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High Rollers' MAFFS team surpassed all expectations through the second busiest season in the 49-year history

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

borne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) crews fin-teragency team." ished up their 89-day MAFFS activation Sept. 22, finished their 96-day activation on Sept. 29.

and they hung in there for 89 of the 96 days while Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming. providing solid maintenance for the aircraft and "Our involvement in MAFFS this year, although having aircrew with positive outlooks ready to go was very busy, was quite satisfying to be such a on a moment's notice. They made a full 1/3 of the huge part in getting these fires under control," said retardant drops and all this while getting ready for Lt. Col. Michael Fugett, the 192nd Airlift Squadan upcoming deployment. Having eight aircraft ron commander. "I am so proud to have this reavailable to NIFC for drops was possible because warding mission, and have the chance to help our MAFFS 9, out of Reno, Nev. drops retardant on the Beckwourth of the High Rollers."

"The High Rollers once again remained dedicated toward the preservation of life and property," tary aircraft occurred on June 25, a month earlier Force, Air Forces Northern. "The unit flew under CLICK HERE FOR STORY ON WEB

challenging conditions while being away from home about 25 percent of the year. I'm proud of The Nevada Air National Guard Modular Air- their efforts and we are grateful to support the in-The year 2021 marks the 49th year for the

2021. They flew a total of 330 sorties and dropped MAFFS program, and it was the second busiest 8,181,017 pounds of retardant (912,042 gallons). MAFFS activation in those 49 years of the C-130 This was 36 percent of the total gallons dropped military aircraft supporting the United States Forfrom the four-unit (8 aircraft) Air Expeditionary est Service. It was a notable season for all MAFFS Group during this fire year. The remaining units crews including the High Rollers from the Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing, Reno, "The Nevada Guard surpassed expectations Nevada; the California Air National Guard's 146th this year," said Col Gary Monroe, AFNORTH's Airlift Wing, Port Hueneme, Calif.; Air Force MAFFS 153rd Air Expeditionary Commander. Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing, Peter-"They were only anticipated to support for 60 days son Air Force Base, Colo.; and the Air National

> homeland and our fellow Americans." The initial activation of MAFFS-equipped mili-

said Lt. Gen. Kirk Pierce, commander, First Air than in 2020 and the earliest activation of MAFFS-Opinion Editorial

July 13, 2021, from McClellan Air Tanker Base, Sacramento, Calif. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

Air National Guard C-130, MAFFS 9 out of Reno, Nev. launches



Complex Fire July 9, 2021 near Frenchman Lake in N. California. Many resources, including the three Air National Guard C-130s--two from Nevada and one from California assisted in battling the Beckwourth Complex Fire in Northern California. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

STHQ News

From the new State Command Airman Perspective: Chief: I Offer you my respect, Operation Allies Welcome: The an opportunity to grow--and 20 year conclusion my time

By Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Brun



Guard and represent you at the state and national lev-I want to thank Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Col. Jer- Vulnerable Afghans find solace in our country, com-

emy Ford, and all the commanders that have offered me opportunities to grow and develop over the years. I want to make a special note about my wife Jeannette – it all, she has been my guiding light and that subtle away from home. I want to thank the Chiefs –Benton, Prizina, Drisdale, Scurry, Martini, Nelan, Kim- but the main one would have to be my children. As a thing, I want to thank the Airmen – you are the ones a safe home with opportunities to thrive. who dedicate yourselves to service a higher calling to be of service to the community and our nation. I am here at this juncture because of all of you and ed here, like running water and a safe, clean place to

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By Airman 1st Class Kathleen Grover

State Headquarters



lift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, at the Philadelphia International Airport, Pennsylvania, September 11, 2021. These families were flown to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, as part of Operation Allies Welcome. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Thomas Cox) On September 11th, 2001 I was 10 years old. I remember getting ready for school and my mom yelling

for me to come see what was going on. Standing at

the foot of her bed, I watched news coverage of some buildings collapsing. My mother was in tears and I was confused. I had no idea that I was about to grow up during our nation's longest war. Enlisting was not a part of my plan at 18, but when I want to say how honored I am to have this oppor- 27 came along it was. And it changed my life. Less tunity to serve the Airmen of the Nevada Air National than 3 short years after enlisting, I was given the opportunity of a lifetime. In a matter of 4 days I packed up my things and headed to Philadelphia to help the

Chaos is the best word to describe the Philadelphia International Airport that day. Everyone was scared, she has been by my side for the last 27 years. Through tired and confused, and by everyone I absolutely mean our service members as well. It was a day filled with voice of reason when I am drifting off course. I want unknowns. Luckily, as a uniformed force, we thrive in to say thank you to my three sons – Joseph, Reed, and chaos and there was a lot of quick thinking individu-Christopher – they have sacrificed a great deal as I was als there making the right decisions at the right times. I was drawn to this mission for many reasons,

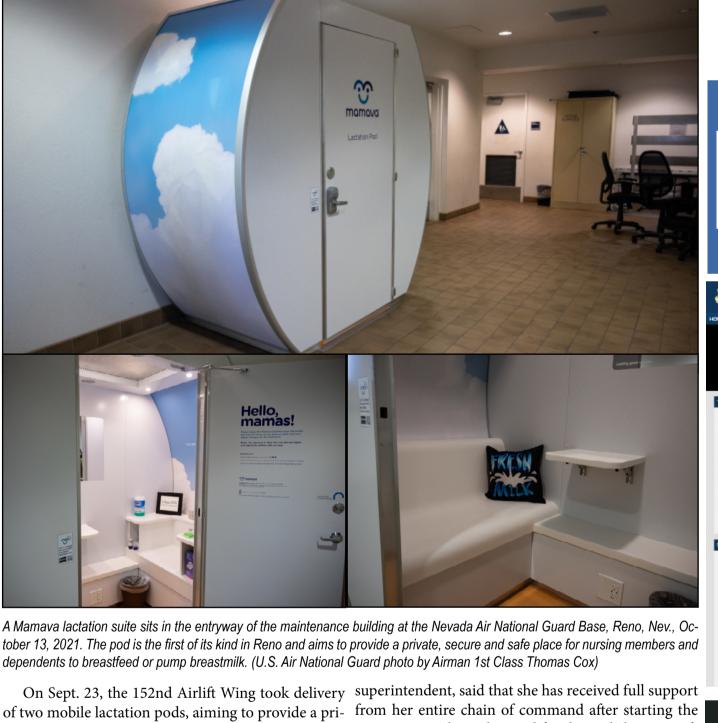
pletely unsure of what was waiting for me.

sey, Warner, Schy, Bright, Wainscoat, and the rest that mother, I know the feeling of doing absolutely whattook the time to guide me along the way. The examples ever it takes to protect your family. So when I arrived set by The First Sergeants and the 152nd Maintainers in Philadelphia, I knew I would do whatever I needed forged my Air National Guard mettle. More than any- to help those families make sure their children found The cultural differences were something I had never experienced before. Things that are taken for grant-

all the opportunities, interactions, and challenges we sleep--were truly celebrated by those coming over. have experienced together. I am grateful for the chance It was an amazing feeling seeing the look of relief in CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY **Supporting Airmen**

Nevada Air Guard installs lactation pods for nursing members and

dependents By Airman 1st Class Thomas Cox 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



vate, secure and safe place for nursing members and conversation about the need for the pods last year after witnessing a member pumping breastmilk in the dependents to breastfeed or pump breastmilk. "These pods are the first of their kind to be stood women's restroom.

Airlift Squadron Senior Combat Systems Officer, mother of two and certified pre- and post-natal yoga instructor. "The procurement of the lactation suites ties of unit and member readiness as well as taking the way for those who come after her."

up in the city of Reno," said Maj. Tiffany Jordan, 192nd

care of our Airmen and families." Already built and ready to be put to use, the first Management, states that supervisors should allow pod is located near the main entrance to Building 9, with the second pod currently scheduled to be located inside of the Operations Building in the near future. The pods can be located and opened using either a member's or dependent's cell phone with the Mamava she no longer has to scramble on a daily basis to find application or with a code that can be given to any

that allows squadron commanders and their Airmen to design and kick-start new projects in order to boost tance with the pods or those interested in the process lethality and readiness across the force. Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Harrell, mother and nifer Harrell, the current point of contact for the lacta-152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production tion suites.

nursing mothers base wide.

Jordan. "Her efforts exhibit equity and promote inclusion which impacts the recruiting and retention of the falls directly in line with the adjutant general's priori- Nevada Air National Guard, she is absolutely leading Air Force Instruction (AFI) 44-102, Medical Care

adequate space to pump," said Jordan. "These lactation suites promote the mental, physical and emotional Funding for the pods came from the Squadron In- health of our organization's mothers and their faminovation Fund Program, a U.S. Air Force program lies." Any members or dependents in need of any assis-

privacy and cleanliness.

of obtaining one can contact Senior Master Sgt. Jen-





responsibilities, further preparing

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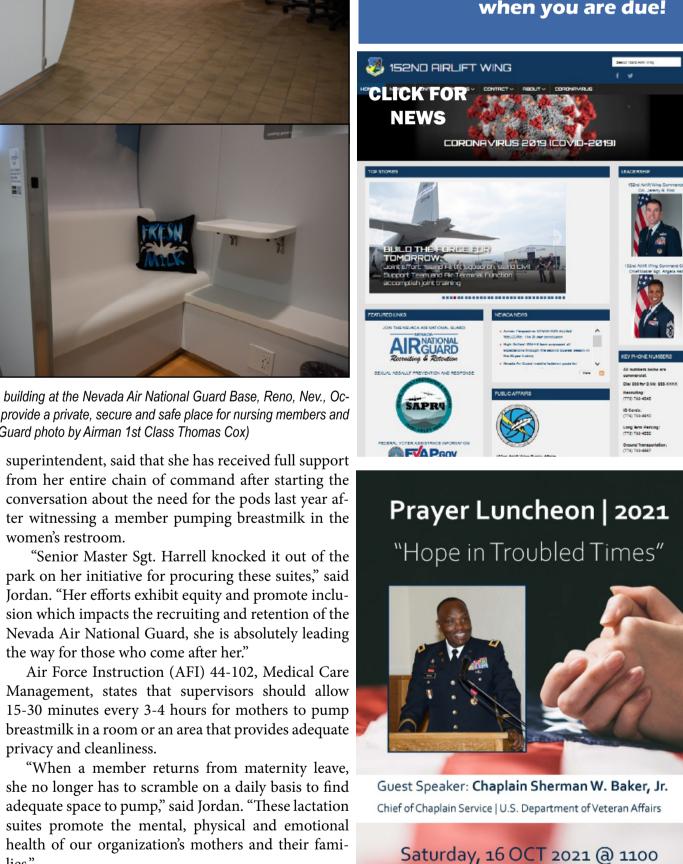
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October 2021 Drill

High Roller Café

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