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152nd Airlift Wing News

Air Force recognizes High Rollers with Outstanding Unit Award

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A C-130 from the 152nd Airlift Wing equipped with USDA Forest Service MAFFS II (Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System) positions to drop water as part of MAFFS training and recertification at Grand Canyon Hills, Colorado, May 6, 2019. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen with the 153rd AW with Wyoming, 302nd AW with Peterson AFB, 152nd AW with Reno along with the U.S. Forest Service spend the week to complete their annual aerial fire fighting training for the upcoming fire season. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Alderman)

The 152nd Airlift Wing, also known as the High Rollers, received the Outstanding Unit Award for its historic deployment cycle overseas and assistance to federal firefighters in the western U.S. during 2018 and 2019, the U.S. Air Force announced Friday, Nov. 13, 2020.

"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, Nevada Air National Guard, 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 largescale, wildland firefighting.

The 152nd Airlift Wing — created in Reno in 1948 as the 192nd Fighter Squadron — has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award nine times.

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

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

The 152nd is composed of about 1,100 Airmen serving at the Reno Air National Guard Base on the south runway of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. The majority report for duty as traditional Guardsmen one week-end each month and two weeks for training during the year. About 300 airmen serve full-time at the base, operating the unit's eight, C-130 H3 aircraft for worldwide personnel and cargo transportation and wildland firefighting.

Speaking the Language of "Gifts"

**By Maj. Donny Crandell
152nd Airlift Wing Chaplain**

marriage minute

Most of us are familiar with the 5 Love Languages written by Gary Chapman. One of the 5 gifts is "Receiving Gifts." In his chapter on "gifts" he says the following: "There is an intangible gift that sometimes speaks more loudly than a gift that can be held in one's hand. I call it the gift of self or the gift of presence. Being there when your spouse needs you speaks loudly to the one whose primary love language is receiving gifts."

Although tangible gifts (not necessarily new cars, jewelry, or houses) are welcomed by a person who speaks this language, it is your presence that offers the greatest gift. During a season where gift receiving and giving is popular, don't forget the greatest gift you have to offer...Being fully present with the important people in your life.

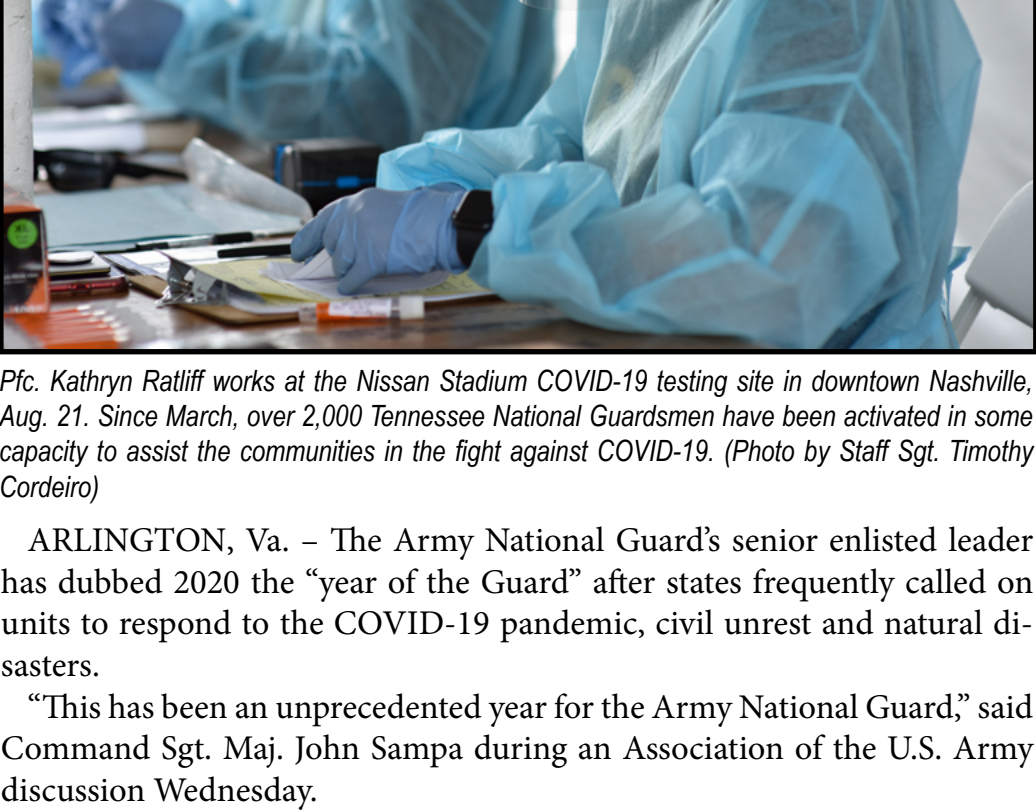
The 5 Love Languages, Gary Chapman
Be blessed and keep that faith,
Chaplain Crandell



National Guard Bureau News

NG leader highlights missions during 'unprecedented year'

**By Sean Kimmons
Army News Service**



Pfc. Kathryn Ratliff works at the Nissan Stadium COVID-19 testing site in downtown Nashville, Aug. 21. Since March, over 2,000 Tennessee National Guardsmen have been activated in some capacity to assist the communities in the fight against COVID-19. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cordeiro)

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army National Guard's senior enlisted leader has dubbed 2020 the "year of the Guard" after states frequently called on units to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest and natural disasters.

"This has been an unprecedented year for the Army National Guard," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Sampa during an Association of the U.S. Army discussion Wednesday.

At its busiest time, the National Guard had over 120,000 Soldiers and Airmen on duty serving around the world in early June. At least 90,000 of them either worked in COVID-19 or civil disturbance operations following the death of George Floyd.

"Those are numbers that you just wouldn't think about as a Guardsman in these days and times," Sampa said. "That's why we're so proud of our Guard members out there."

According to Guard officials, other missions included support to 22 states after a record number of named storms hit the country and assistance to help stamp out wildfires in 19 states and cyber elections support in 20 states.

Soldiers from the Minnesota Guard's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, for instance, had a whirlwind five-month period that saw them conduct a variety of missions. First, they were activated for the pandemic response before being called on again to help local authorities curb riot activity.

The unit then executed a successful rotation at the National Training Center in California that resulted in an operational rating of about 95%, Sampa said.

"That's a huge lift for those folks," he said. "For those Soldiers to do all that within five months, that's where the power of the Guard is. Citizen-Soldiers can adapt to the environment, respond to communities as well as to the call of the nation."

While some combat training center rotations had to be canceled due to COVID-19, Sampa said there are plans to make those up this fiscal year.

"It has not stopped our deployment process," he added. "Those units that are scheduled for deployment are meeting all the training requirements they need to meet. It has not changed any of that. We're still deploying and redeploying Soldiers continuingly."

More than 57,000 Guardsmen are currently deployed overseas in every

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Innovation News

AFWERX announces virtual Accelerate Event Dec. 7-11

**Story by Jordyn Fetter, AFWERX
Published November 14, 2020**

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Virtual Events for all stakeholders Dec 7-11

POWERED BY THE U.S. AIR AND SPACE FORCES

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- AFWERX will hold its inaugural Accelerate event, being held virtually, Dec. 7-11. The event will highlight how AFWERX is institutionalizing air and space innovation across the Department of the Air Force.

It has grown from three successful innovation experiments into one organization that will accelerate affordable and agile capabilities by expanding the defense industrial base as the preferred partner for commercial technology innovation and broadening the network of Airmen creating innovative concepts.

As part of the event, the Air Force's catalyst for fostering innovation will feature collaborative initiatives, partnerships and engagement opportunities provided through the synergistic efforts of their three new teams: AFVentures, Spark and Prime.

"Innovation inhabits the DNA of the U.S. Air and Space Forces," said Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett. "Now AFWERX unites the creativity of AFVentures, Spark Innovators, and Agility Prime with the expertise of the Air Force Research Laboratory. Every day we celebrate our partnerships, and we welcome new pace-setters who are inspired to help protect the nation."

To accelerate collaborative capability development, AFWERX is deliberately establishing relationships with a breadth industry, investor, interagency, and international stakeholders. These partnerships will often focus on nontraditional stakeholders to accelerate the collaborative field-

ing of novel capabilities using novel risk mitigation.

The event will highlight industry and investment partnerships created through AFVentures. While AFWERX will consider a broad trade space of technologies from across all providers, this event will show how expanding the defense industrial base with commercial technologies will help:

- 1) identify technology trends;
- 2) leverage commercial research and development;
- 3) accelerate fielding to match commercially relevant timelines;
- 4) drive affordability through economies of scale; and
- 5) launch new domestic and partner commercial sectors that might otherwise be lost to competitors by providing deliberate risk reduction to commercial industry and investors.

Most importantly, Accelerate will highlight the culture of innovation in Spark. Using advanced connectivity and collaboration tools, AFWERX will empower and expand innovation networks to rapidly identify capability gaps and develop concepts that, when enabled by these new technologies or through this new network, will result in affordable rapid fielding. This empowerment involves training to develop this workforce of the future, as well as pushing the limits of virtual collaboration to access the breadth of ideas and grow the innovation workforce at scales never before imagined.

This event will show the successes of the Agility Prime "flying car" program and introduce new potential "Prime" programs. Fundamentally, with effective technology and concept engagement, AFWERX rapidly drives affordable capability to the field. Successful fielding is essential to build trust in this AFWERX approach. Periodically, diverse partnership engagement will help identify key technology sectors that if "primed" by AFWERX engagement, could advance national security and prosperity. Additionally, to field these programs in an affordable and timely manner, AFWERX will engage in rapid transition process improvements, establishing a core transition competency that will also help rapidly field smaller agile programs.

The five-day virtual event will include a variety of keynotes, fireside chats, workshops, networking opportunities and panel discussions focusing on AFWERX's efforts to accelerate collaborative technology trends, research and development, and fostering innovative and courageous problem-solvers for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force.

"In partnership with the rapidly accelerating U.S. Space Force and in alignment with Gen. Brown's vision to accelerate change, the teams in AFWERX: AFVentures, Spark and Prime, are poised to build partnerships to accelerate," said Col. Nathan Diller, AFWERX director. "As a whole, all three become a force multiplier to enable agile and affordable capability for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force as well as the broader innovation ecosystem."

To register and learn more about Accelerate, [click here](#).

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December Drill

Saturday 1100 - 1230 Menu Items: BBQ Chicken Roast Pork Loins Parmesan Battered Potatoes Rice Pilaf Broccoli Cauliflower Chicken Wraps Soup of the day: Broccoli Cheddar Additional Items: Assorted Candy Assorted Desserts Drinks: Gatorade Water Bottles	Sunday 8 November 1100 - 1230 Menu Items: BBQ Beef Cubes Chicken Gorton Bleu Egg Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Glazed Carrots Chicken Wraps Soup of the day: Broccoli Cheddar Additional Items: Assorted Candy Assorted Desserts Drinks: Canned Soda Gatorade Water Bottles
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IF YOU ARE ACTIVE GUARD SERVICE (AGR), ON ANY KIND OF ORDERS (ANNUAL TRAINING, STATE ACTIVE DUTY, MPA, TITLE 10), OR AN OFFICER YOU MUST PAY.

Regular Meal Rate \$5.65

The Nevada National Guard Child and Youth Program presents:

Santa's Workshop

Dec 19, 2020
8:30 am - 11:00 am

Gather holiday gifts supported by our community members with a walk-through friendly event. All Nevada National Guard Service Members and their spouses are welcome. Please, no children, to respect an effort to minimize the numbers of people gathering and requests by the venue. Supplies are limited, and registration is requested. The location is provided upon registration confirmation.

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

All individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities are authorized to wear cloth face coverings when six feet of social distance cannot be achieved.

THIS DOES NOT APPLY WITHIN PERSONAL RESIDENCES

Authorized wearers in uniform:

	Camouflage (matches uniform)
	Earth tone colors
	olive green tan
	Issued Neck Gaiters
	"Medical type" masks

Unauthorized masks:

- N95 or P95 (in short supply, these masks are prioritized for MEDICAL personnel)
- High Altitude Training Masks
- Masks with ANY of the following brand logos: profane/derogatory/imagery

Remember!

WEAR OF MASKS IS NOT TO PROTECT YOU FROM COVID-19 BUT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS TO OTHERS! These measures are meant to alleviate the risk of contamination from ASYMPTOMATIC carriers who may not know their status!

DO YOU HAVE THE "RIGHT STUFF?"

There will be a Hiring Board for C-130 Combat Systems Officers October 3-4 of UTA drill. We are looking for highly motivated, hard-charging individuals who want to join the best Combat Airlift unit in the country. This comes with the opportunity to excel at Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training and as an Officer in the Nevada Air National Guard. Applications (hard copy and electronic) must be received by 30 August 2020.

Requirements:

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

For questions contact: 152.OG.Officer.Hiring@us.af.mil

PT Testing

BASE-WIDE PT TEST STARTS IN JANUARY BE READY!

Finance Forum

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1. It is mandatory policy that all Uniformed Service Members and DoD civilian employees use an available DTMO contracted CTO ... for all official transportation requirements.
2. The eligible traveler must contact the responsible Service/Agency/DoD Component designated official if there is not an available DTMO contracted CTO ... for the official travel.
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For the hotel location members can contact Services'awlinging office at: 775-788-9320 or 152.AW.Lodging.Org@us.af.mil