



## Going the extra mile, Nevada Air National Guardsman receives prestigious award

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Each year, the National Guard Bureau Director of Acquisitions recognizes the top performers in their career fields by awarding them the National Guard Excellence in Contracting and Agreements Award. The chosen individuals are acknowledged for their outstanding contributions and exceptional efforts.

The Nevada Air National Guard, 152nd Airlift Wing has the honor of being home to one of the Customer Service Award winners, 2nd Lt. Alex Norris of the 152nd Mission Support Group's Contracting Office.

Norris has been a part of the Nevada ANG for 12 years, with the last 6 years as the Base Contracting Officer.

"He was submitted because he continues to excel in a very difficult career field," said Col. Kyle Cerfoglio, Mission Support Group Commander. "2nd Lt. Norris has made what used to be a very difficult process into a more streamlined process."

Over the years, Norris has been involved in many projects that have improved the quality of the NV ANG community, in the last year alone he performed contract specialist duties from pre-so-

licitation to post-award phase for two major current construction projects on base.

"Our Contracting processes were highlighted in our 2020 UEI as a strength to highlight the outstanding work they continue to do," said Cerfoglio. "Because of this it was a no brainer to nominate him for the award. "I look forward to continue to work with the Lt. and am excited to see his growth as he moves up in rank."

The two construction projects that Norris was directly involved with are the repair of the HVAC system in buildings 56 and 130 costing \$2 million, and the modernization of the fall protection systems in 2 hangars estimated at \$288,413.

"My favorite part about the job is the contracting side of it," said Norris. "Seeing contractors out there building the new buildings for the base is exciting. It's definitely a fruits of one's labor situation, where it's not always the easiest job, but the end result makes it worth it."

While all individuals that are chosen for these prestigious awards have to show their highest level of performance to the job, the Customer Service Award is awarded to the people that "go the extra mile."

"Customer service is pretty elaborate," said Nor-



2nd Lt. Alex Norris discusses the activity of the HVAC construction project with an employee of Simerson Construction LLC, prime contractor, during an unscheduled site walk to validate daily development in accordance with the provided progression reports from the contractor.

ris. "I think what makes someone good at customer service is just being open to helping out everybody. You might not always get the answer that you want, but as long as everyone is working as a team we will reach a solution and the mission will continue."

Norris is excited about receiving such a distinguished award and is looking forward to continuing to work towards accomplishing the mission.

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### Airlift Wing News

## Nevada National Guard Family Programs provides Backpacks and school supplies for the children of the Nevada National Guard

By Fred Barton  
152nd Airlift Wing Airman & Family Programs Manager



The Nevada Air National Guard Family Program Manager and Army National Guard Child and Youth coordinator are hoping to make this school year, virtual or in person, a little easier on National Guard families.

On Saturday, August 21, 2021, Nevada National Guard Family Programs, and other volunteers distributed 106 backpacks on the Nevada Air National Guard base to Airmen, Soldiers, National Guard Families and retirees with backpacks, and school supplies like binders, paper, pencils, and pens, and assorted other supplies for the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year.

Special thanks go to Ms. Lorri Mills, for picking up all the school supplies and sorting all the supplies, and Ms. Pam Van Hoozer and other volunteers from the Northern Nevada Blue Star moms, for donating the backpacks and filling all the backpacks with materials.

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### Equal Opportunity News

## Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

By Master Sgt. Adam Willett  
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Every year the Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating and honoring the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. This year's theme is: "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope."

On September 17, 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-48, officially authorizing and requesting the president to issue annual proclamations declaring September 15 and 16 to mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Week. President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first Hispanic Heritage Week presidential proclamation.

On September 14, 1989, President George H.W. Bush became the first president to declare the 31-day period from September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Not all of the contributions made by Hispanic Americans to our society are so visible or so widely celebrated, however. Hispanic Americans have enriched our nation beyond measure with the quiet strength of closely knit families and proud communities," Bush said.

September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

The term Hispanic refers to people of any race who trace their ethnic roots to a country where Spanish is the main language, including Spain.

Latino refers to people of any race who trace their roots back to countries from the Caribbean, Mexico, and throughout Central and South America.

Today, thousands of Hispanic-American Service members throughout the world are protecting our nation.

Just as in generations past, we honor our Hispanic community—military and civilian—for their significant contributions to (or toward) protecting the United States and embodying the DoD values that unite us all as one team.

If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit [www.deomi.org](http://www.deomi.org) or contact the 152 Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Master Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Practitioner, [adam.willett@us.af.mil](mailto:adam.willett@us.af.mil)

### In the Community

## Nevada Air Guard Color Guard performs during Military Night at the Reno Aces Baseball Game

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber  
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The Nevada Air National Guard Color Guard participated in the pre-game ceremonies at the Reno Aces baseball game in honor of Military Night. The color guard was comprised of: Senior Master Sgt. Javier Sosa, Master Sgt. Kylea Sherman, Master Sgt. J.D. Escobar and Master Sgt. Javier Contreras.

## TAILGATE PARTY

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 @ 1400**  
*after retreat*

*Each squadron will get the opportunity to compete in:*

**EARN THE TITLE OF:**  
**Best-Base Cook**  
AND WIN THE **COOKER SPATULA!**

SUNDAY DAY 2021  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT  
GAMES | FOOD | CASH PRIZES

**PIE-IN-THE-FACE**

**DUNK TANK**

**CORN HOLE TOURNAY**

**HOT DOG DECORATING**

**BOUNCE HOUSE**

**CAR SHOW**

**YUMMY FOOD**

**PLUS:**  
UNR TICKETS FOR GAME @ 1930 PROVIDED BY UNR AND THE USO!

*fun*

*civilian clothes authorized*

## Air National Guard Halloween Event

**Snacks & Refreshments**

**15 October 2021**  
**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Air National Guard Base**

**Trunk-or-Treat**

**Haunted House**

**Pumpkin Patch**

**Magical Show**  
**Performance 1: 5:45 PM**  
**Performance 2: 6:45 PM**  
**In the Dining Facility**

**House Wreaths**

**Trunk-or-Treat**

**Pumpkin Patch**

**If you would like to attend this fun event, please use the QR code above to Register**

152ND AIRLIFT WING

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CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-2019)

FAMILY DAY 2021

## IN PIE WE CRUST

PIE IN THE FACE SILENT AUCTION

DATE: SEPT 11, 2021

TIME: 1500

LOCATION: SANGA

Have you ever wished that you could give someone in the Base but never had the perfect opportunity? Now is your chance!

These items range from \$10 to \$1000. All items are for silent auction. All items are for silent auction. All items are for silent auction. All items are for silent auction.

**"VOLUNTEERS"**

THE FIRST FOUR COUNCIL THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## DO YOU HAVE THE "RIGHT STUFF?"

There will be a Hiring Board for C-130 Pilots and Combat Systems Officers November 2-3 of UTA drill. We are looking for highly motivated, hard-charging individuals who want to join the best tactical airlift unit in the country. This comes with the opportunity to excel at Undergraduate Pilot Training or Combat Systems Officer Training and as an Officer in the Nevada Air National Guard. Applications must be received at my desk by 16 September 2019.

Visit the link below and click on the application workbook hyperlink.  
<http://www.152aw.ang.af.mil/MEMBERS/Current-Job-Openings>

Requirements:

- Preferred age no older than 33 for Pilot applications
- Enrolled in your final Bachelor's degree semester
- Flight time preferred
- Competitive AFOQT Scores
  - Call our Base Training Office at (775) 788-4511 to schedule test ASAP

For questions contact: [usaf.nv.152-og.list.officer-hiring@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.nv.152-og.list.officer-hiring@mail.mil)

Hosted By Your 5/6 Council!

Family Day 11 Sep, 2021  
1400-1600

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**LET THE GAMES BEGIN!**

\$5 Buy-In Per Team  
Prizes For 1st and 2nd Place Teams!  
POC: TSgt O'Grady  
788-4518  
[Suzanne.ogrady@us.af.mil](mailto:Suzanne.ogrady@us.af.mil)

## INVEST IN YOURSELF

### SNCO ENHANCEMENT COURSE

DEVELOPING THE AIRMEN WE NEED

POINT OF CONTACT:  
FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON  
FORCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (BTRM)  
REGISTRATION FOR COURSES BEGINS 1 AUGUST 2021

**VISION:**

- Provide operational level development training
- To bridge the gap between SNCOA, SEJPM I/II and CMSOC
- Build upon our SNCO leadership skills and abilities
- Emphasize Wing and Group level responsibilities, further preparing our SMSgt/MSgts for greater responsibilities
- Promote Team Dynamics

**PREREQUISITES:**

MSgt (E-7)	MSgt (E-8)
- 11 Years of Service	- 14 Years of Service
- SNCOA Complete	- SEJPM I Complete
- SEJPM I Complete	- SEJPM II Complete

**LOGISTICS:**

- Frequency: 1 Course Quarterly
- Location: JBA ANGRC
- Duration: 4 days In-Residence
- Capacity: 50

**UPCOMING DATES:** \*Course is unit funded

- November 2-5
- February 1-4
- May 10-13
- July 12-15

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR A WILDFIRE

AMERICA'S PrepareAthon!



