lau said.

Lau said the exchange allowed Nevada officials to clearly understand what the partnership can support and what the other agencies and organizations such as U.S. INDOPACOM and like-minded partners can add to the burgeoning relationship.

The SPP staff continues to review the information from the exchange and it will work with its Fijian counterparts to plan future security cooperation exchanges and implement beneficial process improvements.

The SPP staff did not slow down after their June trip. Shortly after returning, staffers returned to Oceania and Brig. Gen. Bill Burks provided the opening remarks at the start of Exercise Cartwheel in July and then attended Exercise Tafakula in the Kingdom of Tonga in August.

In September, the Nevada Guard played host to senior delegates from Tonga and Fiji who attended the Adjutant General’s change of command ceremony, met with Gov. Steve Sisolak and participated in the first SPP mid-year planning meeting. Officials from U.S. INDOPACOM, U.S. Embassy Suva and Nevada Guard leadership also sat in on the meeting.

The SPP began its close ties with Oceania with its partnership with the Kingdom of Tonga in 2014.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
A Fijian performer performs a ritualistic dance during a cultural demonstration at the Pacific Harbor Arts Village in south Fiji.



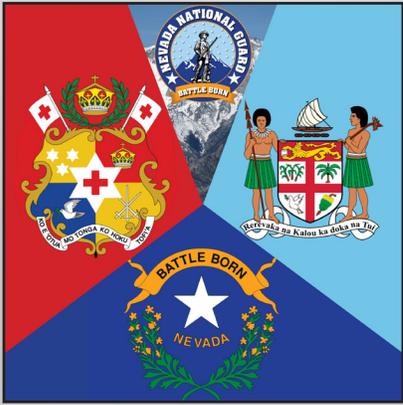


Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Nevada Guardsmen and
Military Police Soldiers
with the Republic of Fiji
Military Forces stop for a
photo in front of an RFMF
police vehicle in Suva, Fiji.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Republic of Fiji Military Forces
leaders and Nevada State Partnership
staff hold a meeting at the Force
Training Group base in Suva, Fiji.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Nevada Clad in their South Pacific
garb, analysis team leaders kick off
the assesment with a photo in front
of the U.S. seal at the entrance to
the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell
Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, right,
receives a gift from a senior Fijian
delegate during an SPP visit to
Carson City in September.

Army Guard general officer just another foot Soldier on Reno Police Dept. beat

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

RENO — It goes without saying that Zachary Doser's nickname within the Reno Police Department's ranks is "general."

But the fact of the matter is Doser — just one of two brigadier generals in the entire Nevada Army Guard — is a rank-and-file foot Soldier on the police force who patrols the streets of the Biggest Little City on a regular schedule.

Doser, 55, of Reno, is the weekday swing shift police officer on the 72 Beat, a midtown swath of Reno between Virginia Street and McCarran Avenue. For 10 busy hours, four days a week, Doser continuously patrols the area that includes some notoriously tough neighborhoods.

It's not the assignment one would expect a 21-year veteran of the force to receive. But as he began his shift on a recent nondescript Tuesday, Doser seemed nonplussed about the prospect of policing some of the meaner streets of Reno solo in his 2019 Dodge Charger patrol vehicle.

"This job is often my stress relief," Doser said. "It's a different type of leadership out here. As a military general, I make decisions affecting 3,200 Soldiers. It's more of an informal leadership out here, making quick decisions that affect the community."

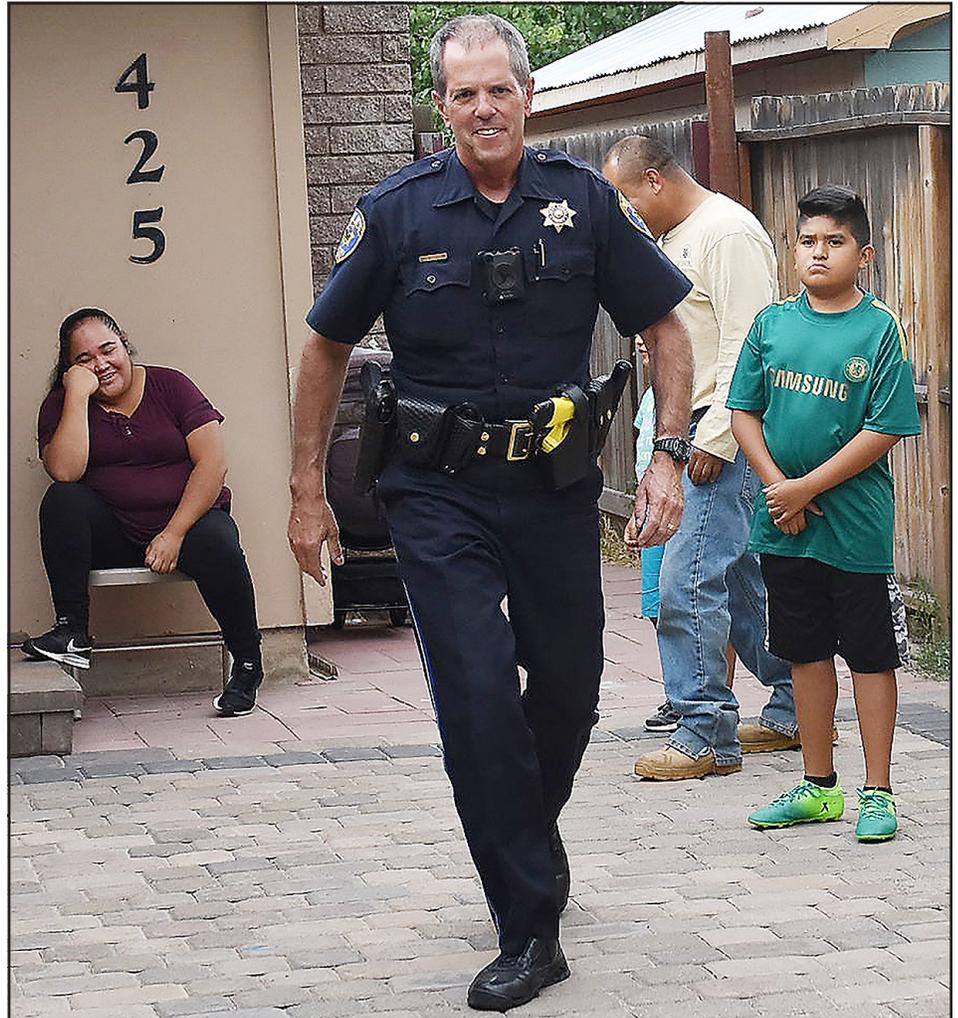
"Both jobs carry tremendous responsibility — and huge liabilities."

Reno Police Department Chief Jason Soto said Doser's decades of service in both law enforcement and the armed forces make him a unique — and irreplaceable — community asset.

"To have an officer like Zach Doser assigned to our patrol division, which is the backbone of our department, is invaluable to me as the chief of police," Soto said. "His vast knowledge and experience in both military leadership and policing make him a role model for both tenured and new officers alike."

As the land component commander of the Nevada Army Guard, Doser oversees and manages more than 3,200 Soldiers in the Nevada Guard. On his beat, however, Doser is on his own — often the sole uniformed police officer within dozens of square miles.

Doser views himself as an "ambassador for the city" on the streets to enhance public



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka and Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

ABOVE: Zachary Doser, a Reno police officer and Army Guard brigadier general, wraps up a call after resolving a minor disagreement on Beat 72 in Reno in August. **RIGHT:** Doser patrols the Hot August Nights car show in Reno in August. **MUG SHOTS:** Doser as a uniformed police officer and as the land component commander of the Nevada Army Guard. He's one of two brigadier generals in the Nevada Army Guard.

safety and safeguard lives and property. There is no pattern to his patrol route as he relies on his experience and instinct to detect potential riff-raff within his beat. He quickly dismisses the notion he has to generate income for the city and says it's urban legend that the department tracks the number of tickets he writes and the arrests he records.

"Ninety-nine percent of the citizens appreciate us and want us around. Ninety-nine percent of the residents work hard, raise children and pay their rent," Doser said. "It's just the 1 percent who don't like the rules who don't want us around. It's the 1 percent we usually interact with."

Doser is quick to admit the usual calls

on his beat rarely match the excitement of a police drama on television. In his more than 21 years on the force, he's never fired his sidearm nor has he been fired upon. He said he travels to a call with lights and sirens blaring only about once per week. Doser's shift is — for better or worse — full of loud domestic disturbances, traffic accident fender benders, and responses to petty crimes such as trespassing and shoplifting.

Despite the frenetic pace of incoming calls, Doser, a trim, angular 6-foot tall and 200 pounds, seems suited for his non-stop interaction with the public. Just two years ago, he returned to the streets after a seven-year stint as a detective. He said the disturbing



nature of many of the crimes he investigated as a detective eventually wore on him and caused him to request a return to the patrol division, where he began his career more than two decades ago.

Not one to mince words with his military staff, Doser is remarkably patient during his encounters with Reno citizens, allotting time for everyone to give their side of the story. He gives the majority of individuals the benefit of the doubt and, if possible, likes to remedy a situation without an arrest or ticket.

But if a trip to the Washoe County Detention Center on Parr Boulevard is warranted, Doser will load the culprit in the back seat of the Dodge Charger and head north to the center with the offender, lamenting how the detour will cost him time away from his beat as he drives.

Although born in Hawaii, Doser has had a longtime association with the Silver State ever since his parents moved to Sparks, Nevada, after their own military careers ended. He graduated from Reed High in 1982 and then attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where he majored in physical geography and joined the Army ROTC program. He received his commission in 1985 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in science.

An infantry officer, Doser then spent the next dozen years on active duty, including time in the combat zone in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. After attaining the rank of captain and spending a year at Fort Irwin, Doser left active duty and returned to northern Nevada.

Doser said an application to join the Reno Police Department upon his return to civilian life seemed a natural employment successor.



“The police department’s core values mirror the military’s core values,” Doser said. “Law enforcement and the military are similar fields – both have established rank structures and a defined hierarchy.

“The bottom line is the No. 1 requirement for both jobs is to treat everyone with respect.”

After landing his civilian job in the Reno Police Department and a stint in the military Individual Ready Reserve, Doser joined the Nevada Army Guard in 1999 as a Training, Advising and Counseling (TAC) officer in the 421st Regiment.

During the subsequent two decades as he rose to the rank of brigadier general, Doser held several highly-visible positions, including: 421st Regiment battalion commander (2005-2007); brigade commander in the then newly-established 17th Sustainment Brigade (2011-2014); and Director of the Joint Staff (2015-2017)

Doser said his most memorable assignment came in 2008, when he served as team leader for about 20 hearty Soldiers in the Embedded Training Team that deployed to Afghanistan. The team lived with, advised and trained Afghan Soldiers. (The roster

from the Embedded Training Team reads like a Who’s Who in Nevada Army Guard leadership and includes current Chief of Staff Col. Cory Schulz and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding.)

Doser noted he could relax more while in Afghanistan than while on his beat in metropolitan Reno.

“I am more aware of my surroundings here in Reno than in Afghanistan. It’s open carry in Nevada. Anyone can pull up alongside me at a stoplight and do anything,” Doser said. “In Afghanistan, we weren’t always on a mission. There were relatively safe places. It was not a job of dealing with crisis every day.”

Although he realizes he is in the twilight of both his military and civilian careers, Doser remains undaunted and seems perfectly content with his juxtaposed employment status that includes serving at the apex rank in the Nevada Army Guard and in a police position that many new hires gain straight out of the police academy.

“I love the patrol job and look forward to coming to work every day,” Doser said. “And in the Nevada Guard, I’m the land component commander. That’s pretty damn good.”

Robust 'Fly Away' attendance highlights dedication to professional development

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
152nd Airlift Wing

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Nevada Air Guard's commitment to its ongoing professional development was on display mid-summer when it sent a large contingent of 60 Airmen to the Volunteer State to participate in the second annual "Battle Born Professional Development Fly Away" at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base.

State Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Drisdale explained the importance of developing the junior leaders in the Nevada Air Guard now. Officers do not have a monopoly on leadership, he said.

"The future is not going to be any less challenging than the present," he said. "Demand on military personnel will only continue to ramp. We need more out of the noncommissioned officer corps."

Day one of the Fly Away began with team building and an introduction from Col. Kenneth Lozano, the Training Education Center's commander.

"Leadership is more than just checking a box, leading is about serving others, inspiring Airmen, leveraging their diversity, and — most importantly — taking care of them," Lozano said.

The team-building exercises proved to be a big hit with the Nevada Airmen.

"It took me by surprise. We thought we were going to go do regular physical training," Staff Sgt. Eduardo Vargas Vasquez of the 152nd Communications Flight said. "I liked the angle of attacking a training situation by doing something different than what I have seen during any of my time in the military."

The classroom training began with various topics including discussion on John Maxwell's class titled: "The hardest person to lead is yourself: Unconscious Bias and Leading with Emotional Intelligence."

"I love it because you don't realize how much instruction you need on both leading and following," Senior Airman Mychel Christian of the 152nd Operations Support Squadron said. "You don't realize the things you are lacking. I appreciate that it's being drawn out of us and we're able to discuss it and actually be in an open forum and sit and discuss topics."



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
About 60 Airmen and 10 mentors from the Nevada Air Guard participated in the second annual 'Battle Born Professional Development Fly Away' at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base last summer.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
An instructor discusses leadership skills during a class at the Professional Development Fly Away at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base.

Chief Master Sgt. Angela Ash, the 152nd Airlift Wing Human Resource Advisor, hosted a game of icebreaker BINGO during the first evening's BBQ for Airmen to get to know each another.

"I love these types of events that get Airmen out of their comfort zones," Ash said. "The Airmen in our unit are very bright and interesting people. The icebreaker BINGO forced them to seek out other Airmen and talk. After some conversations, individuals discover we are way more similar than different from each other."

Training day two was a full day of classroom instruction on various topics such as conflict resolution and other John Maxwell principles such as "Keep Learning, Keep Leading," and "Don't Manage Your Time, Manage your Life."

The Airmen who attended the Fly Away said the experience was satisfying and worthwhile.

"It was an amazing experience," Staff Sgt. Bernice Domenzain from Nevada State Headquarters in Las Vegas said. "It reminded me that I need to look at my toolbox and add more tools. I realize I need to work on myself — work on my leadership and understand I need to grow."

"Don't manage your time, manage your life," emphasized course instructor Master Sgt. Pamela Lewis while teaching a class on the first day of the Fly Away.

Lewis recalled an interesting display of the value of time where an individual takes a jar and puts the number of marbles in the jar equaling the number of years the individual believes he/she has remaining in their lifetime. Each year, on the individual's birthday, a marble is removed.

"There is nothing better to get the priorities straight in my life than the removal of one marble on my birthday each year," Lewis said. "I'm not telling you to go out and buy marbles, but I'm telling you to find something that's going to get your attention."

A motivational briefing by Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry concluded the Fly Away.

"A leader's job is to pull the emotion out of people," Berry said. "If I can get you to have love and care and drive and commitment and focus and a purpose for what you do—you will be great at it."

"Leaders produce. They add value. Leaders hold themselves accountable. You have been tapped on the shoulder to lead. Embrace, engage and execute on your untapped potential."

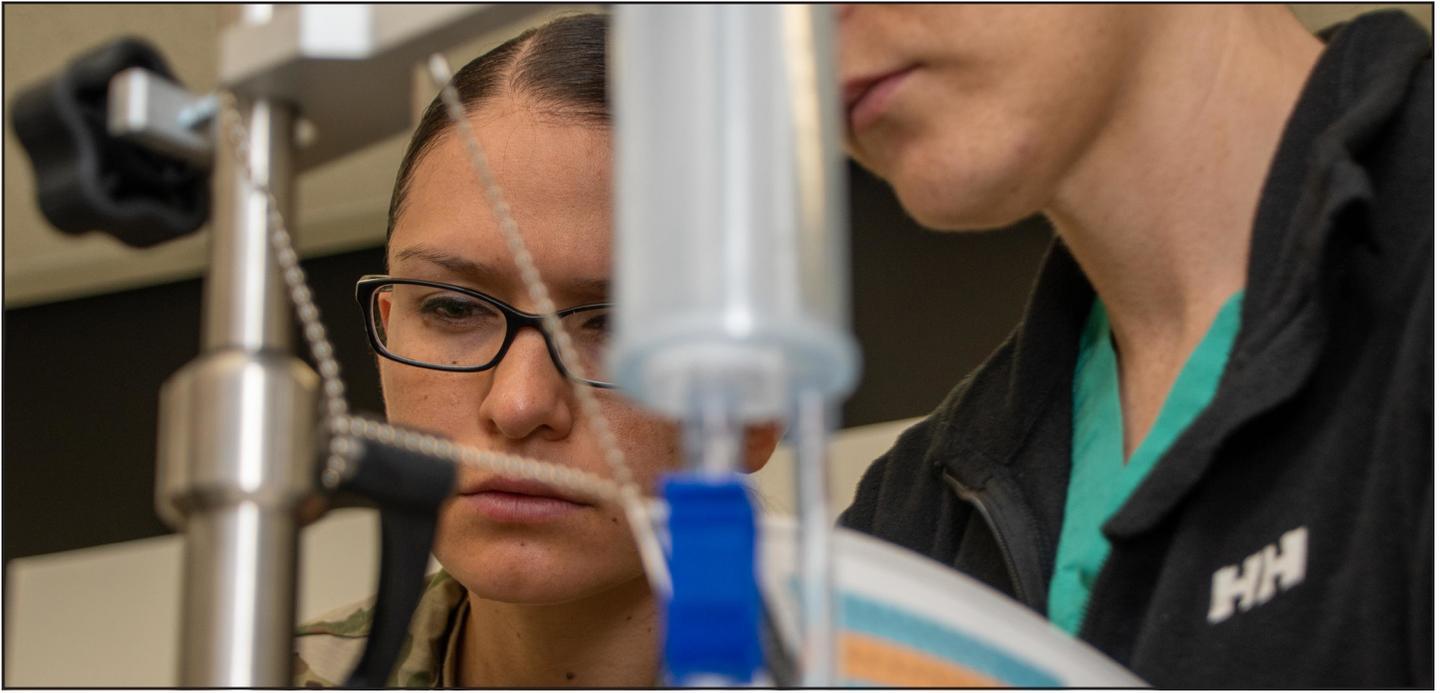


Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Greiner

Airmen from the 152nd Medical Group teamed with cohorts from the California Air Guard's 146th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 146th Medical Group in August to complete a week-long Military Facility Annual Training mission to temporarily supplant active duty military personnel.

152nd Med Group says 'sayonara' to Reno, heads to Okinawa for training

By Senior Airman Matthew Greiner
152nd Airlift Wing

OKINAWA, Japan — The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Medical Group teamed with the California Air Guard's 146th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 146th Medical Group based in the Channel Islands to complete a week-long Military Facility Annual Training that temporarily supplanted active duty military personnel in Japan in August.

The MFAT took place during the military's permanent change of station time frame. That temporarily left the hospital short staffed and presented a need for the Air National Guard to provide temporary medical support.

"This is the first time that the Air National Guard has traveled to Okinawa to do any form of medical training in this country," said 152nd Medical Group superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Jason Farnsworth.

The medical personnel worked with 15 different medical units at five separate locations during the exercise.

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"This makes the military stronger. This is the evolution for Navy medicine and U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa."
- 1st Lt. Jesse Pendergrass,
U.S. Naval Hospital officer

the Air National Guard, both for Reno and Channel Islands," said Lt. Col. Jim Vogus, a flight physician in the 152nd Medical Group. "It provides real world training and facilities in a joint operation environment. We benefit from real world training; they benefit from extra man power."

More than 30 diverse Airmen traveled to Japan for the mission representing a myriad of professions and clinical

specialties, including family medicine, pediatrics, aerospace medicine, laboratory services, dental hygiene, emergency medicine, critical care, hospital medical surgical inpatient care, optometry care, inpatient mental health, pain management, flight medicine, sports medicine and post anesthesia care.

"The Air National Guard is able to fill some critical gaps during our PCS season," said 1st Lt. Jesse Pendergrass, an administrative officer at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Okinawa.

The cost savings to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa was about \$200,000, said Maj. Jasmin Quiocson, a chief nurse in the 146th Medical Group. Notable statistics recorded during the MFAT included 2,439 clinical hours logged, 462 provider-to-patient sessions and 194 continuing education units accrued.

"I would love to see other MFATs at this installation," Pendergrass said. "I think it is an incredible value add to have a joint operation with the Air National Guard

"This makes the military stronger. This is the evolution for Navy medicine and U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa."

Historian's Notebook

Nevada's turbulent history sparked nation-wide smears, citizen pride



By Emerson Marcus
Nevada Guard Command Historian

Nevada patriotism, pride, grit — whatever you choose to call it — has long been a response to smears hurled from outside its borders.

The 81st annual Nevada Day parade in Carson City last month displays in-state reaction to those outside smears. (Statehood parades are actually an uncommon occurrence that most other states don't practice.)

In 1891, Nevada held its first statehood parade in Reno and Virginia City. The reason, according to Nevada lawmaker and eventual Supreme Court Justice, Frank Norcross: "We have suffered misfortune and we have been mocked by our more prosperous sisters till we ourselves have almost grown to believe we are unworthy the high position we hold."

Before and after the first Nevada Day parade, newspaper editorials and commentary around the nation did not hold back their frustration with Nevada statehood.

Los Angeles Herald, Aug. 20, 1888: *There has probably never been a greater outrage and monstrosity in the political history of the United States than Nevada admitted as a member of the American Union.*

This criticism comes from pro-Democratic Party commentary in the Herald's editorial section. The Democratic Party loathed the pro-Republican state of Nevada in the late 19th century because, they believed, Republicans rushed the Silver State through to statehood in time for the 1864 Election only to benefit Republican President Abraham Lincoln and help pass the 13th Amendment. Ironically, the Founding Founders' acceptance of slavery in the new nation is the "greatest monstrosity in the political history of the United States," and the passage of the 13th Amendment abolished that monstrosity.

Chicago Tribune, Dec. 3, 1896: *The silver mines which made [Nevada] all she has have been exhausted. She has nothing to attract people; and as a consequence, she is flickering out.*

Multiple Nevada historians cite this Tribune commentary, given it was written by the editors of a northern newspaper that still exists today. This carried more credibility than Democratic-backed southern papers or partisan political commentary. This lengthy, 12-paragraph editorial titled, "The Way to Deal with Nevada," displayed the widespread existence of arguments against Nevada statehood. The Tribune went on to argue that Nevada should have been merged with its eastern neighbor when Utah became a state in 1896.

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Dec. 18, 1884: *(Nevada) has no agricultural resources to support any considerable number, and in the meantime the people of the other States are irritated.*

This gets to the heart of what makes Nevada different from other states, specifically eastern states and its western neighbor California: agriculture. Eventually, the state's Agricultural

THE WAY TO DEAL WITH NEVADA.

In 1880 Nevada had 62,266 inhabitants, the largest number she ever had. In 1890 she had 42,491. In 1880 she cast 18,342 votes. This year she cast only 8,507. Therefore the population must be about half what it was sixteen years ago. The so-called State must have a much smaller population than in 1890, when she cast 12,000 votes. She may have about 30,000 people now.

The State of Nevada exists only for the purpose of keeping two California mining speculators in the Senate, where they neutralize the vote of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, or some other real State. Has not the time come to put an end to that business?

Society lobbied to diversify the state's economy with its cattle industry and, eventually, water reclamation. In 1902, U.S. Sen. Francis Newlands, of Nevada, drafted and passed the federal Reclamation Act, which funded irrigation projects around the arid American West, including Nevada.

Salt Lake Herald, June 12, 1888: *Nevada is and always has been a rotten borough [a British term for a borough lacking population for its inflated representation in Parliament] and citizens of the State are not in the habit of denying it. In fact, it is more brazen to deny than to admit it.*

Today, Nevada is hardly a "rotten borough." The least populated state, according to the census of 1890 and 1900, has grown to become the 33rd most-populated state in the nation. Its population passed 3 million last year. That means 17 states have fewer citizens than Nevada. Nevada now has four representatives in the House, three more than the minimum. Seven states today send only one representative to the House.

But the chip on the shoulder remains. Perhaps because of its history, Nevada retains its peculiar reputation, still remembered for its previous reliance on easy divorce and gambling. Or, maybe, it's the state's location predominantly inside the Great Basin and its reliance on federal land management.

Regardless of whether people around the nation still thumb their nose down at Nevada even today, Nevadans seem quite content to unabashedly celebrate their history and the birthday of their state year after year.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber

The Nevada Air Guard recruiting staff set its accessions record for one year in Fiscal Year 2019 with 181 accessions. August 7 proved to be a stellar day for the staff as they enlisted seven Airmen into the National Guard in one fell swoop. From left to right, the new Airmen who enlisted were Maria Uribe, Alexander Burroughs, Alexis Duclayan, Ryan Barkowski, Skye Matuzak, Jacob Newton and (not pictured) Branden Hinen.

By Airman 1st Class Rachel L. Deese
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO — It goes without saying that the Nevada Air Guard — which began with 353 Airmen in 1948 and now boasts more than 1,100 Airmen — has relied heavily on its Recruiting and Retention team for growth and expansion for seven decades now. Judging by recently-released unprecedented numbers, the current Air Guard recruiting and retention staff is among the best in the organization’s history.

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (which concluded Sept. 30), the recruiting and retention team established the one-year accessions record for the state with 181 accessions. It’s been an upward trend for the team over that past three years, as the 181 accessions for 2019 is 21 greater than in 2018 and 62 greater than in 2017.

On Aug. 7, the staff surpassed its previous record during a mass enlistment of seven people into the Air Guard. That enlistment also helped the recruiting staff surpass its 2018-2019 goal.

Incredibly, the recruiting team set the record with only two production recruiters and a marketing and advertising budget of \$5,000.

Tech Sgt. Chelsea Canaday recorded a remarkable year, accessing 87 of 181 new Airmen in her first year as a production recruiter.

Senior Master Sgt. Sherdean Din, the state production superintendent, explained how the small staff excelled last year.

“Motivation, passion and resiliency are the components that helped the recruiting team exceed expectations. All of the members on the recruiting team have been resilient and taken on new roles,” Din said. Din oversees the team and also recruits officers into the Air Guard.

The recruiting flight chief is Master Sgt. Kraig Kimball. He has refined processes throughout the office and continually strives to acquire school dates for enlistees in the near future. He is always looking for new ways to improve efficiency in recruiting and retention while simultaneously recruiting active duty military personnel.

Tech Sgt. Sonia Hernandez is the new Retention Office Manager. She supports unit retention managers deftly and is recruiting potential Air Guard to Air Guard state transfers.

Tech. Sgt. Devan Hedgcorth and Staff Sgt. Adlai Ceja are both on the production team now and are contributing to the team’s impressive numbers despite being in their first year in a recruiting position.



Canaday displayed unprecedented motivation by recruiting 87 Airmen last year, including 16 in one month. She recruits non-prior service and health professional officers.

Hedgcorth completed recruiting school in March and met his yearly goal for accessions despite his late start. He recruits both non-prior service and prior service members into the Air Guard.

Ceja was recently selected to become the first ANG Las Vegas recruiter. He is awaiting recruiting school but has already helped enlist new Airmen in Las Vegas on behalf of the recruiters in Reno.

Las Vegas has become a focal point for the recruiting team in recent months. Now that there is a recruiter in Las Vegas, the recruiting team has established a Las Vegas student flight. Airmen in the student flight no longer have to fly back-and-forth to Reno for drill; instead, they can remain in Las Vegas for drill and need only to travel to Reno for their first and last pre-basic training drill.

Despite the record number of accessions, there are almost always job vacancies in the Nevada Air Guard. Some positions that are open include Water and Fuel Systems, Electrical Systems and Fuels specialists.

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The Nevada Guard Airmen who competed in the 2019 Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match included, from left to right: Master Sgt. Michael Moore, Master Sgt. Anthony Haley, Senior Airman Elizabeth Smith, Senior Master Sgt. Paul Hinen and Master Sgt. Patrick Hall. Four of the five won tabs.

Small team of Airmen makes big impact on marksmanship match

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters

HAWTHORNE — A small team of Nevada Guard Airmen made a huge impact on the results at the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match in August as four of the five Air Guard entrants in the field of 50 earned Governors Twenty tabs with top-20 places.

Master Sgt. Michael Moore, 34, of the 152nd Security Forces Squadron was the overall winner. In addition to Moore, other Governors Twenty tab recipients from the Air Guard included Master Sgt. Patrick Hall and Tech Sgt. Anthony Haley, who both work as instructors in the combat arms training and maintenance section of the 152nd Security Forces Squadron.

The fourth tabbed Airman was Senior Master Sgt. Paul Hinen of the 152nd Medical Group.

Moore — the tallest Airmen in the Nevada Guard at 6 feet 10 inches tall — dabbled in basketball during his freshman year while attending Reno's Hug High. But Moore (Class of 2003) found himself gravitating to the rifle team, where he earned four varsity letters, was named second-team All-State, and set a Hug High match scoring record. His early exposure
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Photo by Lt. Col. April Conway

Master Sgt. Michael Moore of the 152nd Security Forces Squadron won the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match in Hawthorne in August.

to marksmanship led to a lifelong passion for the sport. To this day, he remains heavily involved in NorNev precision rifle matches sponsored by the Palomino Valley Gun Club

in Reno.

It was the second TAG title for Moore, who also won in 2012. Staff Sgt. Frank Nash, the 2014 champion, did not compete. The Governors Twenty tab is a state tab designating the top 20 marksmen in the Nevada Guard. At the end of the three-day event, 16 Soldiers and the four Airmen personally received tabs from Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, who was presiding over his final TAG match before his retired in September.

Another section that performed well was the Army Guard's Recruiting and Retention staff. All three of the sections entrants — 1st Sgt. Jose Obregon, Sgt. 1st Class Skylar Lee and Sgt. Richard Rupe — earned tabs. In fact, Lee and Rupe took the overall second and third places respectively.

Although he had a comfortable lead after all four events in the marksmanship match were scored, Moore's victory this year was not as dominant as it was in 2012, when he won all four events. After the first event, the Pistol Excellence in Competition, Moore found himself trailing by 20 points to 1st Lt. Benjamin Holden of 1-221st Cavalry.

But Moore rebounded to win two of the final three events, the Rifle Excellence in Competition and Pistol Anti-Body Army

contests. In those two events, Moore put 122 points on Holden as the cav officer slipped to fifth overall. The winner of the fourth event was Spc. Brent Caber of the 593rd Transportation Company. He won the Rifle Reflexive Fire individual event, but his poor performance in the Pistol Anti-body Armor event left him in 12th overall.

After a five-year hiatus since the last TAG match, Capt. Jacob Sanford of the Army Guard's Operations and Training section said, if funding allows, he plans to schedule the match annually.

For information on competing in 2020, call 775-887-7223.

Photo by Sgt. Zandra Duran
 Spc. Seth Rojas of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion competes in the pistol Anti-Body Armor event during the Adjutant General's marksman match in August. Rojas finished 24th and just missed a coveted Governors Twenty tab.

2019 Nevada Guard Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match Aug. 13-15 at Hawthorne Army Depot

Overall Top 20 ('Governors Twenty' tab recipients) with overall points:

1	Master Sgt. Moore, Michael	566	11	Chief Warrant Officer 2 Santilena, Paul	363
2	Sgt. 1st Class Lee, Skylar	502	12	1st Sgt. Obregon, Jose	361
3	Sgt. Rupe, Richard	454	13	Spc. Caber, Brent	357
4	Staff Sgt. Rohweder, Richard	436	14	Spc. Erbach, Matthew	355
5	1st Lt. Holden, Ben	434	15	Tech Sgt. Haley, Anthony	354
6	Sgt. Anderson, Robert	427	16	Spc. Welsh, David	353
7	Senior Master Sgt. Hinen, Paul	415	17	Spc. Ortega, Gilberto	352
8	Master Sgt. Hall, Patrick	374	18	Sgt. Erickson, Drew	337
9	Sgt. 1st Class Jackson, James	369	19	Sgt. Paciniharvey, Troy	332
10	Staff Sgt. Sanchez, Oswald	363	20	Cpl. Brown, Jared	328



Individual events:

Pistol Excellence in Competition

1, Holden, 181 points. 2, Moore, 161. 3, Lee, 159.

Rifle Reflexive Fire

1, Caber, 147 points. 2, Hinen, 142. 3, Rupe, 136.

Rifle Excellence in Competition

1, Moore, 150 points. 2, Lee, 135. 3, Rupe, 131.

Pistol Anti-Body Armor

1, Moore, 140 points. 2, Holden, 122. 3, Hinen, 103.



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Exterior by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Interior courtesy photo
 The United Service Organizations' building in Hawthorne, Nev., is one of the last remaining World War II-era USO 'recreation buildings' in the nation. It now serves as the Mineral County Convention Center and is available for rental.

'Home away from home:' Guardsmen invited to mark personal milestones inside historic USO building

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
 Joint Force Headquarters

HAWTHORNE — The arid, high desert climes of Mineral County have served as the perfect environment for storing the U.S. military's ammunition since 1930.

Perhaps not coincidentally, the dry, moisture-free climate that pervades here in America's self-proclaimed "Most Patriotic City" has also preserved the lone remaining World War II-era United Service Organization' building in the Silver State that is open daily and available to all Nevadans for personal events and occasions. The building at 950 E Street in Hawthorne doubles as the Hawthorne Convention Center and provides office space for the convention and tourism authority. For a reasonable rental fee, the landmark building is available to Guardsmen for any type of event, including receptions, banquets, parties and group meetings.

The United Service Organization, commonly referred to as the USO, is a non-profit organization that was created in 1941 by Franklin D. Roosevelt to support U.S. troops during World War II. Six civilian organizations teamed to establish the USO and it continues to support troops today, funded by private donations and contributions. The USO currently has four physical locations in Nevada, including two at McCarran International Airport and sites at Creech and Nellis Air Force bases.

The Hawthorne USO Building was built in 1941 to serve as a "home away from home" for the thousands of service personnel traveling in and out of Mineral County as the winds of world war began blowing on the United States' west coast. The USO designated \$45,000 for a new social hall in Hawthorne for dances, movies, theater, parties and even boxing matches. At the time, Hawthorne was the bustling commercial hub for the nearby, then-West Coast U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, where 600 Marines were stationed. (The facility did not become the Hawthorne Army Depot until 1994.)

Similar to hundreds of other USO buildings across the nation during World War II, the components of the hall arrived as parts of

a standard 14,400-square foot "modified plan USO Type D Federal Recreation Building" and it was given a prime location right on Hawthorne's main street. Construction was completed in 1942.

Although a standard design, the building – which could seat 299 people for a banquet – featured a ballroom, stage and auditorium with two dressing rooms, a kitchen and fireplace. To this day, the hall boasts exquisite cathedral-wood truss ceilings and hardwood floors.

The only other city to receive a USO building in Nevada during World War II was Las Vegas. That building has been demolished for decades.

At its peak during the height of the war, the USO staffed three professional workers at the building and an estimated 10,000 visitors per month. The building was frequented daily by service personnel, civilian production workers, Red Cross personnel and school children.

"The facility served the community as much as it served the military," said Mella Rothwell Harmon, a previous curator of history at the Nevada Historical Society. "Nearly every aspect of Hawthorne society passed through its doors from 1942-1945.

"Following the war, ownership of the building was given to Mineral County with the stipulation the building would continue to be used as a community and recreation center – a role the building continues to play today."

In 2005, the USO building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its designation was received due to its association "with the purpose and activities of the USO in Nevada during World War II."

In 2012, the Hawthorne USO building underwent a major interior restoration. The rededication of the building occurred on Armed Forces Day 2014. Today, the interior of the building is a mirror image of the building's interior seven decades ago.

The cost to rent the building for one day is \$180; rental fee for a two-day private party or wedding is \$280. People can also rent the marquee text in front of the building for \$50 per day.

For information, call the Mineral County Convention and Tourism Authority at 775-945-5854.



Military Family Support Services



Drill daycare dilemma resolved: Boys & Girls Club offers free child care on first weekend of the month

By Spc. Jonnie Marie Blake
106th Public Affairs Detachment

RENO – Free child care provided by the Boys & Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows in Reno may resolve the daycare dilemma faced by many northern Nevada National Guard families on drill weekends.

The club has established a special program for members of the military to sign up their children ages 6-18 for free child care on the first Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. of every month at the William N. Pennington Youth and Teen Facility, 1300 Foster Drive in Reno.

Military families can receive a waiver for the initial \$20 club fee and gain membership by filling out two forms and providing military ID. Another perk of membership is 50 percent off Boys & Girls Club summer and after-school programs. The discount is applicable at all Boys & Girls Clubs of Truckee Meadows sites.

In Las Vegas, there is no drill weekend daycare program, but the club's \$35 enrollment fee is waived for service members. For details on fees, the Boys & Girls Club has individual websites for each of its localities.

The Brooks family is one Nevada Army Guard family already using the free service. Kimberly Brooks, the wife of Warrant Officer 1 Anthony Brooks, brought her children, Ryne, 14, and Lili, 8, to the daycare program the first weekend



Photo by Spc Jonnie Blake
Family members of Warrant Officer 1 Anthony Brooks, including (l to r) daughter Lili, wife Kimberly and son Ryne, were among the first to take advantage of Boys & Girls Club child care.

in August.

“The enrollment process was simple,” said Kimberly Brooks, a family assistance specialist in the Nevada National Guard’s Family Programs office. “You just call the number on the flyer and go down there with your information. I think it’s awesome because with that membership if I enroll them during school breaks or after-school we get half off the programs they have.”

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows facility has table games including foosball, billiards, ping pong and air hockey as well as a climbing wall, basketball courts, exercise room and a room devoted

to dance. The club provides breakfast, lunch and a snack in the afternoon; the meals follow the dietary guidelines of the Washoe County School District.

“During our first military weekend on August 3-4, we only had a few military kids because it’s a brand new program,” said Sarah Odom, the membership coordinator for the William N. Pennington Facility. “We are really excited over the next few months to get increased participation to assist and support our military families.”

For information, call Sarah Odom at 775-360-2471 or write to: sodom@bgctm.org.

For additional Family Support information and info on the 152nd Airlift Wing, download the official app:



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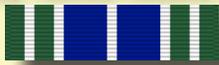
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CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History



Other Events and Functions

November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 1870: The first train robbery in Nevada occurs in Verdi 	5	6	7 1996: The Landmark Hotel & Casino is imploded in Las Vegas 	8	9 1828: Humboldt River discovered by Peter Skene Ogden
10	11 Veteran's Day 	12 1861: Nevada's Territorial era begins for three years until statehood	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 1909: 12-13 inches of snow (unofficial) falls on Las Vegas. Highest one-day total recorded to date	21	22	23
24	25 1861: First Nevada Territorial Legislature met in Carson City	26 1859: The Territorial Enterprise newspaper makes permanent home in Virginia City	27	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30

December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 1916: The Last Stage Robbery occurs just north of Jarbidge 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 1867: First train enters Nevada near Verdi with a locomotive from Central Pacific Railroad	14
15 1952: The Sands opens as the Las Vegas Strip's seventh resort. 	16	17	18 1858: Abraham Curry founds Carson City at the site of the Eagle Valley Trading Post	19	20	21
22 First night of Hanukkah 	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26 1946: The Flamingo Hotel opens under the control of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegal 	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 1830 : First pack train crosses Nevada. Led by Antonio Armijo, travels through Las Vegas Valley	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	21	22	23	24	25 1942: Las Vegas leases property, formerly Western Air Express, destined to become airport
26	27	28	29	30	31	

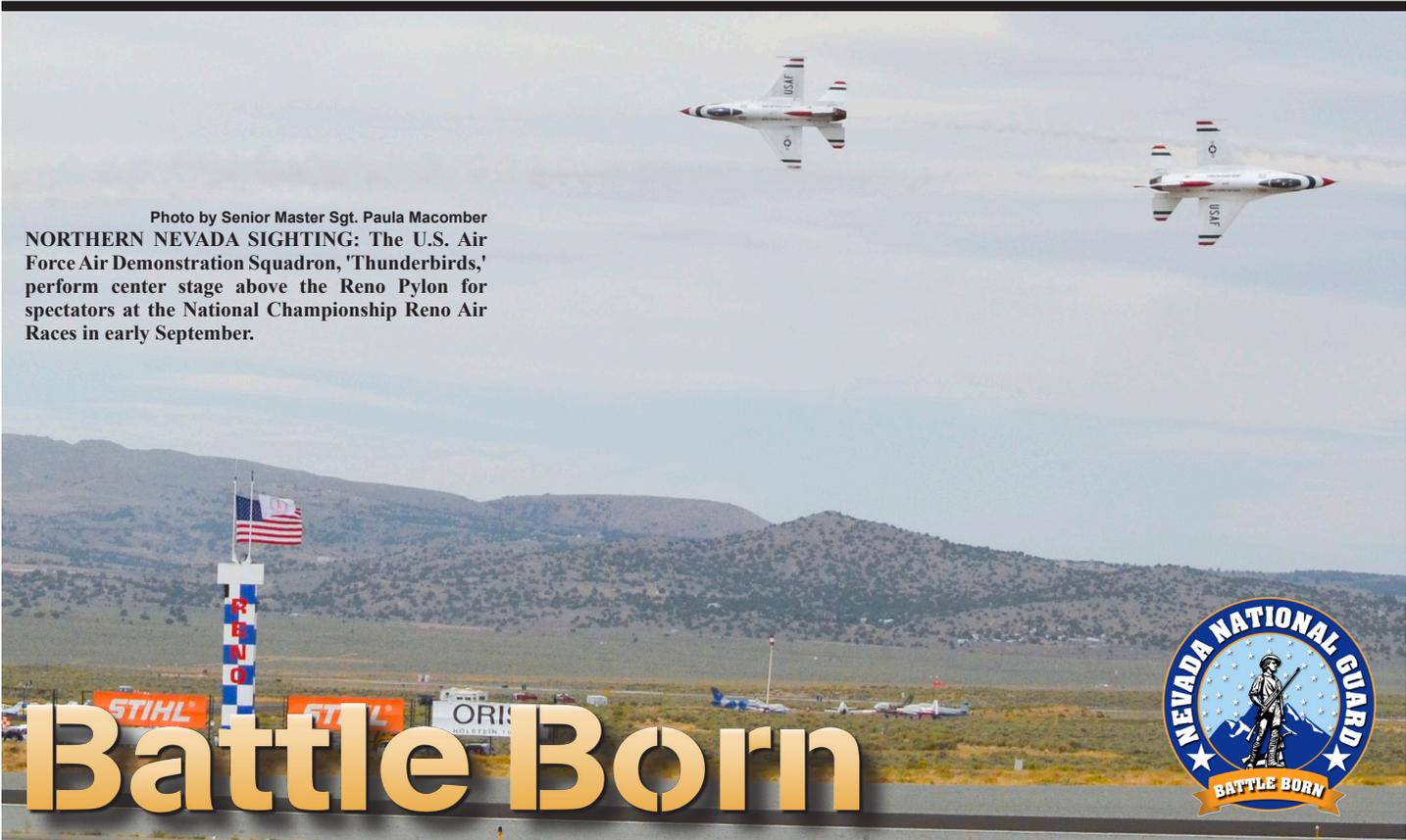


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NORTHERN NEVADA SIGHTING: The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, 'Thunderbirds,' perform center stage above the Reno Pylon for spectators at the National Championship Reno Air Races in early September.

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