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Nevada Guard 'High Rollers' launch AFWERX spark cell

152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs RENO, Nev. – About 70 innovation spark cells

launched around the world since the U.S. Air spark team facilitator, was among about 100 Force debuted AFWERX in 2017, with a major- military and civilian members of the Departity in the active-duty realm.

Nevada Air National Guard, also known as the Las Vegas. "High Rollers," became the newest Guard unit to participate with the creation of "Silver State gram that empowers Airmen to bring tomor-Spark."

sector, particularly the tech sector, move in this nized the training in Las Vegas. direction toward promoting new ideas and entrepreneurship as a bottom-up approach," said units receive autonomy in the development of Col. Jacob Hammons, 152nd Airlift Wing com- their own program. mander, who began planning for the creation of a spark cell shortly after he took command mander approval - up to five days during techin November. "A spark cell gives Airmen of all nician work hours or annual training days to reranks the opportunity to think creatively toward search and plan their proposal. An Airman can new and innovative solutions to the challenges then present the proposal to their commander CLICK HERE FOR MORE COMPLETE STORY

Meet the new High Roller motto

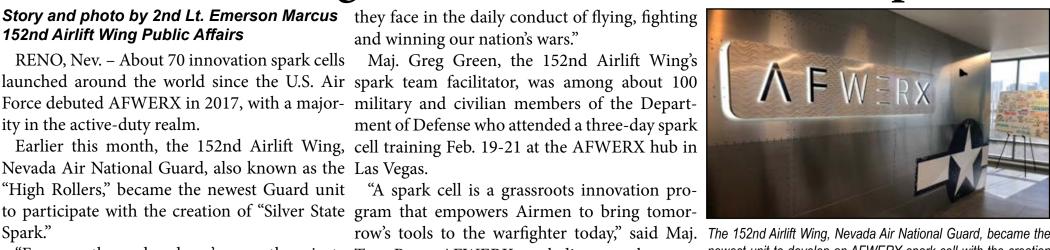
and winning our nation's wars." Maj. Greg Green, the 152nd Airlift Wing's

ment of Defense who attended a three-day spark Earlier this month, the 152nd Airlift Wing, cell training Feb. 19-21 at the AFWERX hub in "A spark cell is a grassroots innovation pro-

row's tools to the warfighter today," said Maj. "For more than a decade we've seen the private Tony Perez, AFWERX spark director, who orga-Each spark cell is different, mainly because

Green's program will give Airmen - with com-

Col. Hammons' NOTAM



newest unit to develop an AFWERX spark cell with the creation of "Silver State Spark" in February 2020. About 70 spark cells launched around the world since the U.S. Air Force debuted AF-WERX in 2017, mostly active-duty. for approval. "Airmen are already approaching us with in-

teresting ideas," Green said. "There's no doubt a demand for improving the way we do business." Based largely on the startup model, spark cells

Last Friday, Feb. 28th, 45 members from the 152nd Airlift Wing (152 AW) met for a day-long

strategic planning on-site, held at our excellent

Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing

By Col. Jacob Hammons

Dining Facility. The purpose of this retreat was to bring together diverse thinkers, leadership and influencers to define our three-year Wing strategic plan. Our goal for the day was to determine how to lead the 152 AW to become the #1 Air National Guard (ANG) C-130 Wing by The last part of the day we spent coming up with a new Wing motto. The intent for this motto is to have a simple graphical representa-

tion that encapsulates our mission, vision and strategic priorities. I am extremely proud of the work that went into creating this motto, and I think it's important that we all understand what it means. To begin with, the picture is a mosaic of High

Roller Airmen performing in their various mis-

sion areas. This captures my overall approach of "People First, Mission Always." The mosaic makes up a picture of a 152 AW C-130 dropping fire retardant during a MAFFS mission, our primary domestic mission. In the middle of the picture is our moniker, "High Rollers," with an arrow underlining the words and moving forward. Many of you may not know the historical significance of how we came to be known as the "High Rollers." As an RF-4 unit, we earned international esteem after winning multiple aerial reconnaissance competitions in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1980, an Airman Magazine article dubbed the then 152nd

Reconnaissance Group the "High Rollers of Reno." Paired with our incredible performance during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the reputation of the High Rollers was solidified. Our motto pays homage to this tradition of excellence and carries that into our current and future missions. Beneath the High Rollers verbiage is the motto, "Livin' High, Flyin' Low." "Livin' High" refers to our enviable geographic location and high-**DOD Outlines Priorities in Combating Coronavirus**

HIGH ROLLERS LIVIN' HIGH, FLYIN' LOW altitude environment – the Reno-Tahoe area boasts some of the most beautiful, varied alpine landscapes in our great nation and also provides

> embrace the Air Force Core Values and produce and demand Airmen of high character and high competency. Lastly, "Flyin' Low" firmly emphasizes our organization's focus on primary mission execution. First, it captures the C-130's unique ability to cover that "last tactical mile" in our federal missions to deliver critical personnel and supplies to our front-line warfighters through either delivery into austere airfields or by air drop. This often means penetrating

> some of the best opportunities for mountain flying training. It also re-

fers to our unit's commitment to carry on the legacy of the High Rollers,

into threat environments at low altitude. Secondly, it captures the es-CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY From DoD News Website

> DOD mission capabilities or readiness. Additionally, the department must continue to work in support of partners, Salesses said. DOD also has to contemplate logistics support inside and outside the

department. Air Force Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Friedrichs, the Joint Staff Surgeon, said the

world."

are located.

process started in mid- to late-January. "There's still a lot that we're learning," he said.

By Jim Garamone, DoD News



syndrome — SARS — first discovered in 2003. DOD also examined the response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014.

operations and situations, such as the ones against severe acute respiratory

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper's priorities are the protection of service members, their families, and the DOD workforce — and to safeguard COVID STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Friedrichs stressed that everything DOD has put out has been aligned with

First reports called the virus "novel coronavirus" meaning new virus. As the department has learned more it put out guidance on health protection.

and derived from the guidance that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has put out. But DOD does adapt the CDC guidance. "Our policy has to cover the

soldier in Africa as much as it does the sailor who's on a ship somewhere in the Pacific, or the family member or retiree who's here in the continental United States," Friedrichs said. "So, we start with whatever the federal guidance is, and then we add additional guidance to help clarify what the standards are and how we're going to minimize the risk of force across the

DOD provides the broad guidance and then encourages geographic com-

The department has also been involved in discussions about medical

batant commanders to provide additional guidance specific to where they

countermeasures and vaccines. "For years, [we] have had a very robust research and development program looking at viral illnesses," Friedrichs said. "Our labs have been working on vaccines, and we are partnering with [Health and Human Services] and CDC on developing vaccine candidates."

The department also has international connections, and research benefits CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY **COVID** What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)





States. At this time, however, this virus is NOT currently spreading in communities in the United States. Right now, These include · Avoid close contact with people who are sick. the greatest risk of infection is for people in China or people who have traveled to China. Risk of infection is dependent · Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. on exposure. Close contacts of people who are infected are · Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 at greater risk of exposure, for example health care workers and close contacts of people who are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC continues to closely monitor

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/ cases-in-us.html-How does COVID-19 spread? The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness

that can spread from person to person. The virus that cause: COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in China,

and limited spread among close contacts has been detected in some countries outside China, including the United

What are the symptoms of COVID-19? Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

· cough

· shortness of breath

this time, it's unclear how easily or sustainably the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading between people. Learn what

is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/

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seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

What are severe complications from this virus?

The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed

There are simple everyday preventive actions to

help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick? animal source, but now it seems to be spreading from person to person. It's important to note that person to person If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care. Call the office of your health care provider spread can happen on a continuum. Some diseases are highly contagious (like measles), while other diseases are less so. At

· Stay home when you are sick.

tissue in the trash.

Is there a vaccine?

and surfaces

before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19.

The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the

· Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects

to the virus that causes COVID-19. Is there a treatment? There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help

Celebrating Women's History Month The Department of Defense (DoD) is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of



followed suit. One of the lesser-known roles women played in the war was provided by the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) who were the first women to fly American military aircraft. More than 1,000 WASPs served, and 38 of them lost

pilots and to stage mock dogfights for training bomber gunners.

their lives during the war. In the image is Maggie Gee. She is a member of the WASPs, and a pilot for B-17 Flying Fortress bombers used to qualify male

This month, the DoD pays tribute to the women who not only forever changed the course of history but also redefined the United States military.

World War II by recognizing the contributions and sacrifices made by Service

We pay tribute to the women who undauntedly and courageously contributed

Between 1940 and 1945, the female percentage of the U.S. workforce increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent, and by 1945 nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home. The aviation industry saw the greatest increase in female workers. By 1943, 310,000 women worked in the aircraft industry, representing 65 percent of the industry's total workforce.

In addition to home front jobs, some 350,000 women joined the Armed Ser-

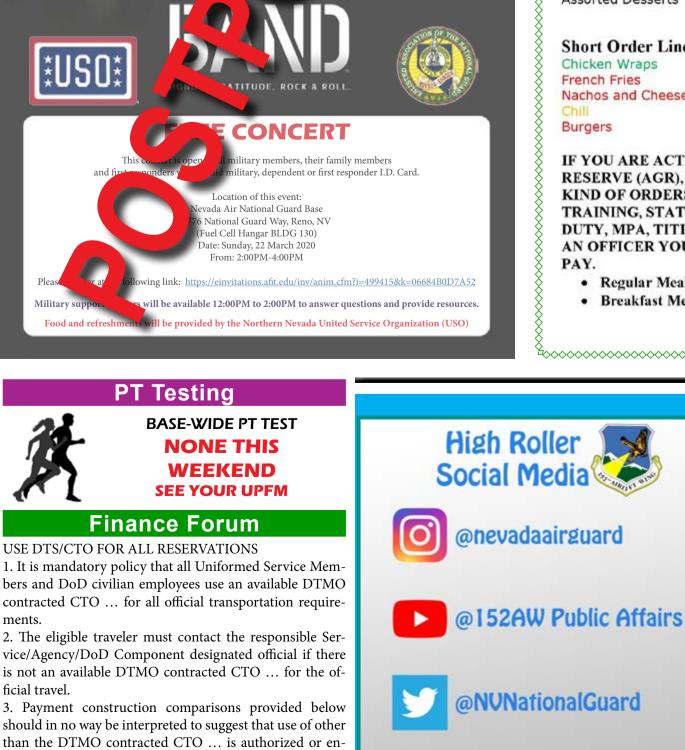
In the Navy, members of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) provided support stateside. The Coast Guard and Marine Corps soon

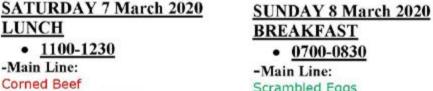
The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WACs) worked in more than 200 non-combatant jobs stateside and in every theater of the war. By 1945, there

members as well as those who served on the home front.

were more than 100,000 WACs and 6,000 female officers.

If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit www.deomi.org or contact the 152 Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Tech. Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director, adam.w.willett.mil@mail.mil.





Bacon Broccoli Sausage Patties Cabbage Dinner Rolls Biscuits & Gravy Soup - Loaded Potato Soup

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March Drill

Bourbon Style Chicken

Mac & Cheese

Assorted Desserts

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Nachos and Cheese

Burgers

Roasted Redskin Potatoes

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Scrambled Eggs

Mixed Scrambled Eggs

Hash Brown Patties

Lodging Information For the hotel location members can contact Services' billeting office at: 775-788-9320 or usaf.nv.152-aw.list.lodging@mail.mil Members must sign-in with the hotel representatives to ensure they are accounted for in the rooms. Failure to signin or not showing up for a confirmed reservation will result in by-name notification to AW/CC. The cut-off day for reserving a room is COB three days prior to drill. The cut-off

lodging. All RUTA lodging requests must be submitted NLT 72 hours before needed and all RUTA lodging is provided at Stead. If member goes elsewhere or does not notify Services in advance, charges will not be reimbursed. If a member is on any type of orders, the member will make their own reservations and pay for it on their GTC. The member then will be reimbursed on their travel voucher with the receipt.

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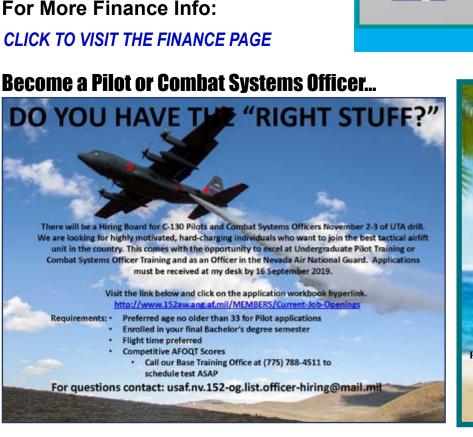
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outside the commuting distance. Please see the map on

ervations and pay for it on their GTC. Services provides

at least two base billeting list updates during the month to provide a list of members who are currently signed up for



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