

HIGH ROLLER NEWS



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May Drill Outlook

May 2024 Drill High Roller Cafe

SATURDAY LUNCH

1100-1230

MENU ITEMS:

Herb Chicken Quarters

Adobo Porkchops

Orzo Pasta

Ranch Roasted Potatoes

Steamed Carrots

Sauteed Green Beans

SHORT ORDER:

Cheeseburgers

Chicken Wraps

French Fries

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Salad Bar

Chili

Assorted Desserts

SUNDAY LUNCH

1100-1230

MENU ITEMS:

Beef Fajitas

Chicken Enchiladas

Spanish Rice

Refried Beans

Fajita Veggies

Esquite

SHORT ORDER:

Cheeseburgers

Chicken Wraps

French Fries

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Salad Bar

Chili

Chips and Salsa

Assorted Desserts

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Weather

Sat

Sun



55°

49°

32°

31°

Upcoming Events

5-11 May: MAFFS Spring Training

20 May: Army/Air Golf Tournament (@ Red Hawk in Reno)

20 May: Army/Air Golf Tournament (in Las Vegas)

6-9 June: June Superdrill - Unite Event

18-21 August: EANGUS 53rd Annual Conf. (Detroit, Mich.)

23-26 August: NGAUS 146th Annual Conf. (Detroit, Mich.)

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The Nevada Air National Guard Turns 76!

Story and Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Col. Catherine Grush speaks at the 76th Anniversary of the Nevada Air National Guard's cake cutting celebration on April 12, 2024 at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno.



Col. Catherine Grush and Airman 1st Class Tristan Bautista Ramirez cut the cake at the 76th Anniversary of the Nevada Air National Guard's celebration at the Nevada Air National Guard Base on April 2, 2024.

RENO – Members of the 152nd Airlift Wing celebrated the 76th Anniversary of the Nevada Air National Guard with a cake-cutting ceremony along with a special dedication to Lt. Frank Salazar, on April 12, 2024, at the Nevada Air National Guard Base, Reno, Nevada.

In the past 76 years, the Nevada Air National Guard has had various mission sets ranging from fighter aircraft (1948-1961), piloted reconnaissance (1961-1995), and most recently, tactical airlift (1996-current). The Nevada Air Guard is also comprised of various mission sets from the 152nd Intelligence Squadron in Reno and the 232nd Combat Training Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

The Nevada Air Guard has supported many federal and domestic operations throughout its history. Some examples include the Korean Conflict, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, domestic wildland aerial firefighting and most recently the state of Nevada's response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

During the ceremony, an memorial was unveiled and dedicated to Lt. Frank R. Salazar, the unit's sole combat fatality.

Salazar, a member of the 192nd Fighter Squad-

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The cake for the 76th Anniversary of the Nevada Air National Guard celebration held April 12, 2024 at the Nevada Air National Base.

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ron, stationed at Stead, Nev., Lt. Salazar piloted an F-51D Mustang with the 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. On December 31, 1952, while courageously marking a target, it is assumed his aircraft fell victim to ground fire.

According to his wingman's incident report, Lt. Salazar pulled out of his pass marking the target and radioed him that ground fire seemed quite heavy. The wingman stated he then flew south of the area to get out of the flak and upon return could not get Lt. Salazar on the radio. The wingman's report states he did not observe Lt. Salazar's aircraft get hit, go down or locate his aircraft on the ground.

The following day another pilot flew a search and rescue mission to the incident area. This search and rescue pilot's report states that he transmitted Lt. Salazar's call sign over the radio requesting Salazar give him a tone if he hears him. The pilot reported he received one short tone, but nothing more... leaving Salazar missing in action. Further search and rescue efforts were curtailed due to inclement weather. Presumed dead on January 1, 1954, his remains were never recovered.

Left behind were a wife and two children. A daughter, Diana Brown Sanfilippo, and a son, Roger Scott Salazar, who both had a lifelong quest for answers. Recounting poignant memories, Diana vividly recalls their farewell at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. before his



Robert Sanfilippo, Diana Brown Sanfilippo, Diana's daughter, Julie Sovey, husband of Julie, John Sovey and Julie's son, Matthew Alex Rush all pose with the memorial tribute to Lt. Frank R. Salazar.

deployment to Korea.

Brown Sanfilippo was in attendance at the celebration.

"I feel so blessed to have this memorial tribute with my dad's unit before I leave this earth," Brown Sanfilippo said, "I'm truly grateful I've lived long enough to see it happen. I'm sure my dad and brother are proudly looking down with smiles on their faces as I am at your heartfelt work. It is BEAUTIFUL!!!"

Approximately 150 members, retirees and other community partners were in attendance at the celebration.



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When: 22 May 2024, 1000

Where: Reno Air Base, Reno

Who: NVNG Members, Family, Civilian employees

Registration is required.

Instructor: Nikky Randel, RYT-200

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Registration is required.

Nevada Air National Guard Teams Up with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful for Earth Day Cleanup

Story and photos by Senior Master Sgt Paula Macomber | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Airmen from the Nevada Air National Guard partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful by cleaning rabbit brush from several areas at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on April 19, 2024.

The Nevada Air National Guard kicked off Earth Day celebrations early this year by joining forces with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on April 19, 2024. The event saw approximately 25 airmen dedicating their time to environmental stewardship.

Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, a 501c3 non-profit organization, focuses on fostering a more sustainable and aesthetically pleasing region through waste reduction, educational initiatives, and active community engagement. Affiliated with the national organization Keep America Beautiful, KTMB has been at the forefront of local environmental efforts.

This marks the third consecutive year that the Nevada Air National Guard has participated in Earth Day activities partnering with KTMB, demonstrating their commitment to environmental conservation. The partnership between the Guard and KTMB underscores the importance of collaboration in addressing environmental challenges.



Master Sgt. Nicole Hanselman assigned to the 152nd Medical Group and Col. Catherine Grush, commander for the 152nd Airlift Wing dispose of rabbit brush at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on April 19, 2024. The Nevada Air National Guard partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful by cleaning several areas at the local park.

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During the event, Airmen engaged in clearing rabbit brush and other invasive non-native weeds that had encroached upon Bartley Ranch. Their efforts contributed to the preservation of the park's natural beauty and ecological balance.

“The Nevada Air National Guard is proud to partner with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful for our third annual Earth Day celebration,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton, the Command Chief for the 152nd Airlift Wing. “This is a great opportunity for our Airmen to give back to the community in which they serve.”

The collaboration between the military and community-based organizations like KTMB highlights the collective responsibility in safeguarding the environment for future generations. Initiatives like these serve as reminders of the ongoing efforts needed to protect and preserve our planet.



Tech. Sgt. Sean Bird assigned to the 152nd Operations Group rakes leaves out of a drainage ditch at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on April 19, 2024. The Nevada Air National Guard partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful by cleaning several areas at the local park.



Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton, 152nd Airlift Wing command chief disposes of rabbit brush at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on April 19, 2024. The Nevada Air National Guard partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful by cleaning several areas at the local park.



Senior Master Sgt. Scott Rothenburg assigned to the 152nd Maintenance Group and Tech. Sgt. David Almda assigned to the 152nd Communications Squadron dispose of rabbit brush at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on April 19, 2024.



WELCOME TO THE HIGH ROLLER TEAM! NEW ENLISTEES FROM JANUARY!



All new enlistees above:

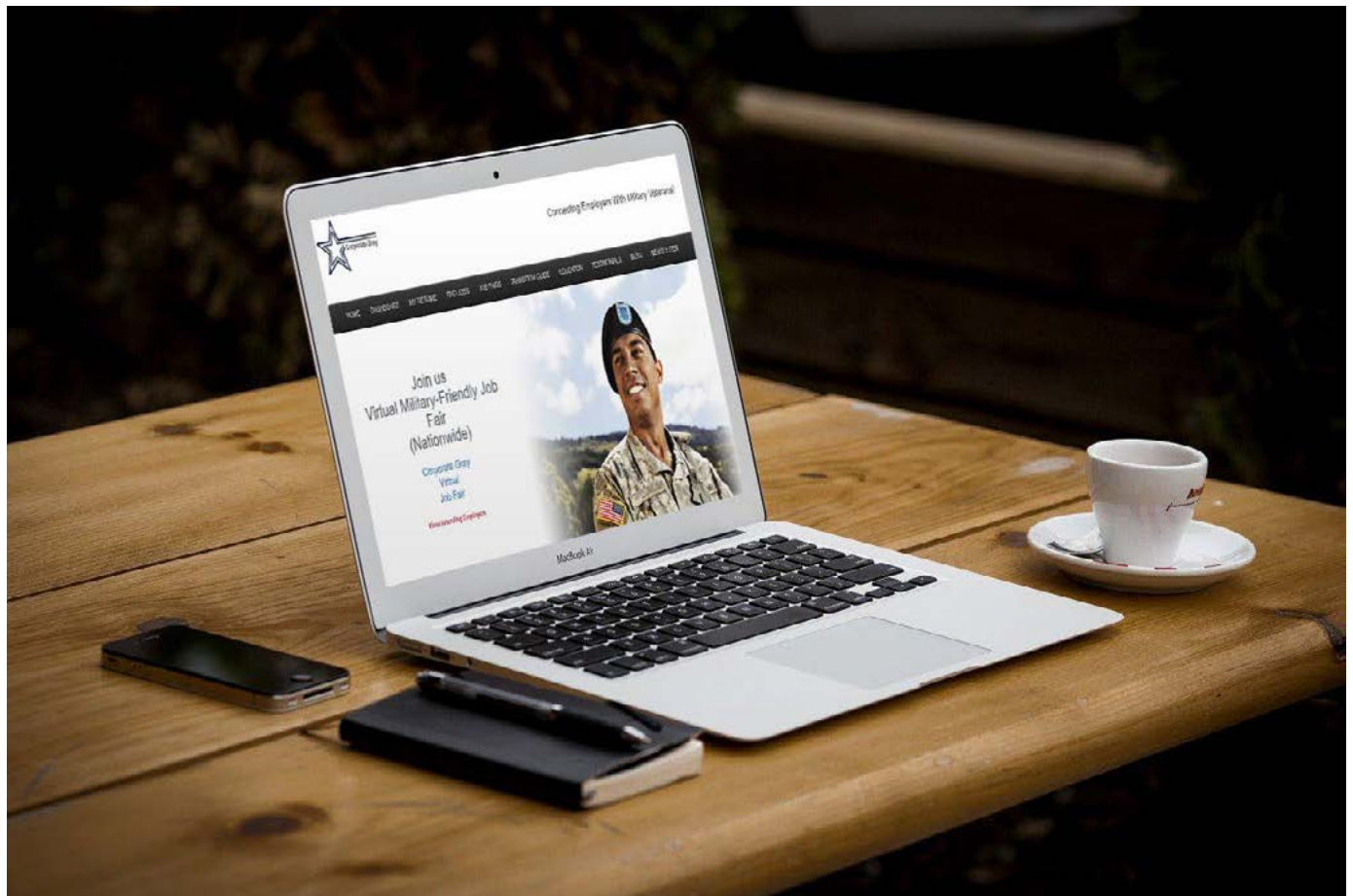
Senior Airman Amanda Wheeler – 2A5X1 – MXS
Airman 1st Class Kimberly Arellano – 3F5X1 – MXG
Airman 1st Class Zeke Norris – 1N4X2 – IS
Airman 1st Class Jason Trujillo – 2F0X1 – LRS
Airman 1st Class Rumania Vazquez – 2S0X1 – LRS
Airman Basic Athena Mckemy – 2A5X1 – MXS

No pictured because they are from LV and did their enlistment virtual:

Airman 1st Class Kyaw Zin Lin – 4H0X1 – MDG

Not pictured because their enlistment was virtual and Prior Service:

Major Alexander Tovani – 11F – 232nd – PS ADAF
Major Cody Main – 11F – 232nd – PS ADAF
Staff Sergeant William Watkins – 3F0X1 – FSS – G2G



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What's happening in High Roller Country!??

RECENT PROMOTIONS



Senior Master Sgt. David Hill was promoted to chief.
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Paloschi was promoted to master sergeant.
Capt. Timothy Buxton was promoted to major.
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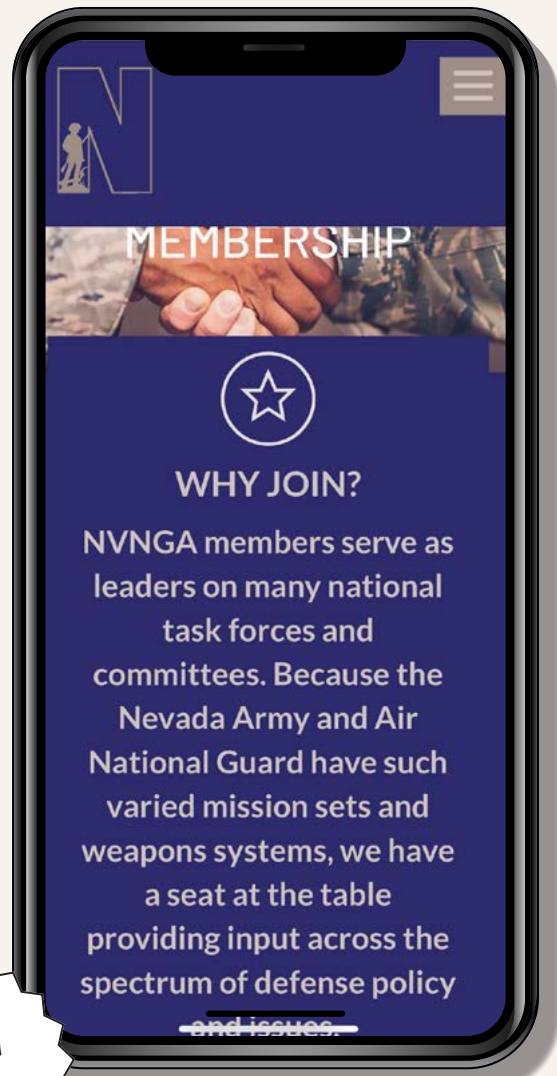


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Airfield Revitalization Underway at Nevada Air National Guard Base

Story by Senior Airman Jakob Ivanick | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Maj. Quinn Lundbom, 152nd Airlift Wing base civil engineer, discusses facility upgrades with congressional staff representatives during the staff's visit to Nevada Air National Guard Base on Feb. 23, 2024. The purpose of the visit was to discuss facility upgrades needed for C-130 J-model aircraft upgrade and other items relating to the transition to C-130 J-model aircraft; the top modernization priority of Nevada National Guard.

RENO, NEVADA - The Nevada Air National Guard is currently enhancing the infrastructure of the base airfield through multiple construction projects. The current project's primary focus is on restoring the pavement's overall health, with other specific-need enhancements also being undertaken.

U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Alex Estrada, the Deputy Base Civil Engineer, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Nevada Air National Guard, provided insights into the ongoing developments.

"Currently we're working on the more minor parts of the overall project and trying to restore the general health of the pavement on the apron," said Estrada. "Last week, we just finished installing 12 new tie-down points where the airplanes get tied down for things like high wind. What they're working on currently is restriping."

Estrada highlighted the scope and timeline of the project, indicating that while current efforts involve minor repairs, long-term plans entail substantial expansion. The envisioned expansion aims to increase the airfield apron size, adding parking space to alleviate existing deficits. However, such endeavors require meticulous planning and significant financial investments, making the project a long-term commitment.

"We're in the very early stages," said Estrada. "Obvi-

ously, with a project this big, funding takes some time to get, and we just started with the initial repairs. We're probably looking at five years down the road before everything is complete."

Despite the project's magnitude, efforts are being made to minimize disruptions to flight operations. Estrada said that temporary arrangements were made to accommodate aircraft during certain phases of construction, ensuring continuity for base activities. The coordination between the base, the State of Nevada Public Works Division, and local construction company – A&K Earth Movers, Inc. – underscores a collaborative approach to project management.

Estrada also acknowledged the involvement of private engineering firm Wood Rodgers in the project's design phase, highlighting the multifaceted collaboration driving the construction efforts forward.

The ongoing construction project reflects a commitment to modernizing essential infrastructure, ensuring operational readiness and eliminating existing airfield waivers. As the project progresses, it holds the promise of not only enhancing the airfield's infrastructure but also bolstering the capabilities of the Nevada Air National Guard Base to support the mission.





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Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Article Courtesy of: 152nd Equal Opportunity Office



During Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Department of Defense pays tribute to the remarkable contributions of individuals like Florence Finch, Bruce Lee, Ellison Onizuka, and Kurt Chew-Een Lee, whose stories embody the resilience, courage, and diversity of these vibrant communities.

Florence Finch, a Filipino American, emerged as a symbol of hope and defiance during the Japanese occupation in World War II. She aided the Filipino resistance in efforts to repel the enemy by passing valuable intelligence to the Allies and risking her life to sabotage enemy operations.

Bruce Lee's legacy transcends martial arts, inspiring generations with his philosophy of self-expression and cultural pride. As an iconic figure in popular culture, he challenged stereotypes and advocated for represen-

tation, paving the way for greater diversity in film and beyond.

Ellison Onizuka's journey from Kealahou, Hawaii to the stars embodies the boundless aspirations of Pacific Islanders. As NASA's first Asian American astronaut, he exemplified the spirit of exploration and discovery, inspiring countless dreamers to reach for outer space.

Kurt Chew-Een Lee symbolizes Honor, Courage and Commitment. He was the first Asian American Marine Corps officer. During the Korean War, while injured, he successfully led a rescue mission through freezing rocky hills in the battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

The amazing stories of Florence Finch, Bruce Lee, Ellison Onizuka, and Kurt Chew-Een Lee showcase the

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ingenuity, bravery, and creativity of AANHPI leaders in our Nation. Whether it's in the fields of technology, entertainment, or in the military, these Americans should be memorialized and celebrated for their innovations.

During this month of celebration and reflection, we honor their legacies and recognize their enduring impact on history and their invaluable contributions

to the American culture. Their stories inspire us to embrace our diversity, uphold our shared values, and strive for a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit www.deomi.org or contact the 152nd Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 34, call 788-4649, or email Master Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director, adam.willett@us.af.mil.



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New Air Force PT Uniforms to Hit Shelves in July

Story by Chris Gordon | Air & Space Forces Magazine



Air Force Uniform Office members 1st Lt. Avery Thompson and 2nd Lt. Maverick Wilhite put updated versions of the Air Force physical training (PT) uniform through their paces at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Feb. 25, 2021. U.S. Air Force photo by Jim Varhegyi

The Air Force's new physical training uniforms will hit shelves in July, an official said May 1. The Air Force's new workout apparel has been a long time coming. The clothing set was first unveiled in 2021, with a promised 2022 debut. But supply chain issues delayed its arrival multiple times, according to the Air Force. But finally, Airmen are expected to be able to buy the new uniforms in July, Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) spokesperson Chris Ward told Air & Space Forces Magazine.

In the meantime, the new PT gear has been rolled out to Airmen at Basic Military Training, an Air Force spokesperson told Air & Space Forces Magazine.

The new Air Force PT uniform consists of a jacket, pants, and two types of shorts—one for running, and the other for all-purpose wear. The workout T-shirt is grey with the Air Force logo on the upper left chest and a stylized "Air Force" pattern across the back.

The new uniform looks much like the old PT uniform, introduced two decades ago. But like most civilian

workout attire that has come along in the years since, the new Air Force gear is less bulky and features "performance" fabric that is billed as softer, quick-drying, and moisture-wicking. It also comes in men's and women's styles, unlike the old unisex uniforms which were criticized as noisy and heavy.

The military began modernizing PT uniforms about a decade ago when the Army introduced new workout gear that was more in line with civilian attire. The Navy soon followed in the late 2010s. The Space Force recently debuted its first PT uniforms for Guardians in the life of the young service. The Air Force's introduction of its new PT uniforms leaves the Marines as the only service without a new PT uniform after the USMC ditched plans for a redesign in late 2023.

Airmen still have time before having to purchase the new workout attire, as the Air Force has promised a four-year transition period before the uniform becomes mandatory.



FSS Fun Fact #2 - Annual Review of Personnel Records

By: Senior Master Sgt. Amy Baker
152nd Force Support Squadron

High Rollers,

Did you know that each year on your birthday you will receive an email from myFSS containing a birthday message? This message has two purposes. One, it's to wish you a happy birthday and two, it's reminding you to review your personnel records. It is mandatory for you to update your records at least annually, when deploying, or when a life changing event occurs (e.g., marriage, divorce) so, please do not disregard those birthday messages. A few critical items requiring review:

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI): You can obtain more information about your Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) via the SGLI Online Enrollment System (SOES). SOES can be accessed by logging into Milconnect and clicking the SOES link under the Benefits tab.

Record of Emergency Data (RED): This document contains emergency contact information should you become severely ill, injured, wounded, or deceased. It also allows you to designate the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) of your remains, beneficiaries for Death Gratuity (DG) and Arrears of Pay (AOP). You can obtain more information about your RED on myFSS or update via AFPC Secure applications: <https://w45.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecureNet40/CheckPortal.aspx>.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS): Contains information for each uniformed service member (active duty, retired, or a member of a Reserve Component), US-sponsored foreign military, Department of Defense (DoD) and uniformed services civilians, other personnel as directed by the DoD (including the patient population serviced through the Military Health Services System), and their eligible family members. DEERS registration is required for TRICARE eligibility and enrollment. Incorrect information in the DEERS database can cause problems with TRICARE claims as well as other health care benefits, so it is critical to maintain your DEERS information.

Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (AFPAAS): When emergencies or natural disasters occur, it is imperative to account for you and your family members. Please validate your information in the AFPAAS website. You can obtain more information about AFPAAS on myFSS or validate your AFPAAS via AFPAAS.

FSS has created how-to guides to assist you with updating your information in the various systems mentioned above. Should you have any questions, please call Customer Service at 788-4523.

The search for '886': Retired Air Force pilot visits Reno to see the jet he flew in the 1960s

Story by Steve Ranson | This Is Reno Local News & Events



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Zupon (Ret.), former High Roller; Brig. Gen. William Burks (Ret.), former Adjutant General for the State of Nevada; Alex Turner, III; Lt. Col. Thomas Dorsett, 152nd Airlift Wing Chief of Staff; Col. Bryan Turner (Ret.); Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton, 152nd Airlift Wing; Lt. Col. Alexander P. Turner, Jr. and State Command Chief Master Sgt. Sherdean Din, pose in front of the RF-4C (#65-886) aircraft on display at the Nevada Air National Guard Base on March 5, 2024.

The Uber driver stopped in front of the Nevada Air National Guard's main gate headquarters on a chilly yet sunny morning. In the background, the faint sounds of jets taking off in the background from the Reno airport pierced the tranquility of a late winter morning.

A Vietnam War veteran and his two sons peered out the small car's window; their necks craned upward to see an RF-4C (886) reconnaissance fighter jet permanently balancing on a pedestal with its nose directed toward snow-capped Slide Mountain.

"I'm speechless," said retired U.S. Air Force pilot Lt. Col. Alexander P. Turner Jr. as he looked up to see the magnificent jet. "I'm looking at a granddaughter for the first time. There she is, and the guys have her dressed up so pretty."

Homecoming for an RF-4C pilot

This was a homecoming, albeit short, for Turn-

er, who had flown the same RF-4C (886) almost 60 years ago. Turner, a captain in the 1960s, picked up the new jet from the McDonald Douglas factory in St. Louis, Missouri, and flew it with another airman to Mountain Home Air Force Base, about 40 miles southeast of Boise, Idaho, near the Snake River.

"I went to St. Louis, and I signed for it," Turner said, flanked by members of the Nevada Air National Guard and his two sons sitting at a large table in a conference room. "I flew it for five years ... that was my baby. It had my name on it, but we were assigned the same airplane we went to the factory to get."

Turner, who now lives near Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, said Mountain Home, a base that sprung up during World War II as a bomber training installation, was changing from Strategic Air Command (SAC) to Tactical Air Command (TAC). The original crews assigned to Mountain Home picked

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up their own planes, described as a “front seater and back seater.” Turner, a Virginia native, was assigned to Mountain Home from 1965-1970 after spending a tour in Southeast Asia.

Two new squadrons were assigned to Mountain Home, one for RF-4Cs and the other for the four-propeller C-130 Hercules transport plane.

Turner, who served in the military for 26 years and achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel, said two-person crews traveled to St. Louis to fly the RF-4C back to Idaho in 1966. After spending the previous two years overseas, Turner figured he was due a nice, new aircraft. He grinned before continuing. “I had already done my tour in ‘64 and ‘65 before the air activities really got started,” he pointed out.

Turner said Fletcher Cook, the other pilot accompanying him to St. Louis, was tasked with certifying the jet and conducting the tests.

“The two of us had to develop all the level routes (for the RF-4C),” Turner explained.

The jet’s fate

After he had retired from the military, Turner remembered seeing the jet displayed in a book about the RF-4s. His eldest son knew his father retained a love and fascination with the jet, and about two decades ago, he began to snoop through books to find the fate of 886.

“I looked at the tail number and where jets go — boneyard, boneyard, boneyard,” Alex Turner, III explained. “Then I saw 886 was with the Nevada Air Guard. I tracked it down and discovered it was here (in Reno).”

Turner’s sons printed a photo of the jet and presented it to him for his 70th birthday. Despite efforts by the Turner family, finding the jet’s location was unknown until 2000. Retired Col. Bryan Turner, stationed in Germany and flying F-16s, had a Nevada tie. His squadron mate, Jeff Zupon, a former Nevada Air National pilot, told him 886 had served in Desert Storm.

Zupon met the Turners at the Nevada Air National Guard base to renew old acquaintances and pose for a few photographs with the Virginia visitors.

The years rapidly passed, though, without the Turners heading to the West, but that changed in March when the family stopped first in Reno for a few days to stay overnight and visit the air base before leaving for Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, where Bryan’s son was stationed.

“This is long overdue,” Bryan said of the trip to

Reno, where his father could see the jet he flew in the late 1960s.

“Yes, this is long overdue,” his father quickly replied.

Bryan Turner said the trip had to coincide with his work schedule and his father’s.

“He’s a world traveler,” Bryan Turner said.” He just got back from the Far East four days ago. He goes there every winter.”

Much planning went into the trip to Nevada. Bryan Turner said the trip had to coincide with his work schedule and his son’s availability at Nellis.

“We’re making this a big road trip,” he laughed. “We’ll see Las Vegas and head back home.”

They hope a return trip doesn’t take as long to plan.

A desire to fly

The love for flying, however, developed years before when Alexander Turner was a high-school student. While sitting in his English class and looking out the window, he remembered a jet that flew by the school.

“This thing came past the school,” Alexander Turner recalled. “This thing came by like a spaceship with wings on it. That was my introduction to jet aircraft.”

The teenager was immediately hooked. He attended college and enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), graduating four years later before reporting to Whiteman AFB in rural Missouri and Kessler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi, and then to the now-decommissioned Laredo (Texas) AFB for F-86 jet training. Alexander Turner said half the pilots were assigned to the Strategic Air Command, and the other half attended fighter pilot training. When volunteers were needed to fly in Vietnam, his hand went up. No hesitation.

“The Air Force asked for 10 volunteers on a Wednesday, and we had departed on a Saturday for Southeast Asia,” Alexander Turner recalled.

The hot, humid, steamy weather quickly greeted the pilots as they arrived at Da Nang, along the Vietnamese coast bordering the East China Sea. Alexander Turner learned their unit’s mission quickly. The pilots trained to rescue their fellow downed pilots who were flying the F-101s Voodoo supersonic jet fighters.

“The 101s impressed me,” Alexander Turner said. “Those guys were flying low and fast.”

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After the months quickly passed and Alexander Turner was ready to depart Vietnam for the States, he expressed a desire to fly a different type of aircraft.

“They asked me what I wanted to do,” the pilot said. “I wanted to fly ‘RECCY’ (reconnaissance). At the time, Mountain Home was transferring to SAC.”

The change represented a major milestone in Alexander Turner’s career. It took him from humid Vietnam to the dry, hilly terrain of southern Idaho midway between Twin Falls and Boise, where he was assigned to a composite command air wing. That left two F-4 wing squadrons, a C-130 squadron and one RF squadron. Alexander Turner said that was the new concept, resulting in a nine-month transition to procure the new reconnaissance jets.

Pilot Fletcher Cook and Alexander Turner certified the jet and tested it.

“The two of us had to develop all the low-level routes,” he added.

When the big day arrived for pilots to fly the jet from St. Louis to Mountain Home, Alexander Turner said many airmen were waiting for the two-person crew. The transition to the jets took some time, and in the meantime, Cook and Alexander Turner flew from Boise to Kirkland AFB every other week to fly and stay current with the RF-4C and then fly back to Mountain Home until the Air Force completed its transition.

Being from Virginia and assigned to Idaho also presented another challenge for the young pilot. Although he experienced cold weather in Virginia, nothing compared to the fresh-crisp air and Idaho’s low winter temperatures. During his short trip to Reno, Alexander Turner was reminded by his guests that Reno experiences the same type of weather during the winter months. The distant snow-capped Slide Mountain and Mount Rose visually displayed the retired pilot’s memories.

“This is the way I envisioned Reno ... with all the snow!”

When the Turners pulled up to the main gate at the Nevada Air National Guard, Alex Turner III grew quiet.

“I got out of the car. I’m speechless like looking at dad for the first time,” Alex Turner III described.

The same feeling fell over his 90-year-old father.

“For five years, it was my life. I love that thing right there,” the combat pilot added.

More than a half-century since Alexander Turner flew in and out of Mountain Home AFB, he vividly

remembers the Idaho weather.

“It was cold,” the Vietnam War veteran recalled, telling his sons and members of the Air Guard that Reno’s weather is similar to Mountain Home’s Snake River Valley. “But it was with the wind coming down the valley like a howling hurricane.”

Like a proud father, Alexander Turner said it was his responsibility to ensure “886” was not damaged because of the weather. The crew conducted daily inspections and reported the status to their commander.

“Every day, we had to be combat-ready,” he said.

On a cold night nearing midnight, Alexander Turner said 886’s crew hooked up a plastic canopy measuring 12 feet by 12-feet to thwart the wind, and then the crew would keep warm by drinking hot chocolate behind it. The Air Force pilot said the wing commander, though, told the crew they couldn’t bring a private car on the tarmac, but he liked the idea of hot chocolate and ensured the men on the flight line they could have hot cocoa and coffee to sustain them through the cold chill of an Idaho night.

When the Turners and Nevada Air National Guard personnel mingled at the RF-4C display near the front gate, the Vietnam vet kept looking upward at the jet’s sleekness and beauty.

“Everyone loved to fly it, but I got to fly it quite a bit,” he pointed out. “I had at least 500 hours. When a mission came up, I’d do an instrument check.”

Commonality among pilots

Alexander Turner and Brig. Gen. (retired) William “Bill” Burks, who served as the state’s adjutant general before he retired in 2021, each flew the same 886 aircraft. The jet had been transferred from the Air Force to the Nevada Air National Guard before 1990 when units were called up before Desert Shield.

Burks enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard after earning a degree in accounting from the University of Nevada, Reno. His military career with the Air Guard began in 1977 when he was selected to attend navigator training for the 152nd Tactical Reconnaissance Group in Reno.

Burks said the thought of speeding across the horizon appealed to him: “It’s like having the fastest car on the block, and you don’t have to buy the gas.”

A master navigator, Burks compiled more than 2,000 flying hours and is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm with 29 combat sorties. He told the Turners of his experience with the 886, one of two

Nevada Air Guard RF-4C Phantoms that arrived in theater weeks before Desert Storm began on Jan. 15, 1991.

Burks and other airmen were assigned to Bahrain's Shaikh Isa Air Base in December 1990. Once in country, they flew their RF-4C Phantoms in support of Desert Storm, which began with a massive bombing campaign on Jan. 16, 1991. Burks said the Nevada group, which deployed as a unit, relieved Alabama.

"At the time, there were only six reconnaissance units left," recalled Burks, who was responsible for using the camera on the targets below.

The 152nd Tactical Reconnaissance Group flew during the daytime over Iraq and Kuwait, primarily looking for Republican Guard units. Pilots also flew high over Baghdad and the adjacent countryside looking for rocket fuel and chemical weapons plants and both command and communications centers.

Military records show the Nevada RF-4Cs took more than 300,000 feet of film that produced more than 19,000 prints of targets.

"No one unit was stripped of aircraft," Burks said.

Once Desert Storm hostilities ended, the two Nevada RF-4C jets returned to Reno.

Pains of war remain

Alexander Turner said he has no regrets flying

jets in the Air Force, but the deaths of fellow aviators who were prisoners of war in North Vietnam still weigh heavily on him. Memories of those who died in Vietnam are still as vivid today as they were in the 1960s.

"Let me tell you of a fellow pilot, Ed (Atterbury)," he said." Ed was one of two pilots who escaped from the Hanoi Hilton."

Sarcastically named for the hotel chain, the Hanoi Hilton was a prison that housed American naval and air force pilots who were captured and transported to the prison cells.

Alexander Turner said Atterbury was captured, but his captors severely punished the aviator. He also told of another aviator held captive and unmercifully punished.

"They fed him dry rice, and him gave him water. The rice blew his stomach open (excessive water caused the stomach to rupture)," Turner said, his voice growing shaky.

The retired pilot's final days, years, and memories are there for Alexander Turner. After a tour of a hangar and walk-through inside the familiar C-130, he could've stayed longer if not for the flight to Las Vegas. The image of 886 will be long-lasting, though.

"The airplane sitting out on that pedestal represents some great Americans. Trust me," Alexander Turner insisted. "You couldn't have picked a better symbol for who you guys and ladies are."



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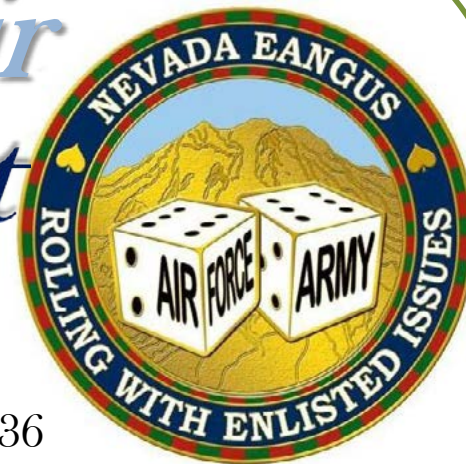
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Maintainers and Aircrews Innovate and Overcome During Silver Arrow Exercise

Story by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
Photos by Maj. Alexander Rodriguez | 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron



RENO, NEV. -- Personnel assigned to the 152nd Maintenance Group and Operations Group discovered debris in the vertical stabilizer of one of the aircraft set to go on a mission during the Silver Arrow Exercise from February 27 through March 31, 2024.

Prior to departing for a mission, maintenance and aircrews discovered debris in the vertical stabilizer. Due to the delay in obtaining a high-reach from the local maintenance squadron, Lt. Taylor Poulin, innovatively sought the assistance from the fire department to assist in the removal of the debris in the building next to where the Silver Arrow Exercise was housed.

Senior Airman Jade Whited, without hesitation, immediately was trained and supervised by the local Fire Fighters how to climb and secure herself to the ladder, in order to remove the debris safely and conduct an inspection ensuring the aircraft was safe to fly. Ultimately their actions resulted in an "on-time" takeoff with no negative effect on the mission.

"I was proud of how innovative our High Rollers were on this trip," said Maj. Alexander Rodriguez, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron Commander. "They didn't let limitations stop them, they persevered and got the job done, resulting in an accomplished mission. The ability of these multi-capable Airmen never ceases to amaze me."

The purpose of the Silver Arrow exercise was to provide real world assistance to USAFE by the movement of cargo and passengers in Europe, highlighting the professionalism and dedication of the 152AW as well as the capability and relevance of the C130H.

The key tasks of the exercise were:

Deploy members of both the 152nd Operations Group and 152nd Maintenance Group as well as two aircraft to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Employ and sustain airlift operations tasked by USAFE anywhere in Europe.

Gain operational experience and develop multi-capable Airmen.

Challenge the members of the 152nd Airlift Wing to perform their mission in a new and different environment.

The overall exercise produced four Co-Pilots and two Navigators exposed to over-water procedures and navigation. Mission of the 152nd Airlift Wing performed flawlessly, and wing operational experience was gained in the EUCOM theatre.





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- Log on with DS Logon or CAC.
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Handwashing

at Home, at Play, and Out and About



Germs are everywhere! They can get onto your hands and items you touch throughout the day. Washing hands at key times with soap and water is one of the most important steps you can take to get rid of germs and avoid spreading germs to those around you.

How can washing your hands keep you healthy?

Germs can get into the body through our eyes, nose, and mouth and make us sick. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands and helps prevent sickness. Studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

Handwashing helps prevent infections for these reasons:



People often touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without realizing it, introducing germs into their bodies.



Germs from unwashed hands may get into foods and drinks when people prepare or consume them. Germs can grow in some types of foods or drinks and make people sick.



Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, such as door knobs, tables, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.



What is the right way to wash your hands?

1. Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
3. Scrub all surfaces of your hands, including the palms, backs, fingers, between your fingers, and under your nails. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song twice.
4. Rinse your hands under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



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When should you wash your hands?

Handwashing at any time of the day can help get rid of germs, but there are key times when it's most important to wash your hands.

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers, or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal feces (poop)
- After touching garbage
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy

What type of soap should you use?



You can use bar soap or liquid soap to wash your hands. Many public places provide liquid soap because it's easier and cleaner to share with others. Studies have not found any added health benefit from using soaps containing antibacterial ingredients when compared with plain soap. Both are equally effective in getting rid of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

How does handwashing help fight antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria resist the effects of an antibiotic – that is, germs are not killed and they continue to grow. Sickneses caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria can be harder to treat. Simply using antibiotics creates resistance, so avoiding infections in the first place reduces the amount of antibiotics that have to be used and reduces the likelihood that resistance will develop during treatment. Handwashing helps prevent many sicknesses, meaning less use of antibiotics.

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For more information and a video demonstration of how to wash your hands, visit the CDC handwashing website:

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