

Reno native and last RF-4C Nevada Guard aviator Col. Eric Wade to relinquish command of the 152nd Airlift Wing

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Col. Eric Wade, the 152nd Airlift Wing's commander since 2017, is set to hand-off command of the unit to Col. Jacob Hammons during a ceremony 9 a.m. Saturday in the Nevada Air National Guard Base fuel cell hangar. Wade, a Reno High and University of Nevada, Reno graduate who entered the military as a member of the 152nd Reconnaissance Group in 1994, is the last remaining RF-4C aviator in the unit. His career highlights the possibilities the unit provides citizens of Nevada and marks the end of an era in Reno. This month, the High Roller News revisits a feature story the public affairs office wrote when Wade took command in 2017.

Reno native takes reins of 152nd Airlift Wing

For Col. Eric Wade, home means Nevada. However, in 1996, Wade, a Reno High and University of Nevada, Reno graduate, left the sagebrush and the pinyon pine after the 152nd Reconnaissance Group's conversion from RF-4C jets to C-130 aircraft. Following a decade-long active duty tour overseas, though, he returned, and earlier this month became the 22nd commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing, Reno's hometown Air National Guard unit.

Several people, from his mother to longtime friends, mentioned the Reno-native's unique circuitous route



Col. Eric Wade, center, assumed command of the 152nd Airlift Wing during a ceremony April 1, 2017 at the Nevada Air National Guard Base fuel cell hangar in Reno. Wade, a graduate of Reno High and the University of Nevada, Reno, first joined the military in 1993 as weapons system officer for the 152nd Reconnaissance Group in Reno. He replaced Col. Karl Stark, right.

taken in his career, capped with his return to Nevada and command of the unit he first joined 24 years ago.

Deep Reno roots

Wade is a third-generation Nevadan, born in 1968, about three decades after Nevada legalized wide-open gambling in 1931.

His parents met in Reno in the early 1960s, both

employees of Bill Harrah, the nation's largest gambling operator at the time, owner of the Harrah's Club in Reno and Harrah's Tahoe Club. In 1962, Wade's mother, Cindy, started work as the secretary in the research department for Harrah's famed automobile collection. Six months later, Wade's father, Clyde, began work as a mechanic for Harrah. He eventually ran the collection.

"Bill (Harrah) sent my dad all over the world," Wade said. "He'd say, 'Hey, there's a 500K Mercedes in London. Go over there and bid on this thing in auction. Your budget is \$2.2 million and bring it back.' And my dad would go."

Cindy said she also traveled with Harrah on international business trips and got to know the Reno icon on a personal level.

"Physically, he was a tall man and he had a very reserved demeanor," Cindy said of Harrah. "People were so nervous they'd shake before they would meet with him. I'm not kidding. They were afraid... One thing I liked, I knew he wanted happy employees. I always made sure to meet him with a smile. That was important to him. I admired that."

Both Clyde and Cindy worked there until Harrah died in 1978. Holiday Inn purchased the properties and overhauled business operations in 1980. After Harrah died, Cindy worked for the state and Clyde opened an automobile restoration shop.

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Operations News

High Rollers fly with Navy, other services during Resolute Hunter Exercise

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber
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(Top) A C-130 from the 152nd Airlift Wing's 192nd Airlift Squadron does a low cost low altitude drop over the range at Fallon Naval Air Station, Nev. during Exercise Resolute Hunter, a joint training exercise on Oct. 23. (Below) Staff Sgt. Joe Smith and Staff Sgt. Taylor Poulin recover and pack up the dropped package and parachute. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

The 192nd Airlift Squadron participated in Exercise Resolute Hunter at the Naval Air Station Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) from Oct. 21 to 25. The Fallon Naval Air Station (NAS Fallon) and Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) are the Navy's premier Weapon Tactics Instructor (WTI) schools and they're located well within flying distance for the High Rollers out of Reno.

"This Range complex has some of the most advanced enemy threat emitters in the world," said Maj. Kyle Carraher, a pilot with the 192nd Airlift Squadron, "and the training is as realistic as you can get. We want to bolster our relationship with the entities in Fallon so we can train smarter and more effectively. This is an extraordinary opportunity to support their objectives while meeting our internal training requirements."

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Fire Dept. News

Nevada Air National Guard Fire Department on "fire" at the Beer and Chili Festival

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



Senior Airman Bryce Fording (Left) and Tech. Sgt. David Morris (right) of the Nevada Air National Guard Fire Department get ready to serve their prize-winning chili at the Beer and Chili Festival at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino on Oct. 19th. (Courtesy photo)

The Grand Sierra Resort and Casino held its annual Beer and Chili festival on October 19th and 20th and the Nevada Air National Guard firefighters walked away winners.

Tech. Sgt David Morris and Senior Airman Bryce Fording took first place in the Firehouse Chili Challenge on October 20th competing in a chili contest against five other local fire departments. The competitors: Reno, Carson City, Sparks, Truckee Meadows, and Storey County Fire Departments.

Nevada Air Guard's entry into the contest (a recipe by Morris) was chosen as the People's Choice winner meaning that people attending the festival voted that the Nevada Air National Guard Fire Department's chili was the best of all the six fire departments.

They won \$500.00 to donate to the charity of their choice--Honor Flight Nevada--which helps to bring military veterans to see the memorials in Washington D.C.

This is the second time that they have participated in this event and marks the second time that they walked away with the People's Choice award.

Congratulations!

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Halloween News

2019 Haunted Hangars

By Mr. Fred Barton
Airman & Family Readiness



Master Sgt. April Apo and the Aceves family stop for a quick photo in front of the Maintenance Hangar during the Haunted Hangars event held at the Nevada Air National Guard Base on Oct. 25. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

The Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager, and the Nevada Army National Guard Child & Youth Coordinator hosted a Kids Halloween event on October 25, 2019 at the Nevada Air National Guard Base. Adults and Kids dressed up like ghosts, goblins, action heroes and various other very creative Halloween Costumes, taking part in activities and games at the "Haunted Hangars" that included bean-bag toss, pumpkin decorating and hay rides.

This year's event was attended by the 152nd Airlift Wing Commander, Vice Commander, Group Commanders and Squadron Commanders and 475 Nevada Air and Army National Guard members and their families. The Nevada Air National Guard Family Programs and the Army National Guard Child and Youth Program could never coordinate an event of this magnitude without support from our local community partners. Special Thanks goes to Northern Nevada United Service Organizations (USO) for donating all the Food, Drinks and 300 pumpkins. Also, a special thanks go to the following supporting organizations:

Airlift Wing Morale, Welfare and Recreation group for donating all the candy, Force Support Squadron for cooking all the food, Security Forces Squadron for keeping everyone safe and maintaining traffic control and parking, SANGA committee members for helping during this event, the New West Distributing, for donating drinks, Reno chapter of the American Red Cross for serving all the food, Blue Star mothers of Northern Nevada, for making popcorn and cotton candy, Military OneSource, Nevada Army National Guard Family Assistance, 152nd Airlift Wing Key Volunteers and numerous Nevada National Guard members and spouses.

After the event all the votes were tallied and the following Groups or Squadrons won in the following categories: People's choice: Medical Group. Scariest: Small Air Terminal. Most Creative: Intel Squadron. Thanks for everyone who participated to make this an exciting, memorable and fun event for all who attended!

Another Leadership Learning Opportunity
FOUR MORE of John Maxwell's 26 Leadership Nuggets

November 2-3, 2019

Saturday 0945-1245 / Sunday 0830-1615
Location: Maintenance Classroom Main Hangar
"Gaining leadership insight is a lot like mining for gold. You don't set out to look for the dirt. You look for the nuggets!"

You will find them here! These are the chapters that will be offered:

- "Get in The Zone and Stay There"
- "The Best Leaders Are Listeners"
- "To See How The Leaders is Doing, Look At The People"

... and many many more!
Sign up with the Wing Human Resource Advisor (HRA),
Chief Master Sgt. Angela Ash @ angela.d.ash.mil@mail.mil

Seats are extremely limited to 25-30 per class, so please sign up ASAP!!

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Diversity News

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

By Tech. Sgt. Adam Willett
152nd Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity



Honoring our nations: Building strength through understanding

November is National American Indian Heritage Month. It is a time to reflect on the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of American Indians and Alaskan Natives, the first people of the United States. The theme for 2019 National American Indian Heritage month, as provided by the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is, "Honoring Our Nations: Building Strength Through Understanding"

American Indians and Alaskan Natives have served our nation valiantly and with distinction in times of peace and war for over 200 years. They serve at a high rate, with nearly 50 percent of all American Indians and Alaskan Natives in the military serving in the U.S. Navy. The Navy also has the highest concentration of female Service members when compared to other ethnic groups.

In this year's design, the DEOMI Special Observance team highlighted the names of the 573 federally recognized tribal nations. The eagle was chosen as the focal point because it is highly revered and considered sacred within American Indian and Alaskan Native traditions, culture, and religion. The eagle represents truth, courage, wisdom, power, and freedom.

In 1924, Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act. In 1986 Congress passed and President Ronald Reagan signed the proclamation authorizing American Indian Week. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush designated November as National American Indian Heritage Month. After 100 years of efforts to establish it, National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize native cultures and educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of the American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

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 9B, call 788-4649, or email Tech. Sgt. Adam Willett, Equal Opportunity Specialist. adam.willett.mil@mail.mil

WHAT ARE WE EATING?

Check out our mobile App for the menu!

Come Join Us In Celebrating the Retirement of Sergeant Larry Dee Vaughn's 36 Years of Military Service

What A Party in Larry's Honor plus Food and Drinks
When: Friday 5 November 2019 @ 1730
Where: SANGA, 1778 National Guard Way, Reno, NV, 89502
Why: Because who else do you know that has served under 36 different US Presidents and has seen the fall of the Soviet Union.
Cost: \$15 (for Dinner catered by Q&B)
POC: TSGi Doctor- Arribaga, 788-4164
Mgt: Mike Shuler 788-4765
RSVP: COB NET 28 October 2019

Become a Pilot or Combat Systems Officer...

DO YOU HAVE THE "RIGHT STUFF?"

There will be a Hiring Board for C-130 Pilot and Combat Systems Officers November 2-3 of local air drill. We are looking for highly motivated, hard-charging individuals who want to join the best tactical 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 applicants
- Enrolled in your final Bachelor's degree semester
- Flight time preferred
- Competitive AFQOT 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

Lodging Information

For the hotel location members can contact Services' billing office at: 775-788-9320 or usaf.nv.152-aw.list.lodging@mail.mil

Members must sign-in with the hotel representatives to ensure they are accounted for in the rooms. Failure to sign-in or not showing up for a confirmed reservation will result in by-name notification to AW/CC. The cut-off day for reserving a room is COB three days prior to drill. The cut-off day to cancel reservations is COB two days prior to drill.

Members are authorized Friday night stays if they are outside the commuting distance. Please see the map on OneHome.

Members on any of their orders will make their own reservations and pay for it on their GTC. Services provides at least two base billing list updates during the month to provide a list of members who are currently signed up for lodging.

All RUTA lodging requests must be submitted NLT 72 hours before needed and all RUTA lodging is provided at Stead. If member goes elsewhere or does not notify Services in advance, charges will not be reimbursed. If a member in any type of orders, the member will make their own reservations and pay for it on their GTC. The member then will be reimbursed on their travel voucher with the receipt.