

Nevada Air Guard general to lead capital directorate, Walter Reed medical network

By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Shanna Woyak, Nevada Air National Guard, assumed authority of the National Capital Regional medical directorate during a ceremony Wednesday at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Woyak, who served the past year as the Air National Guard advisor to the chief nurse of the U.S. Air Force, is the first Air National Guardsman to lead the NCR medical directorate.

“With both National Guard and civilian sector medical experience, I hope to bring ideas that can open minds and dialogue about the future,” said Woyak, who served as the commander of the 152nd Medical Group, Nevada Air National Guard, 2012 to 2017, and 152nd Airlift Wing vice wing commander, 2017 to 2018.

Woyak will oversee a \$1.28 billion budget and 58 Department of Defense medical facilities, including Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and other subordinate clinics in the eastern U.S.

“My hope is that I’ll offer an additional dimension to the total force perspective that can guide our joint efforts,” she said.

Additionally, Woyak will lead changes recently mandated by federal law with the goal of creating stan-



Brig. Gen. Shanna Woyak, Nevada Air National Guard, assumed authority of the National Capital Regional medical directorate from Rear Admiral Mary C. Riggs, left, during a ceremony at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Oct. 9, 2019. Woyak, who served the past year as the Air National Guard advisor to the chief nurse of the U.S. Air Force, is the first Air National Guardsman to lead the NCR medical directorate.

ardization across military treatment facilities around the nation. The National Defense Authorization Acts of 2017, 2018 and 2019 required military departments transition administration of military medical treatment facilities to the Defense Health Agency by Sept. 30, 2021.

“Today marks another milestone...because an Air

Force National Guard officer will lead a tri-service market,” said Rear Admiral Mary C. Riggs, interim assistant director Health Care Administration, who served as the ceremony’s presiding official Wednesday. “Military medicine has always been ready to operate jointly. I’m confident Brig. Gen. Woyak will bring this market what it needs to succeed under her tenure. [She] has consistently displayed leadership and initiative that are a hallmark of our Military Health System, qualities that are in higher demand than ever before.”

Woyak has held numerous executive level positions at several healthcare providers over the past three decades, including the Truman Medical Center, Hillcrest Medical Center, Maricopa Medical Center, Arizona Burn Hospital and the Arizona Heart Hospital.

“There are a number of similarities between the market construct and what happens in the civilian sector and I believe we can and should marry those lessons to the unique characteristics of military medicine,” Woyak said during the NRC assumption of authority ceremony Wednesday.

Woyak, who enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1986 and commissioned in 1995, was promoted to brigadier general in 2018, becoming the second female general in the Nevada Air National Guard’s history.

In 2002, she deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey as the chief nurse, in support of Operation Northern

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Diversity News

Maintainers secure Nevada Air Guard’s second consecutive Excellence in Diversity award

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Col. Tom Funk, left, and 2nd Lt. Nick Joshi pose for a photo in front of the 152nd Maintenance building with the unit’s National Guard Bureau Excellence in Diversity award for Best Air National Guard unit, Oct. 15, 2019. The maintenance group was presented with the award Sept. 24, 2019 at the diversity workshop in National Guard Professional Education Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

The Nevada Air National Guard won its second consecutive National Guard Bureau Excellence in Diversity award in the category of Best Air National Guard unit at the Professional Education Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas last month.

The 152nd Maintenance Group, Nevada Air National Guard, took home the award this year for Best Air National Guard unit.

“I am excited and honored to receive this award and this important recognition,” said Col. Tom Funk,

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Historic News

POW MIA Remembrance Day with Diana Brown

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Diana Brown, daughter of 1st Lt. Frank Salazar, the Nevada Air National Guard’s only combat fatality and Col. Jacob Hammons after Brown talked about her experience as a family member of a Missing in Action service member. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

Diana Brown, the daughter of Nevada Air National Guard’s only combat fatality, 1st Lt. Frank Salazar, spoke to Airmen on the 40th anniversary of the first POW/MIA Recognition Day.

In front of a full wing auditorium, Brown spoke about growing up without her father, who was listed as missing in action for two years during the Korean War, before congress listed him as deceased in 1954. Her father was a member of the 192nd Fighter Squadron stationed at the Army Air Base at Stead, Nev.

“Freedom isn’t free,” Brown gave a powerful testimony to what this entails, “There is a sacrifice and price paid to protect our nation’s freedom.”

She went on to say, “As a daughter of an MIA, I believe that the families of POW/MIA have something valuable to contribute to our country. We understand that freedom isn’t free. We understand what it means

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State News

Chief James Lindsay selected as the State Command Chief

By Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry The Adjutant General, State of Nevada



Please join me in congratulating our new State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. James Lindsay. Chief Master Sgt. Lindsay is the 10th state command chief in Nevada Air National Guard history. The state command chief is my trusted advisor on all issues and concerns of the enlisted airmen.

Chief Lindsay has spent his entire 35-year military career in the Nevada Air National Guard and has served in the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron since 2003. He has deployed 11 times since 1985, including tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Jordan.

He has spent most of his life in northern Nevada graduating from Wooster High School, TMCC and has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Nevada. He is well versed in Nevada military operations in both Reno and with the 232nd Operations Squadron at Nellis AFB.

He has worked with the Army National Guard and Joint Force Headquarters on the Adjutant General’s energy policy. In 2015, as the base facility manager, Lindsay was instrumental in Nevada becoming the only Air National Guard unit to win the U.S. Department of Energy’s Federal Energy and Water Management Award.

I would like to thank all of the applicants. They are all outstanding airmen and the decision was very difficult. I look forward to working with Chief Lindsay and taking the Nevada Air Guard to the next level.

Chaplain’s Corner

The six-month experiment

By Maj. Donny Crandell 152nd Airlift Wing Chaplain

marriage minute



Ann said to Dr. Chapman, ‘we were in love before we got married, but not long after our marriage, we came down off the high and we never learned to peak each other’s love language. My tank has been empty for years, and I am sure his has also. I would like to see us doing things together, going places together. I would like to feel that he is interested in my world. I’d like to feel he values my ideas. I would like to see us taking trips together and having fun.’ ‘Okay Ann, here’s my idea for you...

Spend the next six months consistently speaking your husbands love language, somewhere along the line his emotional need for love will be met; and as his emotional tank is filled, he will then begin to reciprocate love to you. One more thing Ann, ask him how you can be a better wife to him?’ Of course, the same experiment and question can be initiated by the husband as well. Even better, when both partners do the experiment on each other for six months and monthly ask the question, “How can I be a better spouse/partner to you?”

My take: It’s very challenging to take initiative to make your marriage better. It requires humility, love and patience. But loving another person in the way you want to be loved, can produce a miracle in your marriage. Be blessed, Ch. Donald R. Crandell

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