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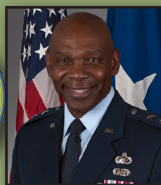
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**ON THE COVER:** Capt. David Paxton, a personnel officer with the 421st Regional Training Institute, mounts a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, commonly known as a Humvee, prior to driving a wheeled-vehicle obstacle course near Silver Springs last fall. The Nevada Army Guard is bolstering its drivers training program across the state. For information, turn to page 10.

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# DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP



Photo courtesy 422nd ESB

Soldiers from Bravo Company, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, move communications equipment into place at the start of their deployment last fall.

## Distant signal: Bravo Co., 422nd ESB lone Army Guard unit now abroad

By 1st Lt. Francisca Vega  
Bravo Co., 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – The number of Nevada Army Guard units deployed this winter has decreased dramatically in comparison to last winter. After five units were deployed on three continents a year ago, only the Soldiers of **Bravo Company, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion** are deployed this winter.

The roughly 140 Soldiers in the Las Vegas-based unit participating in the deployment hail from Nevada, Utah, California and Arizona. For the next nine months, however, they will call Kuwait their temporary home as they facilitate communications throughout southwest Asia. (Some may move to neighboring countries in the future.) The Soldiers departed for Kuwait in September and are

supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. The Nevada unit replaced Bravo Company, 324th ESB based in Georgia.

Months into their deployment, Bravo Company Soldiers have already passed several milestones, including a restriction of movement quarantine due to the global pandemic, several training and equipment validations, and the successful transport of more than 60 pieces of stationary- and rolling-stock equipment into the region. The validation of the unit's signal equipment, including satellite communication nodes, military vehicles, resupply assets, generators and maintenance equipment, went smoothly largely due to the expertise of the 422nd Soldiers.

Many of the unit's Soldiers have specialized technical skills that are highly sought after by many units in the region, including the Combined Joint Task Force headquartered at Camp Arifjan. The 422nd will work on the behalf of many



commands across the region during the upcoming year to support nodal and extension communications.

## 5 units return to Silver State

Five Nevada Army Guard units recently returned to Nevada after completing their foreign missions. At the height of activity, there were more than 210 Soldiers participating in the deployments to Asia, Africa and Europe.

The **3665th Explosive Ordnance Company**, with about 30 Soldiers, returned from its year-long deployment in Afghanistan in late summer. They supported Operation Freedom's Sentinel with ordnance disposal missions and reported no serious injuries.

All 60 Soldiers who participated in two rotations of **G Company, 2/238th Aviation's** deployment to Afghanistan are home. The two rotations performed medical evacuations and personnel recovery missions. They recorded 1,811 flight hours over Afghanistan and completed 77 medical evacuation missions.

The 60 Soldiers in **B Company, 1/189th Aviation** who had been serving in Kuwait returned to Nevada in early November. The unit transported cargo and personnel throughout Central Command since last autumn in support of the 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade.

**Detachment 3, Company B, 2/641st Aviation**, which has been deployed to Africa since January, also returned to Nevada in early November. The small unit maintains and operates fixed-wing aircraft.

The **757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion** returned home just in time for the holiday season. The 70-Soldier headquarters element from the battalion spent about 10 months in Poland supporting European Command's Operation Assured Response and the Defender 2020 exercise. The 757th Soldiers managed transportation assets, maintenance and security assets at seven sites across eastern Europe.

On the horizon, the **137th Military Police Company** based in Carson City will likely be the next unit to deploy abroad. The 137th, which trains to provide law and order operations on military installations, is set to support European Command.



Photo by Sgt. Zandra Duran

Soldiers with the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion return home to Reno just before the holiday season after completing their 10-month deployment to Poland and neighboring Baltic countries.

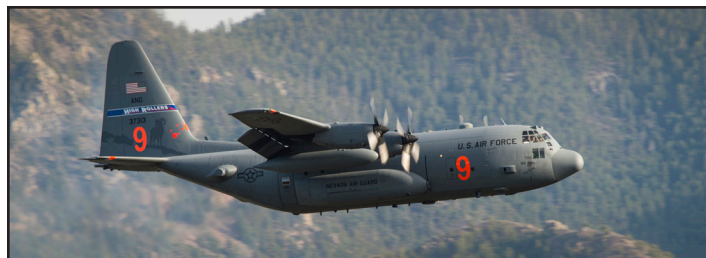


Photo courtesy 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office

A C-130 Hercules operated and maintained by the 152nd Airlift Wing flies over a wildfire in 2019. The wing recently received an outstanding unit award.

## Air Force recognizes High Rollers with Outstanding Unit Award

Staff reports

RENO – The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing, nicknamed the High Rollers, received the Air Force's Outstanding Unit Award last fall for the wing's performance during a historic deployment cycle overseas and assistance to federal firefighters in the western United States during 2018 and 2019.

"This recognition highlights the great work High Rollers accomplish on a daily basis here at the Reno Air National Guard Base," Col. Jacob Hammons, 152nd Airlift Wing commander, said. "I'm extremely proud of the Airmen that make up our premier tactical airlift wing. I want to thank the Air Force for recognizing them with this prestigious award."

The Outstanding Unit Award is presented by the Secretary of the Air Force to units that "distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units," according to the Air Force's website.

The 152nd Airlift Wing deployed about 300 Airmen to multiple countries in support of military operations in Southwest Asia and around the world during 2018 and 2019. It was the largest overseas deployment cycle since the unit, then called the 152nd Reconnaissance Group, deployed in support of the federal government during the Pueblo Crisis in 1968.

Additionally, the unit continued to assist the U.S. Forest Service, operating the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, also known as MAFFS, for large-scale, wildland firefighting.

The 152nd Airlift Wing — established in Reno in 1948 as the 192nd Fighter Squadron — has now received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award nine times. The recognized time periods are:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • April 1, 1961 –<br>March 31, 1964 | • July 1, 1988 –<br>June 30, 1990  | • Sept. 15, 2009 –<br>Sept. 14, 2011 |
| • Jan. 26, 1968 –<br>July 18, 1968  | • July 1, 1990 –<br>June 30, 1991  | • Oct. 1, 2012 –<br>Oct. 31, 2014    |
| • July 1, 1985 –<br>June 30, 1987   | • Aug. 15, 1992 –<br>Aug. 14, 1994 | • Jan. 1, 2018 –<br>Dec. 31, 2019    |

The Outstanding Unit Award was authorized by Department of the Air Force General Order 1, Jan. 6, 1954.

The 152nd includes about 1,100 Airmen based at the Air National Guard Base located near the south runway of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.





### For Adjutant General, safety is job No. 1

**W**hen I assumed command of the Nevada National Guard in 2019, I clearly stated my three non-negotiables of safety, unity and integrity. I cannot understate the importance of safety. Safety is a commander's program and I am therefore responsible for the entire state's safety program. I charge commanders at all levels to take responsibility for their unit safety program and ensure we follow all prescribed references and regulations (AR38510/AFMAN 91-203).

We are part of the team charged with the security of our nation and home state. It is incumbent upon us to ensure operational readiness is always at the forefront of our tasks and training. We will carry out each mission with the

highest regard for safe operations. We will not be risk adverse but we must ensure we identify and mitigate risks as much as possible.

Any loss in our formation is tragic; however, to suffer a loss due to negligence or failing to adhere to a standard is inexcusable. Performing at our optimum is critical and realistic training allows us to do so. We must never cut corners or allow ourselves to deviate from our standards. Constantly assessing our risks, identifying hazards and implementing controls will keep us on track and protect our forces.

America's daughters and sons are our most precious resource. As such, we will do all in our power to remind Soldiers and Airmen of their responsibilities within the safety programs at all times,

both in and out of uniform. I empower everyone in any rank at any time to call an immediate stop to any action or activity that is unsafe.

Protecting the health and welfare of our Soldiers and Airmen is critical in maintaining our culture. An emphasis on safety throughout our ranks will enhance our fighting and training capabilities and also promote a culture of caring. We must do whatever we can to prevent accidents from occurring. The cost of doing business in does not have to be paid for with the life, limb or injury of anyone in a needless accident.

As our challenges grow in these changing times, it's imperative that we remain focused on readiness achieved in a safe manner: Mission first, safety always. Battle Born, Battle Ready!

### New Sexual Assault Response Coordinator passionate about position, prevention

**M**y name is Karen-Nicole (aka Nikky) Randel and I am your Joint Force Headquarters - State Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. I joined the Nevada National Guard in 2012 and served in various roles as both a traditional Soldier and military technician before beginning my role in March as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. I am a civilian employee during the usual work week and a captain during Army Guard drill weekends.



**Karen-Nicole Randel is the state's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.**

As the SARC, my primary responsibility is to manage and maintain the Nevada Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program. The job involves a lot of coordination and I work in lockstep with several other key Nevada Guard offices and employees, including Joint Force Headquarters' Victim Advocate Coordinator Allen Morris; 152nd Airlift Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Michelle Dieters (an Air Force reserve

captain); the Provost Marshal office's staff; the Staff Judge Advocate General's staff; and all Nevada Guard unit commanders to ensure we swiftly and appropriately respond to each report of sexual assault within the Nevada National Guard.

The SAPR program is not simply a reactive program. There is a preventative side of the program in which I work with community partners, chaplains, leadership and victim advocates throughout the state to promote awareness, provide training, and educate both individuals and groups with the goal to prevent sexual violence (sexual harassment and sexual assault) from occurring. Prevention is a collaborative effort and requires the commitment of every Soldier and Airmen to end sexual violence in the Nevada National Guard.

I am very passionate about the SPAR program and welcome the opportunity to serve Nevada Soldiers and Airmen in this capacity. I envision many things to occur in the future of the program, but I'm currently extremely excited to announce the Nevada Guard is set to employ a full-time victim advocate in Las Vegas starting in January 2021. The contact information for the new southern Nevada victim advocate will be released as soon as possible.

Whether you wish to report an incident, request training, or inquire about the details of the SPAR program, everyone throughout the state is welcome to call me or any of my colleagues at any time. Feel free to call me at 775-291-7820; call Morris at 775-220-1971; or call Dieters at 775-240-5922.

**For immediate assistance, the Nevada Guard 24/7 hot line to report sexual assault is 775-384-5840.**





# New state CSM: Everyone will receive equal consideration

It is my distinct privilege to serve the more than 3,000 Nevada Army Guard Soldiers in my new position as the state command sergeant major. I am committed to provide our organization the best leadership possible.

In the midst of the global pandemic, diversity, equity, inclusion, unity, and safety have arisen as equally important topics. The military leads the nation in diversity and boasts some of the best progressive practices out of government and civilian organizations.

The National Guard features a diverse spectrum of opinions because the organization is comprised of hundreds of thousands of Citizen Soldiers who are simultaneously productive citizens and military warriors.

My own appointment as the state command sergeant major marks several diversity milestones for the Nevada Army Guard. I am the first traditional (part time) Soldier named the state command sergeant major in several decades. For many years, the position was reserved for active Guard and Reserve and technician Soldiers.

I applaud our Nevada Guard leaders for opening the position to traditional Guardsmen. By opening the application pool, a diverse group of sergeants major had the opportunity to apply for the position.

I am also the first minority named to the position in recent history. (I am Filipino.) I am glad to deliver the message to the entire organization that every position is open to our diverse population of Soldiers. Everyone will receive equal consideration for advancement regardless one's race, religion, gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or employment status (traditional, AGR or technician).

I highly recommend every Nevada Army Guard Soldier complete all of his/her required organizational, institutional and self-developmental training to ensure a competitive application for a job vacancy.

I am confident Nevada Army Guard leaders considered the recently vacant state command sergeant major position just as they will consider future vacancies – with the goal of placing the proper Soldier in the right position at the right time. That concept is the foundation of the Army's talent management strategy; it's a strategy I will emphasize in the near future as the state's NCO leadership introduces the NCO Strategy for upcoming year in Fiscal Year 2021.

As I circulate through the units and introduce myself to the troops, a portion of my introductory remarks will be devoted to diversity. Diversity is one of the top priorities of Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry.

I am also an advocate of diversity because of my own background, experience and socio-cultural status. It is easy for me to convey the importance of diversity because I have



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio receives the state guidon from Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser during his change of responsibility ceremony at the Las Vegas Readiness Center in July.

personally – both in and out of uniform -- faced and overcome the challenges of belonging to a minority cultural group.

Diversity continues to be a prevalent topic across the country. Although not perfect, the military has been progressive in the field of diversity. The Nevada Army Guard NCO leadership will continue to advocate for improvements in the realm of diversity.

Regardless the rank, all military personnel tend to welcome progressive opinions and thoughts concerning diversity and inclusion. From my experience, Soldiers almost universally respect everyone regardless of their personal views, socio-political/economic status, sexual orientation and academic successes.

Because diversity is such a top priority, the Nevada Guard has established the Nevada National Guard State Joint Diversity Executive Council. I am a proud member of the executive committee. The goal of the council is to enhance diversity and inclusion, ensure all leaders are champions of diversity, develop internal and external stakeholders, and increase the number of diverse partnerships.

To every Soldier in the Nevada Army Guard: I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you better as I circulate throughout the state and visit each Army Guard unit. My goal is to develop a relationship and trusting connection with each Soldier.

Remember to embrace our diverse culture and realize each individual is unique. We will reach our potential when we maintain a comprehensive environment in which cultural awareness increases overall readiness.



# DROP ZONE



Photo courtesy of 3/140th

**BRIDGEPORT, California** — Crews in the Nevada Army Guard's 3/140th Security and Support, B and D Companies, complete live hoist training at the Marine Corps' Mountain Warfare Training Center in July. The North Las Vegas-based companies operate and maintain the Nevada Army Guard's fleet of six UH-72A Lakota helicopters. The Lakota crews remain ready at all times to provide search and rescue capabilities, medical evacuation and catastrophe response across the state. The Mountain Warfare Training Center provided excellent mountainous terrain for the companies' training with elevations ranging from 6,700 – 11,000 feet on the base's 46,000 acres.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

**YERINGTON** — The extraordinary journey of the Nevada Army Guard's longest serving Soldier in history reached its conclusion just a few days before Christmas when retired Command Sgt. Maj. Don Gable, 80, was laid to rest at Valley View Cemetery in the Mason Valley. Gable served an unmatched 43 years, 7 months in the Nevada Army Guard from Sept. 29, 1956, until April 28, 2000. Gable's longevity records in the Nevada Army Guard are unlikely to be broken, as the Lovelock native surreptitiously enlisted in the National Guard at the tender age of 16 and he remained enlisted in the Nevada Guard until his mandatory retirement age of 60. Gable was both a technician and Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) full-time employee in the Nevada Guard and spent many years drilling with the cavalry troop based in Yerington. He was also the operations training sergeant for Troop Command when it was located in Hawthorne and concluded his career as the United States Property and Fiscal Office sergeant major.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

**SILVER SPRINGS** — Nevada National Guard sergeants Ian Fritzche, 26, of Carson City, right, and Sgt. Rjhun Rimon, 23, of Carson City, search a mock clandestine lab in Silver Springs in July during the U.S. Army North's evaluation of the Carson City-based 92nd Civil Support Team. the Nevada National Guard's 92nd Civil Support Team was declared fully trained and validated by U.S. Army North evaluators at the conclusion of the 'Quenching Steel' exercise.





Photo courtesy B. Co., 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion

**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait** — Capt. Kevin Young, 29, of Tucson, Arizona, sets up signal equipment upon the arrival of B Co, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion in October in the Middle East at the beginning of the unit's deployment to support Operation Inherent Resolve. The roughly 140 Soldiers in the battalion will be in Kuwait and neighboring countries for the next nine months. The 422nd is the only Nevada Army Guard unit currently deployed abroad. For more information on the unit, turn to Page 4.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Solomon Navarro

**FORT SHAFTER FLATS, Hawaii** — Nevada Army Guard Maj. Patrick Arizmendi, right, takes time out for a photo with his teammate, U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Alavoni Tukunga, at the headquarters of the 9th Mission Support Command on Oahu before traveling throughout Oceania to support several civil affairs missions. Small teams like Arizmendi's deploy to Pacific Island countries throughout Oceania to support U.S. Embassies in the region through security cooperation efforts. The Soldiers on the teams hail from either the Army Reserve or National Guard and have specific skills that help them interact with local populations, including language and occupational skills. Arizmendi is familiar with Oceania after previously working for the Nevada Guard's State Partnership Program. Two countries in Oceania, Tonga and Fiji, are Nevada's partners in the State Partnership Program, in which National Guard states team with partner nations in a cooperative, mutually-beneficial relationship



Photo by Spc. Albert Valladares

**HOHENFELS, Germany** — Staff Sgt. Alex Houston, center, of Fallon, Nev., assigned to the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team in Germany, welcomes the Nevada Army Guard's public affairs contingent to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at the start of the Combined Resolve XI exercise in August. The eight public affairs Soldiers from three units supported Combined Resolve with media coverage for about two months during the height of the global pandemic in Europe. Eight countries including 3,500 military personnel participated in the exercise. 'I was surprised and happy to see fellow Nevadans in Germany,' Houston said. 'It made me feel closer to home. I was glad to help them while they were supporting the mission.'



# Nevada Army Guard goes into overdrive to certify military vehicle licensed examiners, instructors

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie  
17th Sustainment Brigade

LAS VEGAS — The Nevada Army Guard will devote more than \$500,000 to its drivers training program this year to certify more than 300 licensed evaluators and licensed instructors.

The large expenditure should quickly pay for itself as the new evaluators and instructors establish company-level drivers training programs and increase the number of Soldiers across the state with valid military drivers licenses. The growing number of drivers will increase the use and mileage on Nevada Army Guard vehicles, which will lead to an optimized maintenance plan for the state's approximated 1,500 ground vehicles and ultimately reduce maintenance expenditures by millions of dollars.

More than 100 Soldiers became licensed instructors and evaluators in 2020. Another 200 are set to receive the training in 2021. Soldiers can receive instruction in both the Palletized Load System and the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles.

These courses are unlike the Army's previous 'Master Driver' program.

The current classes are taught by previously qualified licensed evaluators and licensed instructors. They instruct the future LE/LI

candidates how to conduct drivers training at the company level and how to evaluate military driving tests. Ideally, each Nevada Army Guard unit will have at least one LE/LI in order to conduct drivers training at the company level.

The up front expenditure for the bolstered LE/LI training should quickly be recouped as it will improve the Logistics Directorate's (G4) ability to follow the Army's Optimizing Maintenance Plans (OMP) in non-combat operations. (The Optimizing Maintenance Plan is based on miles, not time.) With more trained drivers, the majority of the ground vehicle fleet that is currently under-utilized will be driven more, therefore making maintenance service intervals more efficient and economical.

Both maintenance and training officials agree that the wheeled fleet is experiencing unneeded servicing during non-combat operations. Nevada Guard vehicles have not been transported or driven in a combat area in more than a decade. All agree a transition to only necessary maintenance would be economical without any loss of readiness.

A recent assessment concluded that if the Army could completely transition to the OMP, it could potentially save \$47.7 million in maintenance expenditures and about 2.4 million hours in associated labor per year.

"The minimum number of miles is very realistic," said Maj. Brett Eklund, the surface

maintenance manager. "It takes just 15 miles per quarter for a vehicle to become eligible for enrollment into the Army's Optimizing Maintenance Plans program,

"That's just five miles a month. This number can easily be reached if all of our licensed drivers hop into their unit's assigned vehicles, start them up, and use them during their drills and missions."

Eklund said that roughly 80 percent of the Nevada Army Guard's vehicles are fully mission-capable, but administrative deadlines have lowered the operational readiness level to less than 50 percent strength. He said the low percentage could be attributed to the fact that more than one-third of the fleet is delinquent for current, time based, maintenance service.

The OMP portion of the equation can't be solved without a sufficient number of drivers; hence the current emphasis on this training. 1st. Sgt. Scott Berry, a senior instructor in the driver's training program said: "The drivers training is critical because it serves as the first step for the state's units to fully use their equipment with qualified drivers."

Depending on the unit's assigned, Soldiers can opt to attend either the PLS or the FMTV drivers training course.

"First, we teach students how to safely drive the vehicle platform," Berry said. "Then we teach students how to effectively communicate with each other. We will then advance to lanes training where the Soldiers bring all of their acquired skills together."

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Mills, a motor transport operator and senior training instructor, emphasized that — most importantly — proper drivers training is essential for accident avoidance.

"About 68 percent of vehicle accidents in the Army are due to lack of training or inadequate driver training programs," Mills said. "Eventually, individual units will train on their own and practice advanced combat tasks such as convoy defense," Berry said. "We need to be ready to deploy, fight, and win."

*For information on becoming an evaluator and instructor, call 775-887-7223.*

Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

**Spec. Parsa Khawari of Bravo Troop, 1-221st Cavalry cautiously backs up during drivers training in October in Las Vegas.**





Photo by Pvt. Shae Cox

Sgt. Sidney Romero of Alpha Company, 1-221st Cavalry, participates in the Army Combat Fitness Test during the Region VII Best Warrior Competition held at Camp Williams, Utah, in July. Romero won the contest and represented the region at the National Guard's national Best Warrior event.

# Nevada Guard cavalry scout claims Region VII Best Warrior title

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — The Nevada Army Guard's customary success in the Region VII Best Warrior contest continued in August as Sgt. Sidney Romero of Alpha Troop, 1-221st Cavalry, captured the NCO division in the competition in the Beehive State that included the top Soldiers from the western United States.

With his win, Romero, 24, of Las Vegas, joins the list of recent Nevada Guard Best Warrior champions that includes 1st Lt. Julian Batz, Staff Sgt. Oswald Sanchez and Staff Sgt. Grant Reimers. Reimers recorded the top Best Warrior season in Nevada Guard history when he won the Soldier division in the National Guard's Best Warrior title and placed second in the All-Army competition in 2017.

Spc. Parsa Khawari, 21, of Las Vegas, represented the Nevada Guard in the Soldier division. Khawari is a cavalry scout in Bravo Troop, 1-221st Cavalry. Cpl. Daniel

D'Ippolito, an infantryman with the Arizona Guard, won the Soldier division. (Khawari's final placing was unknown because only the winners of the contest were announced.)

With his win, Romero advanced to the National Guard's national Best Warrior contest in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in September to compete against other regional winners. The Army's Best Warrior Competition tests Soldiers' physical and mental abilities in a wide range of events, usually including the Army's fitness test, Warrior tasks, weapons qualification and a board appearance.

Romero and Khawari won the subdued Nevada Army Guard's state Best Warrior competition just a few weeks before the Region 7 contest and had less than three weeks to prepare for the Utah contest. Romero was in his first year of competing in Best Warrior.

"From the beginning of this competition, it was nerve-wracking. Just getting prepared for the travel and competition," said Romero, who is an electrical apprentice in Local 357 in his civilian occupation. "Finally getting here and getting over that hurdle, it relaxed me.

"I was able to focus on the competition and just check off each box. I got excited to see how I could place in the competition."

All of the events in Utah occurred within a whirlwind 48 hours. The competitors began with the Army Combat Fitness Test and then

the "Mystery Event" that turned out to be swimming races in uniform. The first day concluded with a written exam and board appearance.

After an early wake-up at 1 a.m., Soldiers were transported to the night land-navigation course. After land nav, the marksmanship event began with a stress-shooting contest that included Soldiers attempting to hit targets positioned from 50 to 500 meters in a variety of shooting positions. The final event was an 11-mile ruck march.

Romero did not know if he was in first place when the events concluded, but he calculated he was among the leaders with his ruck march time of about 2 hours, 30 minutes and his time of 13:30 in the 2-mile run event of the ACFT, the fastest time of any NCO.

"I knew I was doing pretty well," Romero said. "I tried to maintain a competitive mindset. When I had a disappointing event, I would just brush it off and keep going and pushing."

**Editor's note:** At the National Guard Bureau Best Warrior contest in September, hometown favorite Staff Sgt. Mitchell Scofield of the Mississippi National Guard and D'Ippolito of the Arizona National Guard — the Region VII winner who defeated Nevada's Khawari — were named the Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier Best Warrior winners of 2020, respectively.

*Staff Sgt. Tim Beery of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment contributed to this report from Camp Williams, Utah.*



Photo by Spc. Bryton Bluth  
Sgt. Sidney Romero of Alpha Company, 1-221st Cavalry, won the Region VII Best Warrior Competition held at Camp Williams, Utah in July.



# NEVADA GUARDSMAN BATTLES ENEMY ON TWO FRONTS: WILDFIRES AND COVID-19





LAS VEGAS — Pfc. Cheyenne Romans of the 1864th Motor Transportation Company has thwarted attacks on multiple fronts this year.

For much of the summer, Romans, 20, of Pioche, was on the wildfire front lines in Nevada and helped extinguish the blazes that burned more than 100,000 acres. Her service to the state didn't stop when the fires were doused: She currently serves with Task Force South in the battle against the deadly coronavirus in Las Vegas. In the Nevada Army Guard, she's a motor transport operator with the 1864th.

Romans said she spent the majority of the summer alongside some of the best firefighters in the nation while employed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the 2020 fire season.

The BLM's Nevada Fire and Aviation office oversees about 48 million acres of public land in Nevada. The Silver State has the second largest Fire and Aviation program within the Bureau behind only Alaska. It has six district offices located in Las Vegas, Ely, Carson City, Winnemucca, Elko and Battle Mountain.

Out of 3,200 Soldiers, Romans is the only Nevada Guard Soldier who resides in the southeastern Nevada town of Pioche. The Old-West town serves as the county seat for Lincoln County, Nevada, and has a population of about 1,200. Romans works as an emergency medical technician for Lincoln County when not battling fires or on National Guard duty.

In June, Romans put on her firefighter gear for the first time and joined the members of the Pony Springs BLM Fire Station to battle against a series of wildfires that ravaged northern Nevada. The past summer was Romans' first season as a firefighter and she quickly learned the tricks of the trade, including how to proficiently wield a chain saw, axe and shovel.

"Once I arrived at my first fire, it was non-stop action," Romans said. "In no time, I was running the saw, learning how to dig line and working with my team."

The rookie firefighter quickly assumed a crucial role during the wildfire-fighting operations. One of her main jobs was to clear dead trees and snags. Once the trees and snags were cut down or removed, teams would dig a line around the flames and allow that specific portion of the fire to burn itself out. Often, the trees and snags were very dry and brittle and created dangerous situations.

"The trees that were in flames and severely burned are very weak," Romans said. "They are at high risk of falling and possibly injuring firefighters. You have to cut those down and control the line."

The soot, heat, and exhaustion from firefighting in the rugged northern Nevada wilderness didn't stop Romans from battling a second enemy later in the summer. Once she helped the BLM quell the wildfires in northern Nevada, she traveled south to Las Vegas and began a new fight against coronavirus.

Romans is now on the coronavirus mission for the Nevada Army Guard and is a member of the Las Vegas Strike Team, a section within Task Force South. The team has tested more than 1,000 people since she joined the team October 1. The small group is renowned for its ability to quickly support Southern Nevada Health District requests for rapid mobile testing at community based collection sites.

In September, Task Force South tested more than 25,000 people in the Las Vegas metropolitan area.

"The military has been a great experience for me," Romans said. "It's sometimes scary to be in unfamiliar territory, whether in a wildfire fight or on a coronavirus health response mission. Although I may find myself in a frightening or uncomfortable situation, my training has taught me to overcome that fear."

"That is really important to me and has helped me overcome a real obstacle in my life (conquering trepidation). I feel better prepared to face that challenge, now more than ever."



Photo courtesy of Pfc. Cheyenne Romans; Insert photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

LEFT: Pfc. Cheyenne Romans surveys the charred aftermath of a fire in Lincoln County. INSET: Romans takes time out for a photo in uniform while on coronavirus health response duty in October in Las Vegas.





# Speedway Readiness Center slingshots into operation

By Sgt. William Marsh  
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NORTH LAS VEGAS – The jewel in the crown of the Nevada Army Guard’s facilities inventory is open for business.

The Army Guard’s long-awaited state-of-the-art facility, the Speedway Readiness Center, opened its doors in late September. The opening of the Nevada Guard’s \$37 million southern Nevada flagship armory was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Gov. Steve Sisolak.

The name of the readiness center is derived from its close proximity to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in North Las Vegas. The 71,000-square foot facility is located on Hollywood Boulevard on 18.65 acres of state land.

The new center will eventually house the 17th Sustainment Brigade, the 17th Special Troops Battalion and the 3665th Explosives Ordnance Detachment. It was built to provide a training center for the growing number of Nevada Guard Soldiers in Clark County. More than two-thirds of Nevada Army Guard  
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Soldiers now reside in southern Nevada.

Construction on the facility began in 2019 the work was completed sooner than expected.

Initial estimates said the project would be done in 2021. \$35 million of the construction funds came from federal coffers and \$2 million was provided by the state. The readiness center includes administrative and accessory space, classrooms, unit lockers, and a commercial kitchen.

Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry was one of the Nevada Guard representatives in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“The southern Nevada location of the new facility gives us a chance to grow and progress,” Berry said. “This building is a sign to Las Vegas Valley citizens that the training and preparation of our force is a top priority. In addition to accommodating our current force, this facility allows the Nevada Guard to position itself for future growth as well.”

The Speedway Readiness Center meets the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver Rating standards in an effort to maintain the Nevada National Guard’s energy and resource efficiency. The new center is

designed for a minimum service life of 50 years, in accordance with the Department of Defense Unified Facilities Code.

## Yerington Armory update

Built in 1959, the “old” Yerington Armory is set to become the “new” Yerington City Hall by early 2021.

In September, the City of Yerington announced it had acquired the armory from the National Guard at the cost of \$213,087. The two parties had negotiated the transfer of the property since April 2019.

The property sits on 4.37 acres of land and includes seven buildings. The main building is 10,400 square feet. Yerington’s previous city hall, 102 S. Main St., at was built in 1926 and had just 2,500 square feet of office space.

The 609th Engineer Company was the last Nevada Army Guard unit to drill in Yerington. The Sappers rotated their drills between Yerington and Fallon for a few years but they will now drill every month in Fallon.

The 1/221st Cavalry maintained a troop in Yerington for several decades but all Nevada Army Guard cavalry troops are now based in North Las Vegas.





Photos by Sgt. William Marsh

Clockwise from Page 14: From left, Assistant Adjutant General Brig. Gen Michael Hanifan, Regional Best Warrior winner Sgt. Sidney Romero, Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Gov. Steve Sisolak, and Edward Ojeda, a project superintendent with CORE Construction as well as a Nevada National Guard sergeant with the 240th Engineer Company, cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the Nevada Army Guard's Speedway Readiness Center in September in North Las Vegas; an exterior photo along with a close up of the monument sign; interior shots of the auditorium, dining facility and office space.





# High Rollers act record-setting fire





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Photo courtesy of Coral Leigh, freelance photographer  
A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 drops retardant on  
the Lightning Complex Fire in Butts Canyon near  
Middleton, California, in August.

By Airman 1st Class Michelle Brooks  
152nd Airlift Wing

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Even in the face of a pandemic, the Nevada Air Guard completed its busiest firefighting season in history as it helped quench the 4 million acres of wildland fires that burned in the Golden State in 2020.

The 152nd Airlift Wing was activated for firefighting in July and remained on orders through October. The activation became the High Rollers' longest Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System deployment since it became the newest member of the four-unit Air Expeditionary Group in 2016. All four units fly C-130 Hercules aircraft.

Since 1976, C-130s have supported federal firefighters with MAFFS equipment that include large containers of retardant that fit into the back of the military transport aircraft and effectively turn the C-130s into air tankers capable of fighting wildland fires.

"It's very rewarding knowing you are helping so many people," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Teska, a MAFFS flight engineer with the 152nd and former civilian wildland firefighter. "I remember being on the ground (as a civilian firefighter), looking up, and seeing the planes dropping retardant. Being part of the MAFFS team, and contributing to firefighting in general, is a great feeling."

During the 2020 record-setting fire season, the 152nd MAFFS team flew 113 sorties and dropped more than 310,000 gallons of retardant on fires across California. In total, the combined AEG units flew 518 sorties and dropped 1.3 million gallons of fire retardant.

"We are grateful for the High Rollers' dedication to our nation during a time of great need," said Lt. Gen. Kirk Pierce, the commander of the 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern), which served as the operational lead for the MAFFS mission. "They are performing a highly-complex mission while flying very low in mountainous terrain while dealing with poor visibility from smoke and flames. Their specialized training prepares them for such challenges."

The mission was a collaborative effort between civilian and military agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire, the Department of Defense and the contracted civilian fleet.

"The support from these entities and all the groups in the Nevada Air Guard is instrumental to making the mission happen," said Lt. Col. Erik Brown, the 152nd Maintenance Group deputy commander and MAFFS pilot.

MAFFS-equipped C-130 aircraft units provide resources for firefighting when civilian assets are exhausted. When deployed to support wildland firefighting efforts, MAFFS units stand by for a call from dispatch centers based on requests from civilian incident commanders.

The 2020 fire season saw the need for all four military MAFFS units to fly missions, including the 152nd, the 302nd Air Force Reserve unit based in Colorado, the Wyoming Air Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing, and the California Air Guard's 146th Airlift Wing.

According to CAL Fire, more acres burned across the Golden State in 2020 than in any other year. By the time the 152nd's activation concluded in October, more than 4 million acres were charred in California, including the massive Creek Fire that devastated more than 300,000 acres near Fresno in the Sierra Nevada mountain range





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## Coronavirus proves formidable enemy as relentless battle continues

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
and Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie  
Nevada Army Guard

CARSON CITY, DUCKWATER AND LAS VEGAS — More than eight months into the Nevada Guard's support of the battle against COVID-19, the stubborn microscopic enemy showed no sign of surrender as many of the state's counties reported record number of cases in late autumn.

Despite the fact that nearly 400 Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen were on duty daily in November supporting the state's effort to curb the pandemic, health officials continued to report record high numbers of coronavirus cases. Clark County reported it had topped 100,000 cases of COVID-19 on November 19, the same day Washoe County reported its record high of active cases, 5,878. The number in Washoe County on November 19 was four times the number of cases on October 18 (1,432). The Nevada Guard was not immune from the sting of COVID-19, as dozens of Airmen and Soldiers also reported

contracting the disease.

Through October, Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen had recorded some staggering statistics during the Guard's mission to assist the state during the pandemic. Since the mission began in April, Guardsmen had distributed more than 2 million K/ N95 masks, 3.5 million surgical masks, 8.3 million pairs of gloves and 1.1 million Tyvek shields. They also distributed about 2.9 million meals and administered more than 1.1 million coronavirus tests.

Yet the spread of the coronavirus ran rampant despite the efforts of the Nevada Guard and its community partners. Officials said it would take a concerted effort by the entire community to reverse the coronavirus spread.

"The Nevada Guard has been an indispensable part of the whole of community response to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, despite all efforts to increase testing, contact tracing and personal protective equipment distribution, we will not be able to mitigate the exponential spread

of the virus unless the public embraces all aspects of strict adherence to social distancing and protective measures,," said Lt. Col. Brett Compston, the director of the Nevada Guard's Joint and Domestic Operations section.

Down from April's high of 1,150 Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen on duty, the nearly 400 Guardsmen who remained on health response duty through the autumn performed a familiar list of tasks, including staffing of community based collection sites, warehouse support and contact tracing. The COVID-19 health response this past spring was the largest domestic activation in Nevada Guard history.

On any given day in autumn, there were dozens of missions ongoing throughout the state. In late November, Task Force 422 in northern Nevada had more than 130 Soldiers on 12 separate missions, including assisting at the Northern Nevada Food Bank, helping with Washoe County Health District mapping and data input, and conducting community based collections.

The health response duty for all Nevada Guardsmen was extended in December and is set to now last through March 31.

The White House made the announcement last fall with the state of Nevada entering a 75:25 cost share with the federal government..

### Snapshots of support

In November in Las Vegas, more than 50 Guardsmen teamed with the Clark County Fire Department's mobile surge command to test Las Vegans during the city's autumn uptick in coronavirus cases. More than 1,900 people were screened on the first day of operations at a new testing site at the Texas Station Hotel and Casino.

Deputy Incident Commander with CCFD, Noah Wheatley, the Clark County Fire Department's deputy incident commander, said the goal at the site was to test more than 2,000 people per day.

"This is a cooperative effort between University Medical Center, the Southern Nevada Health District, the Nevada



Staff Sgt. Zeshan Mahmood assists patients with nasal swab samples at the Shoshone Tribal Health Clinic November 10 in Duckwater, Nevada.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie



# Together: battles COVID-19



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

Spc. Keith Davis helps the Shoshone Health Clinic test more than 70 tribal members for COVID-19 on November 10 in Duckwater, Nevada.

National Guard and the Clark County Fire Department,” Wheatley said. “We want to get as many people tested as possible – without an appointment and for free. We are all professionals with the same resolution – winning the battle against this coronavirus.”

#### **Tribal assistance**

In rural Duckwater, Soldiers and Airmen on Task Force South’s mobile collection team headed north to the remote Nye County village in November to assist the Shoshone Tribal Health District with its community-based testing for COVID-19.

Eight members of the Nevada Guard surge team helped test more than 70 people at the Duckwater Health Clinic. It was the second visit for the Nevada Guard to Duckwater this year for coronavirus support after the task force tested 80 percent of the Tribal elder community in July.

Duckwater has a population of about 220. The village is in Nye County about 50 miles south of Eureka. Despite being small in population, Duckwater includes more than 4,300 square miles of area. The community was named for the ducks which frequented wetlands near the original town site.

Brenda O’Neil, the health manager for

the Duckwater clinic, said her community – just like the entire state -- was experiencing an uptick in positive coronavirus cases in November. She expressed her gratitude for the Guard’s willingness to go anywhere in Nevada to assist the state’s citizens.

“We are very grateful the Guard is here to help,” O’Neil said. “I want to give them a huge thanks for their ongoing support.”

That same week, the Nevada Guard also assisted the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony with coronavirus testing at the nation’s Hungry Valley and downtown Reno locations.

Bethany Sam, spokesperson for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, said that the colony’s increasing number of cases correlated with Washoe County’s increasing number of positive tests.

“We are seeing numbers go up here,” Sam said. “We appreciate the state of Nevada and the Nevada National Guard’s efforts to help us combat the pandemic.”

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony includes 1,157 members with locations in rural Washoe County and its urban colony just east of downtown Reno. The majority of the members hail from the Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe tribes.

Since the beginning of the Guard’s health response support in April, task forces have provided assistance at more than a dozen tribal locations across Nevada with either food distribution support and/or COVID-19 testing medical and logistical support.

In addition to the Duckwater Shoshone and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, other Native American sites, tribes and organizations receiving assistance from the Nevada Guard included: the Moapa band of Paiutes; the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada; Hungry Valley; the Pyramid Lake Paiute; the eastern Nevada bands of Te-Moak and western Shoshone; the Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute; the northern Paiute and western Shoshone in McDermitt; and the northern Paiute in Yerington.

With the state’s largest domestic activation in history continuing into the new year, Compston emphasized all of the state’s residents needed to cooperate to eradicate the coronavirus.

“Nevadans must work together to combat this fiend,” Compston said. “It’s not about politics. It’s about doing the right thing to help your neighbors and quicken our return to normalcy.”



# Historian's Notebook

## Not just COVID-19: Nev. Guard activations include long history of state support



By Emerson Marcus  
Command Historian

The Nevada National Guard has activated many times throughout its history to assist the Silver State, but nothing has come close to the scope of the response of the more than 1,150 Nevada Soldiers and Airmen who mobilized to support the state in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Guard has always trained and responded to these types of events in the state, whether floods, earthquakes or fires," retired Nevada Army Guard Lt. Col. Steve Ranson, a news reporter and former Nevada Guard public affairs officer, said. "Planning has always been there. COVID-19 has just been one of those unprecedented, unexpected rollouts that we hopefully never see again."

While most state activations involve natural disasters — snowstorms, fires or floods — other activations stem from man-made reasons such as riots or prison

breaks. Given the unprecedented events of the past year, let's take a look at historical activations that sparked statewide, even national, interest and, at times, included hundreds of Soldiers supporting Nevada citizens.

### Nevada State Prison War, 1873

Following a prison break in Carson City in 1871, about 30 inmates overran the state armory. The Nevada Guard, then called the state militia, was called to quell violence and return the majority of the escapees. In response to the embarrassment, the 1873 Nevada Legislature deemed it necessary to establish a full-time state warden position. The state penitentiary was previously overseen as an additional duty of the state's lieutenant governor.

In March of 1873, Nevada's second governor, Lewis Bradley, along with the Nevada's attorney general and secretary of state, walked up to the prison to relieve Lieutenant Governor Frank Denver of his duties as prison warden. Based on his

interpretation of the law, Denver refused. He felt he had one more month as warden and, thus, was entitled to one more month of pay. After Denver denied entrance to the governor and his staff, about 60 Nevada state militiamen armed with a 3-inch howitzer marched to the prison. Denver conceded and the spectacle — deemed more circus than war — ended, but received great interest in local press and among citizens in the state capital.

Of course, the state militia's most common reason to respond in defense of citizens in the 19th century was during disputes with Native Americans, but these were usually conducted with unorganized local militia, not at the state level, with a few exceptions such as the Bannock War of 1878.

### Operation Haylift, 1948-1949

Nevada Guardsmen also assisted in the Herculean effort to assist ranchers around the state during the blizzard of 1948, which eventually turned into a Hollywood film, "Operation Haylift." It was Nevada's worst winter since the "White Winter" of 1889-1890. Both severely threatened the state's livestock industries.

Luckily in 1948, Nevada, along with other states around the American West and plains paralyzed in a deep freeze, possessed much-needed aerial support. Through subzero temperatures and frigid snowstorms, the Nevada Air and Army Guard, along with federal partners, including the U.S. Air Force, were able to transport feed and supplies to cattle desperately in need. According to Nevada Guard biennial reports, 43 Army Guardsmen with trucks and other equipment effectively spared the state's cattle industry from the outcome it experienced 60 years earlier. The newly-formed Nevada Air Guard also made hay drops for cattle and food for stranded citizens, including one rescue mission that saved 75 people.

Other activations in the post-World War II era included a gas main explosion that killed five, injured 50 and destroyed

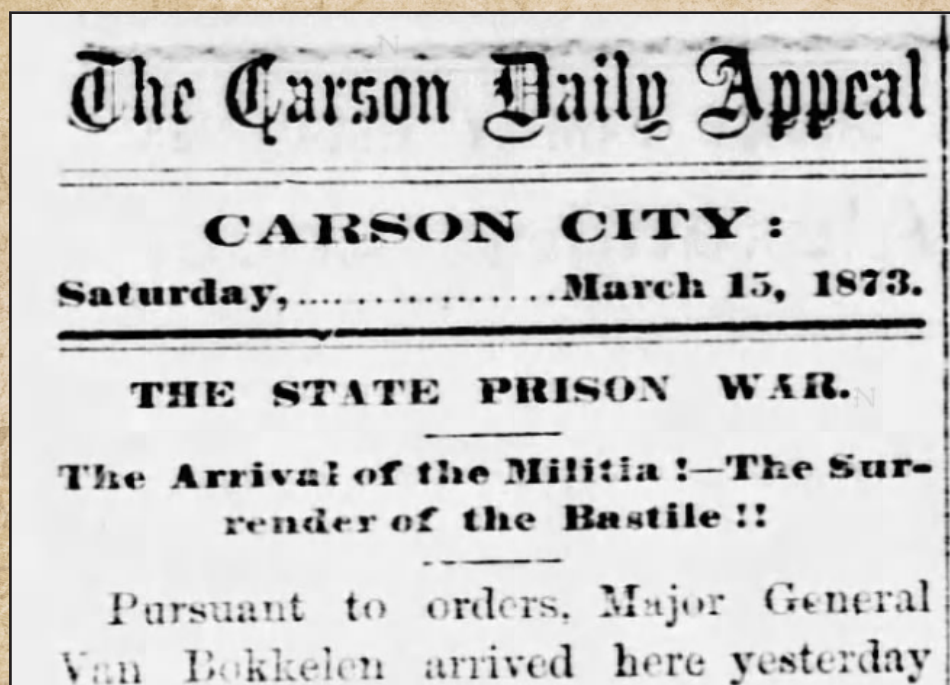


Photo from The Carson City Appeal, 1873 article

The Nevada Guard has been activated for state assistance many times throughout its history, including in response to the so-called Prison War in the capital in 1873.





Nevada National Guard file photo

Sgt. Chase Howard guides an M1088 light medium tactical vehicle into position in Lemmon Valley in March 2017. The combination of a sizable snowpack and warm weather led to flooding in the valleys north of Reno that year and more than 140 Guardsmen were called to duty in an effort to limit damage.

blocks of downtown Reno near Sierra Street along the Truckee River. Hundreds of Nevada Guardsmen were activated and a controversy arose when news reporters alleged the adjutant general had issued martial law when he blocked reporters' access to the site.

#### **Rodney King Riots, 1992**

The Rodney King Riots, mainly associated with civil unrest in Los Angeles, also erupted in Las Vegas' West Side, a neighborhood a few miles northwest of old downtown Las Vegas. Authorities estimated about \$6 million in damages occurred and one person was killed. About 400 Nevada Army Guardsmen were activated to support law enforcement for three days.

Nevada Guardsmen with the 72nd Military Police Company, fresh off deployment during Desert Storm/Desert Shield, were stationed at the Cashman

Center as a show of force, according to the Nevada Guard publication "On Guard."

Eventually, an agreement was reached between Las Vegas minority leaders and the state to allow peaceful protests as long as the National Guard remained off the streets.

Nevada Guard state public affairs officer Lt. Col. Chris Anastassatos told reporters in 1992: "People were really impressed with (the military police)...with their batons and riot gear," Anastassatos said. "The governor was really tickled pink."

The New York Times reported that fast-growing Las Vegas — with 1.75 officers per 1,000 citizens vs. the national average of 2.45 officers — was in desperate need of assistance during the melee.

#### **Lemmon Valley Floods, 2017**

The mix of a sizeable mountain snowpack followed by unseasonably warm weather and rainstorms in northern

Nevada during the spring of 2017 led to flooding into the valleys north of Reno and caused Swan Lake to overflow.

The Truckee River in downtown Reno crested, but did not spill over as it had in 1997. The valleys north of Reno weren't as lucky. After President Donald Trump issued a major disaster declaration, more than 140 Nevada Guardsmen participated in an effort to save the neighborhood. They moved 1 million pounds of sandbags and constructed a four-mile HESCO wall. It remains the largest flood activation in Nevada Guard history.

The Guard also responded to major floods in Nevada in the winter of 1982-1983 and in 2005. And, just last summer, the 152nd Airlift Wing experienced its largest firefighting activation from July to October during a record-setting fire season in California.





Photo by Sgt. Meighan Herzberg

Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry congratulates Col. Troy Armstrong shortly after his official appointment as the Nevada Army Guard's land component commander during the LCC change of command ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Reno in November.

# Homegrown Nevada officer new land component commander

Staff reports

RENO — Almost 25 years after graduating from the state's Officer Candidate School, Col. Troy Armstrong succeeded Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser as the land component commander of the Nevada Army Guard in November. Armstrong, 52, of Las Vegas, now oversees and manages the more than 3,200 uniformed Nevada Guard Soldiers.

Armstrong is set to attain the rank of brigadier general and will be one of only two general officers in the Nevada Army Guard along with assistant Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan.

"It's my sincere honor to be standing before you as the incoming commander of the Nevada Army Guard," Armstrong said to the socially-distanced attendees at the ceremony

that marked the start of his command inside the Army Aviation Support Facility. "I assure you I will do everything within my abilities to provide direction and purpose in a manner that's professional, inclusive and transparent.

"Most important, we'll work as a team to support the needs of our state and defend our nation against all threats as the finest National Guard force in our state's history. I'm honored to be your commander and proud and honored to be a Soldier in the Nevada Army Guard. I look forward to working with everyone, expanding opportunities, creating transparencies, and leading with nothing less than absolute honor."

Doser, 56, of Reno, who works for the Reno Police Department in his civilian occupation, retired from the military. Doser had served as the land component commander since August 2017.

Armstrong had been the commander of the 17th Sustainment Brigade since 2018. In his civilian occupation, Armstrong is the manager of administrative services for the Clark County Department of Family Services. He has been employed by Clark County for more than 27 years.

After graduating from the state's now-shuttered OCS in 1996, Armstrong served on some of the most visible deployments in Nevada Army Guard history, including two deployments to Iraq with the 72nd Military Police Company. He was also the commander of the 72nd when it deployed to Louisiana in 2005 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In 2008, Armstrong returned to Iraq with the 140th Military Police Brigade Liaison Detachment. In 2015, he assumed command of the 17th Special Troops Battalion and deployed



with the unit in 2016 to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

Doser had served in the Nevada Army Guard since 1999 and had recorded more than 33 years of both active- and reserve component military service.

For his meritorious service, Dosier was awarded the Maj. Gen. Drennan Clark Order of Nevada.

The award is the second highest state military award possible behind only the Medal of Valor. The award is reserved for individuals who have recorded a minimum of 25 years of extraordinary service in the U.S. military, including at least 20 in the Nevada National Guard.

## Chappell assumes command of 17th Sustainment Brig.

On the same weekend Armstrong was promoted to land component commander, Col. Clayton Chappell, 53, of Minden, succeeded Armstrong as the commander of the 17th Sustainment Brigade, the largest brigade in the Nevada Army Guard.

The Las Vegas-based brigade maintains administrative control over two-thirds of the Nevada Army Guard's units and personnel.

Chappell deployed with the 17th to Kuwait in 2016 as the brigade support operations officer before a stint with the Army Reserve's 364th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Marysville, Washington.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

**Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio stands at attention shortly after his change of responsibility ceremony at the Las Vegas Readiness Center in July**

## Command Sgt. Maj. realizes lifelong goal

Dennis Basilio achieved his lifelong goal of becoming the Nevada Army Guard's state command sergeant major in July during a change of responsibility ceremony in Las Vegas.

He overcame the challenge of mastering English at the age of 24 when he moved from Guam to the mainland.

Basilio, 54, of North Las Vegas, was born in the Philippines and enlisted in the Army in May 1996 while living in Guam. Some of the highlights of his nearly 25 years of service include four years on active duty with the 2/63rd Armor in Germany and his recent Nevada Army Guard deployment to the Middle East that saw him overseeing

personnel in seven countries including Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.

Basilio succeeded Command Sgt. Michael Spaulding. Spaulding remains the Nevada Guard's Senior Enlisted Leader.

Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Franco succeeded Basilio as the 17th Sustainment Brigade's top enlisted Soldier.

Basilio said he looked forward to becoming familiar with every unit and enlisted Soldier in the Silver State.

"My biggest challenge is to transition from being a brigade command sergeant major to connecting with the entirety of the enlisted corps of the Nevada Army Guard," Basilio said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

**Col. Clayton Chappell, commander of the 17th Sustainment Brigade, speaks during his change of command ceremony at the new North Las Vegas Speedway Armory in November.**





Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

Maj. Donny Crandell, one of only three Airmen in the Nevada Air Guard with a doctorate degree, gives the invocation at the demobilization ceremony for G Company, 2/238th Aviation in November. He received his doctorate from Multnomah Seminary in December.

# Air Guard chaplain enjoys divine life of ministry, education

By Sgt. Zandra Duran  
Joint Force Headquarters

RENO — Maj. Donny Crandell is a man who wears many hats — both clerical and secular. The Air National Guard chaplain is a pastor, a husband, a father, a speaker, a magician, an adjunct professor, and a Doctor of Ministry.

Before becoming the Nevada Air Guard's full-time chaplain, Crandell served as a chaplain in Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He's now the senior officer on the Nevada Air Guard chaplain corps team that includes two officers and one enlisted Airman.

The chaplain corps offers spiritual care and ensures all military members and their families have opportunities to exercise their constitutional entitlement to the free exercise of religion. They provide religious services, leadership advisement, religious accommodation, pastoral care, unit engagement, and counseling to meet the diverse needs of military members.

Crandell received his Doctor of Ministry in December from Multnomah Seminary in Portland, Oregon. His doctorate is the culmination of his theological education after previously receiving his Masters of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1994. He received

his bachelor's degree from MidAmerica Nazarene University in 1989.

He's now one of three Airmen in the Nevada Air Guard with a doctorate along with Col. Robert Gregory and 2nd Lt. Brenna Keegan.

Although a pious person, Crandell enjoys many worldly hobbies, including fishing, biking, hunting, performing magic, and following politics. Those hobbies, however, pale in comparison to the joy he experienced when his son, Kyson Ray, was born on July 25, 2016.

When not in Reno, Crandell can often be found at Faith Community Church, where he serves as the lead pastor.

"My wife and I moved to Cold Springs four years ago and fell in love with our community," Crandell said. "It is a place we are proud to call home, complete with our little 4-year-old boy, a new puppy, chickens, bees, and a garden.

"Ever since we moved to Cold Springs, we have prayed about holding church services in our neighborhood in Cold Springs and my prayers were answered."

Crandell also teaches public speaking at Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Reno. His orator skills are reflected in the fact Crandell has been a finalist in the World Championship of Public Speaking. He placed in the top-10 in 2016.

Of Crandell's various occupations, one stands out.

"My favorite of all of these is 'preacher' and 'pastor,'" Crandell said. "Often, you will hear me say: 'Sunday morning is the best hour of my week.'"

Crandell's calling on behalf of a higher power began during his teenage years.

"I was saved when I was 15 years old and felt God put a calling on my heart to share the love of God," Crandell said. "This calling has taken me on many journeys, from pastoring our local church to driving across the United States evangelizing to missionary work in Ecuador."

With his satisfying military job, his church in Cold Springs established, and his family thriving, Crandell implies northern Nevada is his own personal slice of heaven.

"My family has been blessed in so many different ways since we followed God's calling to Reno," Crandell said.

"My prayer continues to be, 'Jesus, help me know you in good times and bad so that I can help others know you in all situations.' The Lord saved me so that I could serve him. I'm trying to do just that."

*To speak to a Nevada Guard chaplain for any reason, call 209-324-4904*



## Twice as nice: Henderson recruiter goes distance, earns elite status in 2 sports

### 2 Nev. female Soldiers also tabbed All Guard

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

OMAHA, Neb. — In the span of just three weeks in late summer, Staff Sgt. Paul Duncan of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion earned elite status in two of the five sports sponsored by the National Guard Bureau. In August, Duncan, 36, earned a spot on the All Guard Endurance Team with his 20th place in the inaugural Endurance Team Trials; in September, Duncan scored a position on the All Guard Marathon Team with his 13th place in the Marathon Trials contested in conjunction with the Omaha Marathon.

Two other Nevada Army Guard Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Jazzmene Loftis, 33, of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, and Maj. Liberty Reyes, 41, of the 17th Sustainment Brigade, also garnered All Guard status in their respective specialties. Loftis placed 12th among female Soldiers at the Endurance Team trials and Reyes was the women's master champion (+40 age) among National Guard entrants.

The All Guard Endurance Team is an expansion of the National Guard Marathon Team and adds a fifth sport to the National Guard competition schedule. The other sponsored sports are biathlon, marksmanship and LeapFest (target parachuting.) All of the sports bolster the National Guard's retention program by promoting physical fitness and encouraging self-discipline and esprit de corps. Athletes earning All Guard status are usually invited to represent the National Guard throughout the year at both local and national competitions.

The National Guard's Endurance competition closely resembles a "Spartan Race:" a distance race featuring obstacles and barriers. The Nebraska Guard's course at Greenleaf Training Site included 13 challenges in four types of athletic categories on a 7-mile course, including



Photo by Captivating Sports Photos  
Staff Sgt. Paul Duncan crosses the finish line of the Omaha (Neb.) Marathon in September in 3 hours, 3 minutes to secure a spot on the National Guard All Guard Marathon Team.

Army Combat Fitness Test events. Sixty-three Soldiers and Airmen participated in the inaugural event.

Loftis, 33, of Henderson, cruised through the course in 2 hours, 56 minutes to easily secure her All-Guard status among female Soldiers. Duncan scored the final All Guard Endurance Team slot with his 20th place in 2:02. Both are eligible to represent the National Guard at future endurance races, including Spartan Races, but that series has been postponed due to the global pandemic.

Duncan returned to the Cornhusker State a scant three weeks after the Endurance Team trials for the Marathon Team trials held in conjunction with the Omaha Marathon on Sept. 19. In the marathon trials, each National Guard state and territory sends its four top runners to contend for positions on the All Guard Marathon Team. A full marathon course is 26.2 miles.

The National Guard Marathon Team trials are usually held in Lincoln, Nebraska, each May. Due to the coronavirus, this year's event was held in Omaha in September. Only the top 20 male runners and top 12 female runners in the National Guard, along with three master men and two master women, were named to the 2020 All Guard team.

On the streets of Omaha, Duncan blazed the 26-mile course at a sub-7 minute per mile pace to finish in 3:03:39, good for 13th among National Guard runners and 20th overall. Capt. Kenny Rayner of the California National Guard was the National Guard champion and overall winner in 2:35:19.

Reyes earned one of the two All Guard master women's spots with her time of 4:51. She was 10th among all women in the 40-44 age division.

Las Vegas residents Capts. Keishmer Cardoso, 29, and Dan Woodbury, 30, both from the 17th Sustainment Brigade, also represented Nevada at the marathon trials. Cardoso was 19th in his age division in 3:54; Woodbury was 23rd in 4:45.

The marathon trials are set to return to Lincoln in May 2021. For information on the Endurance Team or Marathon Team, write to: paul.l.duncan4.mil@mail.mil or visit Instagram account: @armyguardnevada

*Sgt. Lisa Crawford of the Nebraska National Guard contributed to the report from Omaha, Nebraska.*



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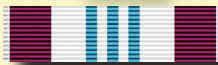
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## Bronze Star



SFC Noel Garcia ..... 1859th Trans Co

## Defense Meritorious Service Medal



COL Alecia Biddison ..... JFHQ

## Meritorious Service Medal



MSgt Chestin Adaoag ..... 232nd Ops Sqd  
MSgt Wayne Bejosano ..... 232nd Ops Sqd  
Lt Col Beth Boschee ..... 152nd Medical Group  
Lt Col Jared Brandt ..... 152nd Medical Group  
Lt Col John Brownell ..... Air Guard HQ  
SFC Steven Bunch ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SSG Leah Cabusao ..... Recruiting & Retention  
ISG Omar Calderon-Tamayo ..... 17th SB  
Maj Jami Cavins ..... 92nd CST  
CPT Michael Colyer ..... Recruiting & Retention  
MSgt Jeffery Cottingham ..... 232nd Ops Sqd  
MSgt Roberto Fabela ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd  
MSgt Jason Fritz ..... 152nd Mission Support Group  
Lt Col Michael Fugett ..... 192nd Airlift Sqd  
CMSgt Steven Graham ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
Maj Gregory Green ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
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CMSgt Jesse Jennings ..... 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
CPT Eric Mangino ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
Col Joann Meacham ..... Air Guard HQ  
MSgt Ian O Grady ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
MSG Jose Obregon ..... Recruiting & Retention  
CPT David Paxton ..... 421st RTI  
MAJ Eric Price ..... 17th SB  
SGT Sidney Romero ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SFC Ichel Salifu ..... JFHQ  
Maj Megan Sharp ..... 152nd Force Support Sqd  
Col Todd Starbuck ..... Air Guard HQ  
CPT Michelle Tucay ..... 17th SB  
MSG Ines Ventura ..... JFHQ  
CPT Tyler Wistisen ..... 1-221st Cav HHT

## Air Medal



SGT Mason Burkhart (w/C Device) ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
CW3 Joshua Groth (w/C Device) ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
CPT Nigel Harrison (w/C Device) 991st Aviation Troop Com  
SSG Jonathon Pedrini (w/C Device) ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
CPT Jacob Pestana (w/C Device) ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
SGT Daniel Stclair (w/C Device) ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
CW2 Cicely Williams (w/C Device) ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2

## Army Commendation Medal



SPC Ramon Ayon JR ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Parker Badenhuizen ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
PFC Jabari Bryan ..... 1-221st Cav D Co  
SPC William Clemons III ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SSG Gilberto Colon III ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SPC Brandyn Darby ..... 422nd ESB  
SGT Matthew Erbach ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Preston Faust ..... 17th SB  
SPC Hector Hernandez ..... 240th Engineer Co  
PFC Jesus Herrera ..... 1-221st Cav D Co  
SGT Samantha Jovellanos ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SSG Matthew Lagrone ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SSG Matthew Leming ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Jeremy Longo ..... 3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)  
SSG Matthew Marquez ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SFC Julia Martinez ..... JFHQ  
SPC Ricardo Martinez-Shepard ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SGT Janette Mejia ..... 17th SB  
SSG Anthony Munoz ..... 72nd MP  
PFC Javier Munoz ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
CPT Karennicole Randel ..... JFHQ  
SGT Adam Smith ..... 240th Engineer Co  
SSG Mercedes Taimanglo ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Gulap Tapalla (w/C Device) ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
SGT Christopher Thompson ..... JFHQ  
SGT Jalyn Todd ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
CW2 James Vail ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SFC Douglas Zamora ..... 92nd CST  
SPC Pedro Zamora-Gonzalez ..... 1-221st Cav D Co

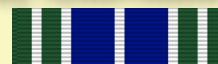
## Air Force Commendation Medal



TSgt Christopher Adams ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd  
SPC Anthony Alvarez-Pichal ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SSgt Jaycel Bench ..... 232nd Ops Sqd  
SGT Joshua Bigham ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SSgt Kristina Bloodgood ..... Air Guard HQ  
Maj Rachel Brown ..... 152nd Medical Group  
SSG Leonard Bundy JR ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
1LT Xavier Chapa ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SFC Kessler Christian ..... Air Guard HQ  
SSG Jordan Coleman ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Katie Colette ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
ISG Nathaniel Cothran ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
MAJ Benjamin Delapaz ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
2LT Chaz Fernandez ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SSgt Matthew Greiner ..... 152nd Airlift Wing  
CPT Tana Gurule ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
1LT Benjamin Holden ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SrA Adriane Hughes ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd  
SSG Pedro Jaime ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
CW2 John Koch ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
1SG Christopher Laduca ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Cynthia Lam ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SFC Christopher Larson ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
Maj Christopher Leroy ..... Air Guard HQ  
SFC Chad Lewis ..... JFHQ  
CPT Eric Mangino ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
MAJ Michael Moya JR ..... JFHQ  
SFC Michael Noyes Jr ..... JFHQ  
MSG Brandon Pick ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
MAJ Matthew Powers ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
PFC Fernando Ramirez-Campos ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
MSG Ryan Service ..... 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd

SSgt Peter Sewell ..... 152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
SSG Matthew Steffen ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Philip Stenberg ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
1LT Alexander Tarangul ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
1LT Tyler Toomey ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
CPT Michelle Tucay ..... 17th SB  
CPT Tyler Wistisen ..... 1-221st Cav HHT

## Army Achievement Medal



SPC Arron Abay ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Jonathan Alberni ..... Det 1 B Co Bat 3  
SGT Caleb Alexander ..... 422nd ESB  
SPC Edgardo Alonzo ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Anthony Alvarez-Pichal ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SGT Rosa Anaya-Rodriguez ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SPC Javier Arballodiaz ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Emmanuel Arce ..... Det 1 D Co Bat 3  
SPC Ramon Ayon JR ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SGT Jethro Bacus ..... 422nd ESB  
SSG Lenin Belalcazar ..... 421st RTI  
SFC Edward Benites JR ..... Recruiting & Retention  
PFC Armando Berumen ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Chansen Bonifacio ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Kyle Bowler ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SFC Samuel Boyd JR ..... 421st RTI  
PFC Christian Briggs ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Brendan Brown ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
CPL Marcus Bruck ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Jonathan Burns ..... 240th Engineer Co  
PFC Nimsi Bustos-Ramirez ..... 422nd ESB  
SSG Leah Cabusao ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SPC Ernie Calderon ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SGT Trevor Camacho ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
2LT Michael Carnahan ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
PFC Carlos Cazares-Velazquez ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Vincentez Cenizal ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Bryanna Chaffee ..... 757th CSSB  
SSG Devan Chambers ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SGT Francis Champa ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
PFC James Chapman ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
PFC Luis Chavez ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Raymundo Chavez-Carrera ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
PFC Winstonadam Chu ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SGT Nathaniel Clark ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SSG Brad Clodfelter ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Katie Colette ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SSG John Cooley ..... Med Det  
SPC Christopher Cordoba ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Benjamin Coreas ..... Det 1 D Co Bat 3  
SGT Ivan Corona-Lozoya ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SSG Michael Cristando ..... 240th Engineer Co  
SGT Jeremy Crossley ..... Recruiting & Retention  
PFC Ethan Cruz ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
PFC Brandon Cunningham ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SGT Gino Delgado ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Symon Dewitt ..... 1/189th Aviation Co  
SGT Bailey Dibenedetto ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SSG Brandon Dogelio ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
PFC Michael Dominguez ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Darius Dunson ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Matthew Elton ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
PV2 Gustavo Espino ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Alexis Espinoza ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Javarrio Everfield ..... 72nd MP  
SGT Edwin Fabela ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
PFC Stephani Farfan ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Cody Farris (w/R Device) ..... 1859th Trans Co  
SPC Yanelly Felix-Reyes ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop



SPC Ramiro Feria JR ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SGT Joshua Fowler ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 SGT Shayne Fulmer ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
 SPC Jorge Garcia ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SGT Noel Garcia ..... 1859th Trans Co  
 PFC Daylan Garciasimon ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Mark Ghattas ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
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 SPC David Granillo ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 PFC Justin Grimes ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Samantha Gustafson ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
 SPC Cesar Gutierrez ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 PV2 Adam Gutierrez-Tellez ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SFC Nicholas Hammond ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 SFC Heather Harris ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SGT Todd Hensley ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Johan Hernandez ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SSG Yvette Hernandez ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SGT Richard Hernandez-Molina ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 PFC Christopher Hernandez-Pena ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SPC Jason Hernandez-Ponce ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 PFC Brock Hershberger ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Tristin Iwanski ..... 17th SB  
 SPC Ryan Jacalne ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 PV2 Dilan Jimenez-Miranda ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Randy Johnson ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Tyler Jones ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 SFC Paul Jones ..... 757th CSSB  
 2LT Maxwell Jones ..... Med Det  
 SGT Edgar Jordan ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 PV2 Taylor Kader ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Jonathan Kaneshiro ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SGT Timothy Kawaratani ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 PFC Oswaldo Kazim ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
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 SSG Mathew Kearns ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 PV2 Marcanthony Kellogg ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Parsa Khawari ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SGT Shaun Kinney ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SGT Ryan Knutson ..... Med Det  
 SPC Haeden Kyung ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
 SPC Cynthia Lam ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
 SSG Saxton Lee ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SGT Sara Lee ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SSG Jazzmene Loftis ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SGT David Logan JR ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SGT Jeremy Longo ..... 3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)  
 SPC Dakotah Macdonald ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Michael Mahavong ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SPC Mai Mao ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SGT Eugene Marchev ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SGT Andrea Maria ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SGT Jordan Mcelroy ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
 SGT Kalvn Mefarland ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 SPC Logan McMillion ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SGT Janette Mejia ..... 17th SB  
 SPC Hector Montenegro-Cisneros ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Houston Moore ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Brenden Morgan ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 PFC Pinky Nguyen ..... 422nd ESB  
 SFC Mike Nguyen ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SPC Jarrett Nilsen ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Brian Olguin ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 1LT Adam Olsen ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
 PFC Jerry Orellana ..... 240th Engineer Co  
 PFC Dillon Ortizortiz ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SGT Troy Pacini-Harvey JR ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Markneil Pascua ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SSG Jordan Peck ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Rafael Perea JR ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SPC Jalen Pierce ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Luis Pineda ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Lizette Ponce ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Marlon Portillo-Linares ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 PFC Jacob Prince ..... Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
 SPC Nicolaus Puckett ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 PV2 Conor Pugh ..... 422nd ESB  
 SPC Justin Ramirez ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 PFC Fernando Ramirez-Campos ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
 SGT Brandon Ramirez-Lopez ..... 150th Maint Co  
 SPC Alexis Richardson ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Lizette Rios ..... 145th Forward Support Co

SSG Damjan Ristoski ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SPC Sabrina Rivera ..... 17th SB  
 SPC Wesley Robb ..... Det 1 B Co Bat 3  
 SGT Trevor Robertson ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Francisco Rodriguez ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SPC Nayla Rodriguez-Venzor ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 PFC Jason Roloson ..... 422nd ESB  
 SFC Charles Rooker ..... 17th SB  
 SPC Johan Rosales ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SPC Isaac Ross ..... 17th SB  
 SPC Kevin Ruano ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SGT Kaylee Rutledge ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 SGT Hector Santana JR ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Christopher Shapiro ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 2LT Cory Sharp ..... 1859th Trans Co  
 SGT Taylor Shaw ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SGT Jacob Sheire ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Jesse Sledge III ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SGT Jasen Smith ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SSG James Smith ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SGT Timothy Spaur ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 PFC Rachel Stamps ..... 150th Maint Co  
 SGT Donald Stevens ..... 17th SB  
 SPC Ryan Stiles ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SSG Andrew Storla ..... 757th CSSB  
 SSG Mercedes Taimanglo ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Joseph Thompson ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SSG Jhian Tinoco ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SGT Zachary Towe ..... 150th Maint Co  
 SPC Eli Valdez ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
 SPC Jocelyne Villafanetiffer ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SGT Benjamin Visser ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 SPC Richard Ward ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
 SPC Leviathan Warr ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SPC Daivon Watt ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
 SFC Charles Whipple ..... Det 1 D Co Bat 3  
 SPC Brandon Willis ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SPC Solan Yanez ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
 SPC Cyrus Zacarias ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
 SSG Vanessa Zamora ..... 240th Engineer Co  
 SPC Luis Zarate ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop

## Air Force Achievement Medal



SSgt Bryce Belanger ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
 SSgt Jaycel Bench ..... 232nd Ops Sqd  
 SrA Naomi Munchlaclare ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SSgt Christopher Paloschi ..... 232nd Ops Sqd  
 CPT Jacob Parker ..... JFHQ  
 SFC Barquin Raymond ..... Air Guard HQ  
 SSgt Manuel Sisneros ..... 152nd Coms Flight

## Order of Nevada



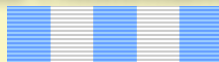
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 MSgt Michael Martin ..... 192nd Airlift Sqd  
 MSgt Anthony Midmore ..... 152nd Comptroller Flight

## Nevada Distinguished Service Medal



SMSgt Erin Dorsett ..... 152nd Maint Ops Flight  
 MSgt Roberto Fabela ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd

## Nevada Commendation Medal



Nanette Sepsey Fansler ..... Civilian

## Nevada Command Ribbon



Col David Manson ..... 152nd Airlift Wing

## Nevada Outstanding Airman Ribbon



SSgt Mariah Connell ..... 152nd Maint Ops Flight  
 Capt Lewis Roberts ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd  
 Amn Jessica Santella ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SMSgt Timothy Schweppe ..... 152nd Airlift Wing  
 TSgt Brian Skach ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
 MSgt Lyle Smith ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd

## Nevada Joint Achievement Medal



SSgt Afi Amouzou ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SSgt Kevin Barber ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 1st Lt Hannah Barrera ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SrA Mia Carney ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 A1C Savannah Closson ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SrA Brandon Drysol ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 2nd Lt Brandon Encallado ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 TSgt Makaila Erdody ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Maj Jennifer Evans ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 CMSgt Jason Farnsworth ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 A1C Dooley Gegan ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SSgt Brent Gonda ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SSgt Nicholas Harvey ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SSgt Daniel Lara ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 TSgt Timothy Larson ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 1st Lt Caleena Longworth ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 TSgt Paul Longworth ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SSgt Zeshan Mahmood ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Amn Quin Mellott ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 1st Lt Angelica Musumeci ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 2nd Lt David Orr ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 A1C Daniel Pina-Tortoledo ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Capt Michael Reed ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SrA Bryan Reyes ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Amn Jessica Santella ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SrA Tiffany Scott ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 TSgt Marshall Sprott ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Capt Erica Steele ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Capt Mark Stevens ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 A1C Joshua Stoddard ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 TSgt Alwen Vergara ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SrA Kayla Warner ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Maj Daniel Watterson ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 A1C Gabriana Zbella ..... 152nd Medical Group

# PROMOTIONS

### COL/Col

Jerome Guerrero ..... JFHQ  
 Amy Klima ..... JFHQ  
 John Krueger ..... JFHQ  
 Randy Lau ..... JFHQ  
 Lisa Martinez ..... JFHQ

### LTC/Lt Col

Frank Magee ..... 192nd Airlift Sqd  
 Geoffrey Franks ..... ANG HQ  
 Charles Dickinson ..... JFHQ  
 Rommel Ferrer ..... JFHQ  
 Phillip Gingrich ..... JFHQ  
 Ashley Philbin ..... JFHQ  
 Beau Vinatieri ..... JFHQ  
 Michael Bordallo ..... Recruiting & Retention



## MAJ/Maj

Eric Price .....17th SB  
Ryanmay Orolfo .....421st RTI  
Troy Dandrea .....422nd ESB  
Benjamin Delapaz .....422nd ESB  
Richard Gilbert II .....JFHQ  
Thomas Reader .....JFHQ  
David Tole .....Recruiting & Retention

## CPT/Capt

Hayden Lienau .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Bryan Hernandez .....137th MP  
Tana Gurule .....145th Forward Support Co  
George Smith .....152nd Airlift Wing  
Charles Burow .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Gabriel Uy .....17th SB  
Cody Harlan .....1859th Trans Co  
Jamee Finley .....422nd ESB  
Kelly Gonzales .....422nd ESB  
Lee Mccomas .....422nd ESB  
Lawrence Alves .....Med Det  
John Villasenor .....Med Det

## 1LT/1st LT

Edward Abellana .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Jason Lee .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Emerson Marcus .....152nd Airlift Wing  
Vincenza Dall .....152nd Comptroller Flight  
Rexford Barton .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Nikul Joshi .....152nd Maint Ops Flight  
Matthew Stewart .....152nd Medical Group  
Sean Dinnell .....1859th Trans Co  
Christopher Delostia .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Katherine Dew .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
John Fischbeck .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Michael Matthews .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Adam Olsen .....422nd ESB  
Michael Orton .....422nd ESB  
Philip Fred .....609th Engineer Co  
Phillip Roen .....609th Engineer Co  
Tevin Flores .....Recruiting & Retention

## 2LT/2nd LT

Hannah Fleming .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Michael Gamonal .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Morgan Kankoski .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Kyle Pulvermacher .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Jacob Martin .....137th MP  
Davis Buckley .....150th Maint Co  
Lacyana Mcnealey .....17th SB  
Jeffreen Roosevelt .....17th SB  
Nathan Anderson .....1859th Trans Co  
Mackenzie Miller .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Fernando Cantu IV .....3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)  
Emily Pearson .....422nd ESB  
Jezalea Segura .....422nd ESB  
Nathaniel Martin .....593rd Trans Co  
Mason Keeling .....609th Engineer Co  
Chestermar Rihn .....72nd MP  
Kylie Shinn .....Med Det

## CW4

Casey Akins .....Army Aviation  
David Jackson .....JFHQ

## CW3

Jacob Houser .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Erik Mattes .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Charles Goldner III .....17th SB  
Cody Gamble .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Jeffrey Steere .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Domenic Veneziano .....422nd ESB  
Stephen Lee .....Det 1 B Co Bat 3  
Steven Minifie .....Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
Dennis Kemp .....JFHQ

## CW2

Ryan Moore .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Joel Oscarson .....Det 1 B Co Bat 3

## CW1

James Daws .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Jeremy Laine .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Gabriel Banuelos .....150th Maint Co  
Joshua Blair .....150th Maint Co  
Michael Salazar .....17th SB  
Danise Montano .....JFHQ  
Rader Rollins .....JFHQ

## CSM/SGM/CMSgt

Christopher Barber .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Joseph Puertos .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd

## 1SG/MSG/SMSgt

Reynaldo Mercedes .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Eric Howe .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Sean O'Brien .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Russel Tom .....152nd Comptroller Flight  
Mitchell Hammond .....1859th Trans Co  
Baha Ishtiwi .....422nd ESB  
Ricky Ard .....593rd Trans Co  
Kenneth Hodes .....JFHQ  
Ronald Seagraves .....JFHQ  
Michellejoy Ochoa .....Recruiting & Retention

## SFC/MSgt

Erik Garcia .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Sawyer Stewart .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Saul Brown .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Jonathon Rudd .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Adam Willett .....152nd Airlift Wing  
Anthony Masten .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
David Morris .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Katie Cromeenes .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Jonathan Ewers .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Brandon Herbert .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Brian Henning .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Peter Sewell .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Kristine Mireles .....152nd Mission Support Group  
Jacob Gimmestad .....17th SB  
Joseph Palomino .....17th SB  
Jose Portillo .....421st RTI  
Christopher Larson .....422nd ESB  
Benjamin Pesis .....422nd ESB  
Thomas Urso .....422nd ESB  
Ryan Wroblewski .....422nd ESB  
Raymond Barquin .....92nd CST  
Douglas Zamora .....92nd CST  
Sonia Hernandez .....ANG HQ  
Jessica Hana .....JFHQ  
Lisa Insua .....JFHQ  
Svetlana Starr .....JFHQ  
Jakob Camarena .....Recruiting & Retention  
Ivan Parsons .....Recruiting & Retention

## SSG/TSgt

Pamela Giordano .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Walter H. Lowell .....106th PAD  
Jordan Schulze .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Victor Caruso .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Saxton Lee .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Jordan Peck .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Christopher Joseph .....137th MP  
Alyssa Patiga .....137th MP  
Jose Gonzalez II .....145th Forward Support Co  
Wendell Tolentino .....145th Forward Support Co  
Logan Depue .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Alex Estrada .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Ty Reid .....152nd Coms Flight  
Dirk Caldwell .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Marcus Houge .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Jesse Mainzer .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Andrew McVicar .....152nd Intel Sqd  
James Stegmaier .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Katherine Messinger .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Kristopher Postma .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Bryanna Richard .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Cody Sharkey .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Michael Goldsworthy .....152nd Maint Group  
Ashley Larson .....152nd Maint Group  
David Balaam .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Luis Sainz .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Danielle DelPorto .....152nd Medical Group  
Libby Giovanna .....152nd Medical Group  
Nicholas Harvey .....152nd Medical Group  
Erick Walczak .....152nd Medical Group  
Gregory Hull .....152nd Ops Group  
Taylor Poulin .....152nd Ops Group  
Zachary Allen .....152nd Ops Support Sqd  
Kayla Hudson .....152nd Ops Support Sqd  
Marisa Moreno .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Nada Harris .....17th SB  
Wong Santivech .....17th SB  
Erik Goldsworthy .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Kevin Jones .....192nd Airlift Sqd

Alanna Vick .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
DeAndre Nelson .....232nd Ops Sqd  
Jason Salberg .....232nd Ops Sqd  
Johnnie Martin JR .....240th Engineer Co  
Michael Vo .....240th Engineer Co  
Vanessa Zamora .....240th Engineer Co  
Marie Bole .....421st RTI  
Christopher Cargill .....422nd ESB  
Jared Lebaron .....422nd ESB  
Ruby Pineda .....422nd ESB  
Michael Searcy .....422nd ESB  
Andrew Storla .....422nd ESB  
Andy Barrios .....593rd Trans Co  
Marcos Lopez .....609th Engineer Co  
Lincoln Delgado .....72nd MP  
Ian Fritzsche .....92nd CST  
Adlai Ceja .....ANG HQ  
Quinton Bulloch .....Det 1 B Co Bat 3  
Colton Hults .....Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
Justin Konrad .....JFHQ  
Vincent Cargill .....Recruiting & Retention  
Paul Duncan JR .....Recruiting & Retention  
Yvette Hernandez .....Recruiting & Retention

## SGT/SSgt

James Morrison .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Brissa Carlson .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Robert Brown .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Chris Linares .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Daniel Sheahan .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Daniel Sheahan .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Hector Santana JR .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Jasen Smith .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Nathaniel Clark .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Bailey Dibenedetto .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Talon Hathy .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Maryjoseph Narciso .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Xavier Shuberda .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Christina Aguilar .....137th MP  
Edmar Foronda .....137th MP  
Noah Jennings .....137th MP  
Ashley Staggs .....137th MP  
Edgar Jordan .....145th Forward Support Co  
Andrea Maria .....145th Forward Support Co  
Trevor Robertson .....145th Forward Support Co  
Taylor Shaw .....145th Forward Support Co  
Alejandro Silva .....145th Forward Support Co  
Erick Squires .....145th Forward Support Co  
Jonathan Vargas .....145th Forward Support Co  
Magali Aquino-Ramirez .....150th Maint Co  
Andrew Oliphant .....150th Maint Co  
Brandon Ramirez-Lopez .....150th Maint Co  
Evelyn Rosas-Flores .....150th Maint Co  
Brennan Burns .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Kira Beaumont .....152nd Coms Flight  
Zachary Davoren .....152nd Force Support Sqd  
Mackenzie Fitzpatrick .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Harley Gonzales .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Mathew Corey .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Cyrillfloyd Manse .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Brittney Schierholt .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
David Zito .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Darren Paul .....152nd Maint Group  
Cody Betty .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Breanna Crisp .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Conor Goetsch .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Victoria Stapeldon .....152nd Maint Sqd  
David Vong .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Michael Wolf .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Joshua Adams .....152nd Medical Group  
Mayra Rodriguez .....152nd Medical Group  
FranzGeoffrey Ordonia .....152nd Mission Support Group  
Alex Copenhaver .....152nd Ops Group  
Adriane Hughes .....152nd Ops Group  
Robert Hutton .....152nd Ops Group  
Alexander Kiapos .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Michael Rowson .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
James Terry .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Aaron Thomas .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Laremy Wonderley .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Adriana Eck .....17th SB  
Alfredo Gonzalez JR .....17th SB  
Haylee Miller .....17th SB  
Stephania Mireles-Arroyo .....17th SB  
Joel Olivares .....17th SB  
Angelica Santiago .....17th SB



Noel Garcia .....1859th Trans Co  
Theodis Johnson III.....1859th Trans Co  
Gilberto Ortega-Ceniceros .....1859th Trans Co  
Alexis Pack .....1859th Trans Co  
Ryan Smith .....1859th Trans Co  
Vinson Valdez .....1859th Trans Co  
Margaret York .....1859th Trans Co  
Ryan Renard .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Erik Navarro .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Elizabeth Thompson .....240th Engineer Co  
Caleb Alexander .....422nd ESB  
Kai Aricayos .....422nd ESB  
Ashley Chacon .....422nd ESB  
Alexa Cocolletzi .....422nd ESB  
Carlos Dye II.....422nd ESB  
William Famini IV .....422nd ESB  
Beatriz Flores .....422nd ESB  
Daisy Martinez-Barron .....422nd ESB  
Cody Miles .....422nd ESB  
Scienn Publico .....422nd ESB  
Julio Ramirez .....422nd ESB  
Chay Rhodes .....422nd ESB  
David Rising .....422nd ESB  
Anna Sahagun-Sotres .....422nd ESB  
Cristina Salinas .....422nd ESB  
Philip Stenberg .....422nd ESB  
Zachary Wright .....422nd ESB  
Brandon Donohue .....593rd Trans Co  
Shaela Salangdron .....593rd Trans Co  
Jacqueline Sandoval .....593rd Trans Co  
Joseph Stelletello .....593rd Trans Co  
Michael Escobar .....609th Engineer Co  
Austin Gaddis .....609th Engineer Co  
Gustavo Gomez .....609th Engineer Co  
Yardell Bass .....72nd MP  
Bryce Beaver .....72nd MP  
Cameron Estes .....72nd MP  
Jayden Jacobson .....72nd MP  
Dustin Keller .....72nd MP  
Tristan Roehm .....72nd MP  
Joshua Sasser .....72nd MP  
Jacob Summey .....72nd MP  
Noah Zepeda .....72nd MP  
Autumn Williams .....Det 1 E Co Bat 1  
Kathryn Davidson .....Det 1 G Co Bat 2  
Jason Bang .....Med Det  
Candy Delatorre .....Med Det  
Ryan Knutson .....Med Det  
Michael Montalbano .....Recruiting & Retention

## ACCESSIONS

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

Hannah Fleming .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Jeremy Laine .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Katelyn Mulligan .....1/189th Aviation Co  
Zia Zarah Ariston .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Dieudonne Benice .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Michael Gamonal .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Megan Hartzler .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Joanna Ontiveros Vazquez .....100th Quartermaster Co  
Jake Smith .....100th Quartermaster Co  
William Clemons .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Alexander Deyro .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Ivan Osorio Murrieta .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Carter Rix .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Andre Williams .....1-221st Cav A Troop  
Jose Aguayo Saldivar .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Donald Ball .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Brenden Cervantes Martinesi .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Jonathan Cosio .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Leonardo Garduno .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Benjamin Janes .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Justin Morales .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Jonathon Nipper Collins .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Brandon Portillo .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Timothy Ravelo .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Cody Roman .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Luis Sicairos .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Dyllan Story .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
John Templeton .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
David Torres .....1-221st Cav B Troop

Alejandro Vences .....1-221st Cav B Troop  
Brian Chung .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Kainalu Davis .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Jesus Delgadillo .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Oscar Garcia Martinez .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Alejandro Macias Castillo .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Jhonson Pestanas .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Ronnell Willis .....1-221st Cav C Troop  
Jonathan Carrillo .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Kyle Pulvermacher .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Carlos Rivas .....1-221st Cav D Co  
Rosa Aguilera .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Kai Aricayos .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Cody Chapman .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Kimberly Corralrodriguez .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Dariusus Dunson .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Alicia Flores Campos .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Samuel Gonzalez .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Dominique James .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Zachary Murray .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Ricardo Solorzano Obregon .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Miguel Twigg .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Alicia Varona .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Coben Villa .....1-221st Cav HHT  
Jonah Budyach .....137th MP  
Jacob Martin .....137th MP  
Nathaniel Mccrea .....137th MP  
Melanie Smith .....137th MP  
Ryan Wood .....137th MP  
Krichel Aleiah Baldonado .....145th Forward Support Co  
Glenn Cabillo .....145th Forward Support Co  
Anyelly Fuentes-Arellanos .....145th Forward Support Co  
Luis Melchor .....145th Forward Support Co  
Antonio Rodriguez Gomez .....145th Forward Support Co  
Destiny Talbert .....145th Forward Support Co  
Kiet Tong .....145th Forward Support Co  
Alyssa Torres .....145th Forward Support Co  
Ashley Ruk Yukee .....145th Forward Support Co  
Angel Carranco Muller .....150th Maint Co  
Kailey Ayleen Gomez Marquez .....150th Maint Co  
Hunter Harrington .....150th Maint Co  
Esperanza Martinez .....150th Maint Co  
Veronica Perez .....150th Maint Co  
Paul Scott .....150th Maint Co  
Moises Zuno Flores .....150th Maint Co  
Desiree Broussard .....152nd Airlift Wing  
Jessica Moreno .....152nd Airlift Wing  
Jade Whited .....152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd  
Ricardo Diaz .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Antonio Edmon .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Justin Tucker .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Jordan Yurmanovic .....152nd Civil Eng. Sqd  
Gisselle Martinez .....152nd Comptroller flight  
Erik Corcoran .....152nd Coms Flight  
Roslynn Johnson .....152nd Coms Flight  
Aidan Sawyer .....152nd Coms Flight  
Dennis Ankrah .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Erick Hendrixson .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Genesis Torres .....152nd Intel Sqd  
Alex Arcadia .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Meagan Beattie .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Rhovic Cinco .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Zackary Combs .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Seth Davis .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Jacqueline Isabella .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Bowman Olivas .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Austin Smith .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Davionte Stewart .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Shayla Thornton .....152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
Noel Cullen .....152nd Maint Group  
Tanner Kowatch .....152nd Maint Ops Flight  
Mary Cruz Tellez .....152nd Maint Ops Flight  
Sean Correa .....152nd Maint Sqd  
McKenna Fletcher .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Henry Gonzalez-Pinto .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Michelle Guadarrama .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Mark Hansen .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Meghan Lamp .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Kyle Matrese .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Ronald Saunders .....152nd Maint Sqd  
Alain Agbadje .....152nd Medical Group  
Dawn East .....152nd Medical Group  
Evan Fox .....152nd Medical Group  
Timothy Howes .....152nd Medical Group  
Joshua Keltner .....152nd Medical Group  
Miguel Quiroz Munz .....152nd Medical Group

Timothy Glover .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Ricky Meno .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
David Oosting .....152nd Security Forces Sqd  
Alexandra Arellano .....17th SB  
Zacary Evenson .....17th SB  
Dondi James .....17th SB  
Jazmine Kay .....17th SB  
Gabriella Maki .....17th SB  
Lacyana Menealey .....17th SB  
Stephanía Mirelesarroyo .....17th SB  
Jacob Mulligan .....17th SB  
Chanel Nacua .....17th SB  
Eithan Neiman .....17th SB  
Robert Reyes .....17th SB  
Jessica Rodriguez .....17th SB  
Michael Salazar .....17th SB  
Trinity Trujillo .....17th SB  
George Walker .....17th SB  
Nathan Anderson .....1859th Trans Co  
Carter Brunsvold .....1859th Trans Co  
Daniel Cline .....1859th Trans Co  
Yaya Diallo .....1859th Trans Co  
Godwin Igbekoyi .....1859th Trans Co  
Madelyn Mikulak .....1859th Trans Co  
Arnold Salto Cortez .....1859th Trans Co  
Margaret Patricia York .....1859th Trans Co  
Naomi Carpenter .....1864th Trans Co  
Abigail Ruby Clinger .....1864th Trans Co  
Marcileno Demian .....1864th Trans Co  
Jonathan Francis .....1864th Trans Co  
Amiya Gordon .....1864th Trans Co  
Gabriel Griebel .....1864th Trans Co  
Tristan Gutierrez .....1864th Trans Co  
Julio Guzman Naula .....1864th Trans Co  
Jelhadz Julain .....1864th Trans Co  
Bryce Khounsavat .....1864th Trans Co  
Irenko Lagodiuk De La Torre .....1864th Trans Co  
Isaias Machado .....1864th Trans Co  
Matthew McDonald .....1864th Trans Co  
Andre Megowan .....1864th Trans Co  
Tracy Rarick .....1864th Trans Co  
Giovanni Retana .....1864th Trans Co  
Jacob Spath .....1864th Trans Co  
Tyler Thoen .....1864th Trans Co  
David Tyler .....1864th Trans Co  
Boyan Alexandrov .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Matthew Hallock .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Nathan Otto .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Timothy Parker .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Benjamin Prevedelli .....192nd Airlift Sqd  
Logan Bass .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Justin Edwards .....2/238th Aviation Det  
Jonathan Burns .....240th Engineer Co  
Kaisiang Chang .....240th Engineer Co  
Darin Flowers .....240th Engineer Co  
Brendin Hoffman .....240th Engineer Co  
Arleth Morales .....240th Engineer Co  
Tristan Roehm .....240th Engineer Co  
Jonathan Singian .....240th Engineer Co  
Melissa Stark .....240th Engineer Co  
Marco Torres .....240th Engineer Co  
Carlos Vazquez .....240th Engineer Co  
Yanitzia Viorato Perez .....240th Engineer Co  
Austin Zepeda .....240th Engineer Co  
Zachary Aceret .....3/140th Aviation Det  
Dillon Hougaard .....3/140th Aviation Det  
Fernando Cantu .....3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)  
Jadon Lopez .....3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)  
Adamari Alcantar .....422nd ESB  
Javaughn Allen .....422nd ESB  
Miguelangelo Araos .....422nd ESB  
William Auflik .....422nd ESB  
Sarelia Benitez .....422nd ESB  
Sebastian Bonham .....422nd ESB  
Adrian Elrod .....422nd ESB  
Rommel Fejeran .....422nd ESB  
Katie Felton .....422nd ESB  
Ashley Franco Salgado .....422nd ESB  
Angel Gonzalez .....422nd ESB  
Noah Griego .....422nd ESB  
Sarah Jackson .....422nd ESB  
Troy Olsen .....422nd ESB  
Emily Pearson .....422nd ESB  
Daniel Perez .....422nd ESB  
Scienn Publico .....422nd ESB  
Ashton Pultz .....422nd ESB



Allen Rios ..... 422nd ESB  
 Alexier Rodriguez ..... 422nd ESB  
 Adam Stewart ..... 422nd ESB  
 Derek Stone ..... 422nd ESB  
 Lorin Tseu ..... 422nd ESB  
 Chibuzo Umeh ..... 422nd ESB  
 Angelina Vargas ..... 422nd ESB  
 Geraldito Gendy Villorente ..... 422nd ESB  
 Patrick Wilburn ..... 422nd ESB  
 Esma Cheno Salcido ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Ajay Flinn ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Cade Myres ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Sara Ngo ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 James Patterson ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Alina Rendon ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Darrein Smith Carothers ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Taylor Thompson ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Ameera Vardi ..... 593rd Trans Co  
 Christopher Andrews ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Jonathan Barbosa Virgen ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Gabriella Chopper ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Jake Dennis ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Deana Espinoza ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Corey Francis ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Julian Goodman ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Mason Keeling ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Michael Kiger ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Wade Meddles ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Matthew Pendleton ..... 609th Engineer Co

Seth Plants ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Nathaniel Schmitt ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Zachary Squires ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Nicolas Stevens ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Edward Stoddard ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Kristofer Van Brunt ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 Je Saun Brown ..... 72nd MP  
 Emily Calabria ..... 72nd MP  
 Hannah Desormier ..... 72nd MP  
 Juan Manuel Duran Gomez ..... 72nd MP  
 Justice Ewing ..... 72nd MP  
 Brady Fischer ..... 72nd MP  
 Naethan Guerrero ..... 72nd MP  
 Alain Gumarang ..... 72nd MP  
 Jaden Lo ..... 72nd MP  
 Phylene Marquez ..... 72nd MP  
 Anthony Munoz ..... 72nd MP  
 Chestermar Rihn ..... 72nd MP  
 Kailee Scaturro ..... 72nd MP  
 Koi Shieh ..... 72nd MP  
 Benjamin Stover ..... 72nd MP  
 Alissa Huebner ..... Air Guard HQ  
 Joseph Cole ..... Camp Stead  
 Laura Cowart ..... Med Det  
 Jacob Evans ..... Med Det  
 Grace Laudencia ..... Med Det  
 Joey Lopez ..... Med Det  
 Ivana Cathlene Parong ..... Med Det  
 Jessica Reyes-Avendano ..... Med Det

Col Melissa Hagen ..... Sqd Headquarters  
 Col Eric Wade ..... Sqd Headquarters  
 Lt Col Chukwuemeka Iroha ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 Maj Maryanna Shade ..... 152nd Mission Support Group  
 CW3 Steven Mcallister ..... Med Det  
 CMsgrt Mark Prizina ..... 152nd Airlift Wing  
 CMsgrt Steven Graham ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
 CMsgrt Jesse Jennings ..... 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
 SMsgrt Erin Dorsett ..... 152nd Maint Ops Flight  
 SMsgrt Christopher Reyes ..... 152nd Maint Sqd  
 SMsgrt Shandra Buser ..... 152nd Medical Group  
 SMsgrt Peter Weigman ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd  
 MSG William Ammons ..... 17th SB  
 1SG Scott Hague ..... Med Det  
 Msgrt Mandy Nicholson ..... 152nd Intel Sqd  
 Msgrt Martin Meinhardt ..... 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
 Msgrt Robrto Fabela ..... 152nd Ops Support Sqd  
 SFC Zia Khan ..... 17th SB  
 SGT Robert Wood II ..... 609th Engineer Co  
 SFC George Goodwin ..... JFHQ  
 SFC Rosemarie Fred ..... Recruiting & Retention  
 TSGT Ernest Spandau ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
 SSGT Scott Butler ..... 152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd  
 SSG Timothy Swanger ..... 72nd MP  
 SSG Hualani Leist ..... 991st Aviation Troop Com  
 SSG David Ball ..... Med Det  
 SSGT James Iagulli ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
 SPC Alan Wallace ..... JFHQ  
 PV1 Lee Desotell ..... 150th Maint Co

## SPC. MICHAEL HIGHLINE, 1984-2020: 422nd Soldier died en route to training

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
 Joint Force Headquarters

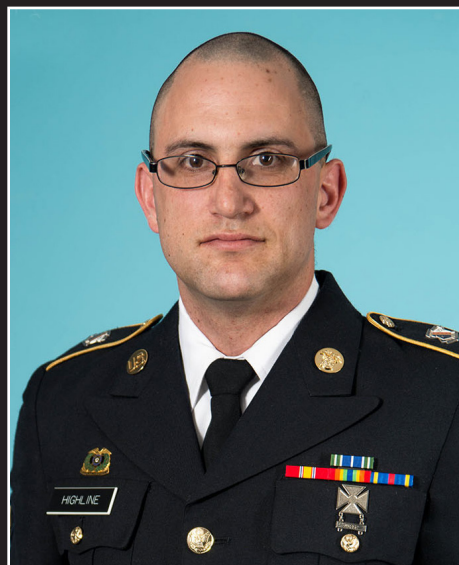
FERNLEY — Nevada Army Guard Spc. Michael Highline was poised to enjoy several positive new chapters to his life this winter. The 36-year-old Cold Springs resident had just transferred to Charlie Company, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, in Stead and was entrusted to become the unit's driving instructor and examiner; in his personal life, he had just recently become engaged to Nancy Crombie, also of Cold Springs.

Highline's promising future was never realized, however, as the father of four died in a vehicle accident on Dec. 14, 2020, in Cold Springs while en route to military training. He was buried Tuesday with military honors at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. He is survived by Walker, 14, Emerald, 11, Violet, 8, and Ryker, 6; previous spouse Shannon Highline and Crombie.

"At the drop of a dime, he would do anything to help anyone," said Crombie, recounting how one of her first experiences with Highline involved his help when her car broke down. "He was the first to help and take care of a situation."

Crombie admitted Highline could be quite the character.

"He was a combination of Peter Pan and



Department of the Army photo  
 Spc. Michael Highline, 36, of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion died Dec. 14, 2020.

Steve Urkel," Crombie said. "He was very personable and sometimes goofy."

Highline enjoyed time spent with family and was excited become the step-father to twins Tommy and Isabella, 10.

"He loved playing any type of game with kids," Crombie said. "You could sit in one room and hear him and the kids playing throughout the rest of the house."

Highline grew up in Reno and graduated from Hug High. He joined the Nevada Army Guard in December 2010 and became

a familiar Soldier in northern Nevada as a supply specialist, armorer and wheeled-vehicle mechanic for several Washoe County units. In his civilian occupation, Highline worked at Tesla, Inc.

In the Nevada Army Guard, Highline was a respected Soldier and was set to take on a new responsibility as Charlie Company's military license instructor and examiner.

"He did everything I ever asked him to do and I trusted him completely. He was a hard worker," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Polson, a previous military supervisor of Highline. "What I will miss about Highline won't be his character in uniform, but rather his character out of it. He loved his kids and his family meant the world to him."

Polson succinctly summed up the Nevada Guard's downhearted feeling about losing its memorable Soldier and character.

"Highline was my brother. He was his children's father, And he was a Nevada Soldier," Polson said. "I believe he viewed all of those aspects of his life equally, with as much love and dedication as was his character."

Highline was posthumously awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his contributions during the past decade to the Nevada Army Guard. He had previously received two Army Achievement Medals.






# CALENDAR

 Federal Holiday

 Nevada Holiday and History

 Other Events and Functions

## January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day 	2
3	4 2007: Nancy Pelosi becomes first female Speaker of the House	5 1949: President Truman delivers his Fair Deal speech	6	7 1789: First U.S. presidential election	8	9 1776: Thomas Paine publishes "Common Sense" 
10 1923: President Harding orders U.S. troops home from Germany following WWI	11 1932: Hattie Wyatt Caraway becomes first woman elected to U.S. Senate	12 1966: Robert C. Weaver, first African American cabinet member	13	14 1784: Treaty of Paris signed, ending the War for Independence	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	19	20 Inauguration day	21	22	23 1997: Madeline Albright becomes first female secretary of state
24/31	25 1776: First national memorial is ordered by Congress.	26 1961: Dr. Janet Travell, first female presidential physician appointed	27	28 1986: The space shuttle Challenger explodes after liftoff	29	30

## February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 1913: Civil rights icon Rosa Parks is born	5	6
7 1962: Full U.S.-Cuba embargo is announced	8	9	10	11 1990: Nelson Mandela released from prison	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 	15 Presidents' Day 	16 Mardi Gras 	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 1847: Donner Party rescued from the Sierra Nevada Mountains 	20
21 1965: Malcolm X assassinated	22	23 1945: U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima 	24	25 1870: Hiram Rhodes Revels, first African American ever to sit in Congress is sworn in	26	27 1922: 19th Amendment, women suffrage, is unanimously declared constitutional by U.S. Supreme Court
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## March 2021








SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 1861: Nevada becomes a territory 	3	4 1918: First U.S. cases reported in deadly Spanish flu pandemic, U.S. Army hospital at Fort Riley	5 1770: The Boston Massacre 	6 1836: The Alamo falls to General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna
7 1988: Writers Guild of America strike begins	8	9	10	11 1779: Congress establishes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 	12	13 1942: U.S. Army launches K-9 Corps 
14	15	16 1802: U.S. Military Academy, West Point, established	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19	20
21 1965: Martin Luther King, Jr. begins the march from Selma to Montgomery 	22 1972: Equal Rights Amendment passed by Congress	23 1775: Patrick Henry: "Give me liberty or give me death!" 	24	25	26 1953: Dr. Jonas Salk announces polio vaccine	27
28	29	30	31 1991: Warsaw Pact ends			



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

**ROCK GARDEN GROWING:** State groundskeepers at the Harry Reid Readiness Center in Reno are nurturing an artistic rock garden in the parking lot at 19980 Army Aviation Drive. Despite the illusion they may topple at any moment, the rocks are secured with rebar and concrete. All of the items in the plot are from surplus materials and the garden thrives at no cost to the state.

# Battle Born

