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High Rollers' MAFFS team surpassed all expectations through the second busiest season in the 49-year history

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Nevada Air National Guard Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) crews finished up their 89-day MAFFS activation Sept. 22, 2021. They flew a total of 330 sorties and dropped 8,181,017 pounds of retardant (912,042 gallons).

"The Nevada Guard surpassed expectations this year," said Col Gary Monroe, AFNORTH's MAFFS 153rd Air Expeditionary Commander. "They were only anticipated to support for 60 days and they hung in there for 89 of the 96 days while providing solid maintenance for the aircraft and having aircrew with positive outlooks ready to go on a moment's notice."

"The High Rollers once again remained dedicated toward the preservation of life and property," said Lt. Gen. Kirk Pierce, commander, First Air Force, Air Forces Northern. "The unit flew under

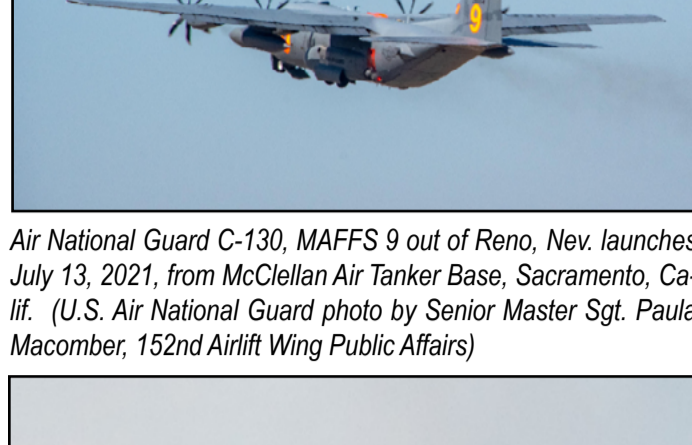
challenging conditions while being away from home about 25 percent of the year. I'm proud of their efforts and we are grateful to support the interagency team."

The year 2021 marks the 49th year for the MAFFS program, and it was the second busiest MAFFS activation in those 49 years of the C-130 military aircraft supporting the United States Forest Service. It was a notable season for all MAFFS crews including the High Rollers from the Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing, Reno, Nevada; the California Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing, Port Hueneme, Calif.; Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and the Air National Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"Our involvement in MAFFS this year, although was very busy, was quite satisfying to be such a huge part in getting these fires under control," said Lt. Col. Michael Fugett, the 192nd Airlift Squadron commander. "I am so proud to have this rewarding mission, and have the chance to help our homeland and our fellow Americans."

The initial activation of MAFFS-equipped military aircraft occurred on June 25, a month earlier than in 2020 and the earliest activation of MAFFS-

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Air National Guard C-130, MAFFS 9 out of Reno, Nev. launches July 13, 2021, from McClellan Air Tanker Base, Sacramento, Calif. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)



MAFFS 9, out of Reno, Nev. drops retardant on the Beckwourth Complex Fire July 9, 2021 near Frenchman Lake in N. California. Many resources, including the three Air National Guard C-130s--two from Nevada and one from California assisted in battling the Beckwourth Complex Fire in Northern California. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

STHQ News

From the new State Command Chief: I Offer you my respect, an opportunity to grow--and my time

By Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Brun State Command Chief, Nevada Air National Guard



I want to say how honored I am to have this opportunity to serve the Airmen of the Nevada Air National Guard and represent you at the state and national levels.

I want to thank Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Col. Jeremy Ford, and all the commanders that have offered me opportunities to grow and develop over the years. I want to make a special note about my wife Jeannette -- she has been by my side for the last 27 years. Through it all, she has been my guiding light and that subtle voice of reason when I am drifting off course.

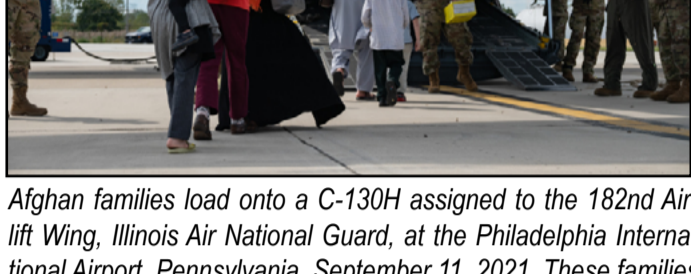
I am here at this juncture because of all of you and all the opportunities, interactions, and challenges we have experienced together. I am grateful for the chance

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Opinion Editorial

Airman Perspective: Operation Allies Welcome: The 20 year conclusion

By Airman 1st Class Kathleen Grover State Headquarters



African families load onto a C-130H assigned to the 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, at the Philadelphia International Airport, Pennsylvania, September 11, 2021. These families were flown to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, as part of Operation Allies Welcome. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Thomas Cox)

On September 11th, 2001 I was 10 years old. I remember getting ready for school and my mom yelling for me to come see what was going on. Standing at the foot of her bed, I watched news coverage of some buildings collapsing. My mother was in tears and I was confused. I had no idea that I was about to grow up during our nation's longest war.

Enlisting was not a part of my plan at 18, but when 27 came along it was. And it changed my life. Less than 3 short years after enlisting, I was given the opportunity of a lifetime. In a matter of 4 days I packed up my things and headed to Philadelphia to help the Vulnerable Afghans find solace in our country, completely unsure of what was waiting for me.

Chaos is the best word to describe the Philadelphia International Airport that day. Everyone was scared, tired and confused, and by everyone I absolutely mean our service members as well. It was a day filled with unknowns. Luckily, as a uniformed force, we thrive in chaos and there was a lot of quick thinking individuals there making the right decisions at the right times.

I was drawn to this mission for many reasons, but the main one would have to be my children. As a mother, I know the feeling of doing absolutely whatever it takes to protect your family. So when I arrived in Philadelphia, I knew I would do whatever I needed to help those families make sure their children found a safe home with opportunities to thrive.

The cultural differences were something I had never experienced before. Things that are taken for granted here, like running water and a safe, clean place to sleep--were truly celebrated by those coming over. It was an amazing feeling seeing the look of relief in

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Supporting Airmen

Nevada Air Guard installs lactation pods for nursing members and dependents

By Airman 1st Class Thomas Cox 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



A Mamava lactation suite sits in the entryway of the maintenance building at the Nevada Air National Guard Base, Reno, Nev., October 13, 2021. The pod is the first of its kind in Reno and aims to provide a private, secure and safe place for nursing members and dependents to breastfeed or pump breastmilk. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Thomas Cox)

On Sept. 23, the 152nd Airlift Wing took delivery of two mobile lactation pods, aiming to provide a private, secure and safe place for nursing members and dependents to breastfeed or pump breastmilk.

"These pods are the first of their kind to be stood up in the city of Reno," said Maj. Tiffany Jordan, 192nd Airlift Squadron Senior Combat Systems Officer, mother of two and certified pre- and post-natal yoga instructor. "The procurement of the lactation suites falls directly in line with the adjutant general's priorities of unit and member readiness as well as taking care of our Airmen and families."

Already built and ready to be put to use, the first pod is located near the main entrance to Building 9, with the second pod currently scheduled to be located inside of the Operations Building in the near future.

The pods can be located and opened using either a member's or dependent's cell phone with the Mamava application or with a code that can be given to any nursing mothers base wide.

Funding for the pods came from the Squadron Innovation Allowance Program, a U.S. Air Force program that funds squadron commanders and their Airman to design and kick-start new projects in order to boost lethality and readiness across the force.

Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Harrell, production and 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

superintendent, said that she has received full support from her entire chain of command after starting the conversation about the need for the pods last year after witnessing a member pumping breastmilk in the women's restroom.

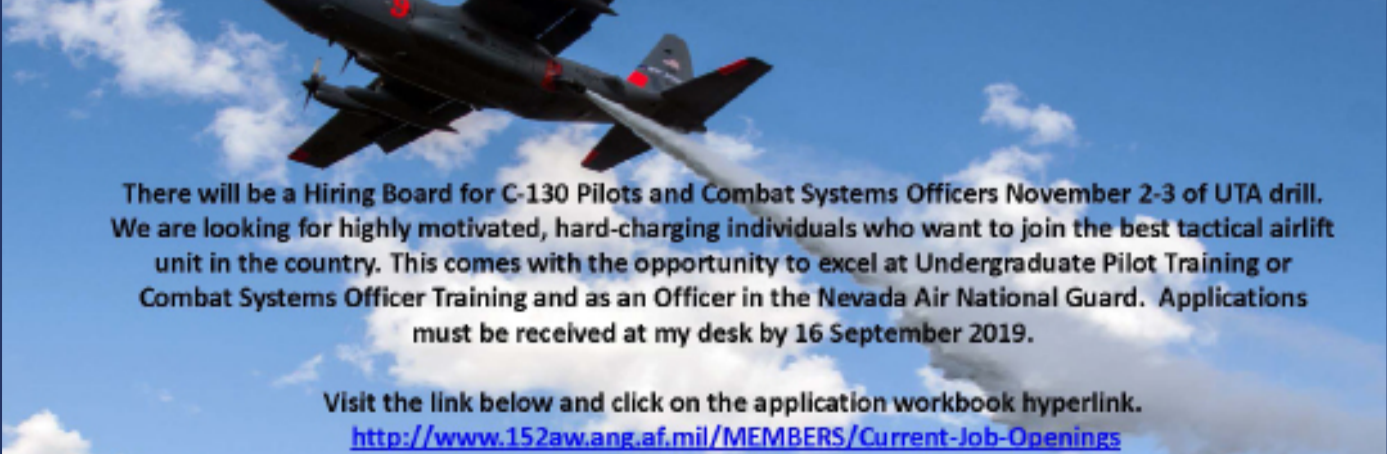
"Senior Master Sgt. Harrell knocked it out of the park on her initiative for procuring these suites," said Jordan. "Her efforts exhibit equity and promote inclusion which impacts the recruiting and retention of the Nevada Air National Guard, she is absolutely leading the way for those who come after her."

Air Force Instruction (AFI) 44-102, Medical Care Management, states that supervisors should allow 15-30 minutes every 3-4 hours for mothers to pump breastmilk in a room or an area that provides adequate privacy and cleanliness.

"When a member returns from maternity leave, she no longer has to scramble on a daily basis to find adequate space to pump," said Jordan. "These lactation suites promote the mental, physical and emotional health of our organization's mothers and their families."

Any members or dependents in need of any assistance with the pods or those interested in the process of obtaining one can contact Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Harrell, the current point of contact for the lactation suites.

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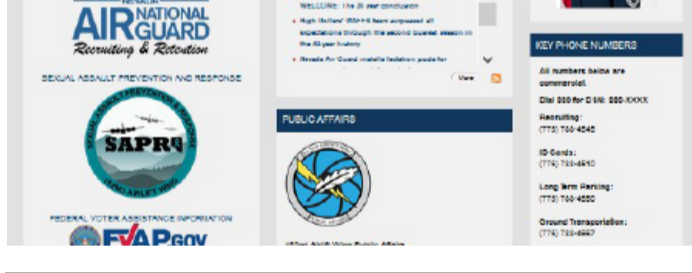
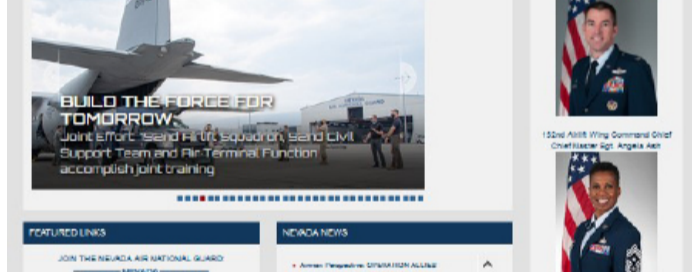
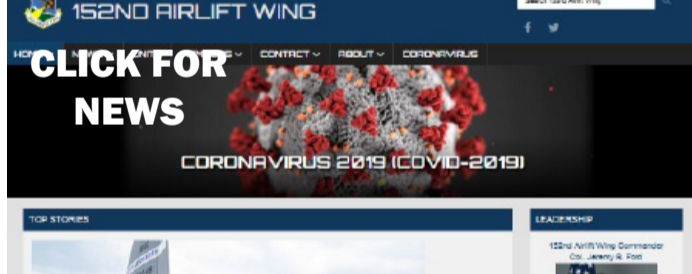
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