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February Drill Outlook





Upcoming Events

1-2 March March UTA
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Outstanding Airmen of the Year recognized at Nevada Air National Guard annual ceremony

Story by Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Photos by Tech. Sgt. Albert Valladares | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Members of the Nevada Air National Guard gathered in the Fuel Cell Hangar at the Nevada Air National Guard Base on Jan. 11, 2025 to celebrate the outstanding Airmen from 2024. (Top image) Col. Catherine Grush, 152nd Airlift Wing Commander presents the Airlift Wing Commanders Excellence Award to Jeanne Morrow, the 152nd Airlift Wing Director of Psychological Health during the awards ceremony. (Bottom Left) Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Harrell presents the "Chiefs Award" to Fred Barton, retired Nevada Air National Guard Military and Family Programs Manager during the awards ceremony. (Bottom Right)

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Nev. -- The Nevada Air National Guard held its Annual Awards Ceremony recognizing the 2024 top performers on Jan. 11, 2025, at the Nevada Air National Guard Base Fuel Cell Hangar. Around 800 members, friends, family and civilians attended the ceremony.

This is the second year that the Nevada Air National Guard combined the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet with the Annual Awards Ceremony for cost savings and enhanced camaraderie. Also for the second year in a row, The Retro Radio Dolls, an all singing, all dancing female close harmony trio, added an upbeat touch with energetic performances.

The safety office presented the Colonel Mervin T. Johnson Memorial Trophy. This award was estab-

lished to recognize those individuals who contribute to the 152nd Airlift Wing's mission success and safety. Tragically, the unit lost Colonel Johnson in an aircraft accident in 1969.

This year, the safety award was presented to the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Fuels Shop. Tech. Sgt. Marco Godoy-Gomez and Tech. Sgt. Kelly Burns accepted the award on behalf of the shop.

On May 2, 2024, the Fuels Shop personnel demonstrated exceptional responsiveness and resourcefulness when a sampler valve broke on an R-11 refueler. They swiftly proceeded to safely triage the situation to prevent a large-scale environmental incident. Additionally, their proactive approach in obtaining con-

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tainment for the continual flow of Jet A, along with their expertise in utilizing absorbents, showcased their preparedness and competency; this was reinforced by the minimal loss of product which did not exceed the reportable threshold of 25 gallons. Their outstanding performance gained them recognition from Yvonne Downs, 152nd Airlift Wing Environmental Manager.

In addition to the various awards presented, one particular Airman was presented with the Medal of Valor for an act of extraordinary heroism and risking life to protect or save others. The medal honored demonstration of exceptional courage in a life-threatening situation going above and beyond the call of duty to safeguard human life.

Senior Airman Willem J. Cruz, an Air Transportation Speciliast assigned to the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Small Air Terminal section, distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at the University of Nevada Las Vegas on December 6, 2023, during an active shooter incident in the Beam Hall building on campus. Cruz's citation read, "Amid the chaos, Cruz kept his composure, instructing peers and the professor on proper lockdown procedures while ensuring no outsider threats could breach the room. Once the room was secured, he departed the classroom to help secure the entire building, which consisted of five floors. This prevented further loss of life and saved hundreds of others. Cruz exemplified incredible courage despite the magnitude of the situation, kept bearing equanimity, and was the voice of reason for peers and staff members. Additionally, Cruz provided campus security and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department real-time updates from a strategic position for over four hours and assisted law enforcement's clearing efforts by managing a team that operated checkpoints and directed people to the evacuation points. After the active shooter threat was neutralized, the Airman escorted the remaining students and staff to their dormitories and vehicles. Following the incidents, the Airman assisted people in retrieving their personal effects and helped secure the area, which preserved investigation efforts."

The winners of the Outstanding Airmen of the Year were presented in each of these categories: Airman of



Brig. Gen. David Chauvin, Asst. Adjutant General for Nevada National Guard awards the Medal of Valor to Senior Airman Willem Jiro C. Cruz, an Air Transportation Specialist assigned to the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Small Air Terminal function, for his courageous acts during an active shooter incident at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

the Year, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Company Grade Officer of the Year and First Sergeant of the Year.

Senior Airman Andrew Durano, a flight engineer with the 192nd Airlift Squadron was selected as the Airman of the Year, Staff Sgt. Angela Crawford, a Public Affairs Specialist assigned to State Headquarters was selected as Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and Master Sgt. Joseph Smith, also a flight engineer with the 152nd Operations Support Squadron was selected as the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Capt. Dylan Weber, a pilot with the 192nd Airlift Squadron was selected as the Company Grade Officer of the Year and Master Sgt. Marissa Moreno, assigned to the 152nd Security Forces Squadron secured First Sergeant of the Year.

Going forward, these winners will represent the Nevada Air National Guard at regional and national Airmen of the Year competitions.

Other various awards, such as the Recruiter of the Year Award, Unit Career Advisor of the Year, Chief's Council Award, and the Commander's Excellence Awards were also presented at the ceremony. Altogether 15 awards were presented to Airmen and sections across the Nevada Air National Guard.





Catherine M. Grush



Chief Master Sergeant Jeffrey D. Linton



ARGUARD February NCO Call

Purpose:

Join the 5/6 Council for an open discussion with our wing leadership as they share their vision and expectations for the future. This is a unique opportunity to engage directly with leadership, gain insight into their goals, and ask questions in an open Q&A session. Your voice matters, and your participation is key to fostering collaboration and growth. Don't miss this chance to connect, contribute, and make a difference—maximum participation is encouraged!

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Military service in Nevada Legislature highlights state service, bipartisanship

Story by Capt. Emerson Marcus | Nevada National Guard Public Affairs Published Jan. 29, 2025



Michelee "Shelly" Cruz-Crawford, a first lieutenant in the Nevada Air National Guard and State Senator in the Nevada Legislature poses for a photo at her desk in the Nevada Senate, Jan. 14, 2025. Cruz-Crawford was elected to the Nevada State Senate last November and is set to take part in her first State Legislative Session, which opens Monday, Feb. 3, and lasts through June.

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CARSON CITY, Nev. , Michelee "Shelly" Cruz-Crawford sought ways to give back to Nevada at the onset of the pandemic and civil unrest in 2020.

That's when, at the age of 37, she joined the Nevada Air National Guard. "My husband was in the Army; stepdad was in the Army; father-in-law in Marines; cousins in the Air Force," said Cruz-Crawford, a principal at Ronnow Elementary School in Las Vegas and first lieutenant in the Nevada Air National Guard. "It was always something I was familiar with throughout my life — even it if was from the outside looking in."

In addition to her position as a principal, she is also a traditional Guardswoman — one drill weekend of service each month — working as the Equal Opportunity Officer for the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, in Reno. About 75 percent of the

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4,500 Nevada Guardsmen work as traditional or reserve Guardsmen who also work other careers in the community.

But running a school and working in the military isn't all Cruz-Crawford does for the state of Nevada.

Last November, she was elected State Senator in District 1 (Las Vegas), now preparing to serve in her first Nevada Legislative Session, which opens Monday in Carson City. This will be the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session with 21 members in the Senate and 42 in the Assembly. Nevada lawmakers convene every other year for four months.

Military service, bipartisanship in Nevada

Cruz-Crawford, a Democrat, is not alone when it comes to Nevada legislators with military service. She fills the seat previously owned by State Sen. Pat Spearman, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army who termed out this past election.

She's also not the only current member with Nevada National Guard experience. State Assemblyman Ken Gray, Republican, of Dayton, is a retired chief master sergeant from the Nevada Air National Guard.

According to Nevada Legislative Council Bureau's Research Division, at least 18 Nevada legislators noted service in the National Guard going back to statehood in 1864. These records don't mention affiliation in the State Militia, the precursor to the National Guard, so that number could be higher. The State Militia across the nation started to commonly refer to itself as the National Guard in the early 20th Century.

Of the 18 noted with National Guard service in the LCB's report, party affiliation was split 50:50 with nine Republicans and nine Democrats.

The LCB's records dating back to statehood noted 170 legislators with military service in either the active duty, Reserves or National Guard, with war service spanning the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and wars in the Middle East. Of those, 85 were Democrat, 82 were Republican, one served different terms with both parties and three were aligned with non-major parties, according to LCB research. Three current members have noted military service experience, including Cruz-Crawford, Gray, and Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva (U.S. Marines, 2004-2008), the LCB research showed.

"In the military you must be able to get along and work with everyone," said Gray, who enters his second legislative session after serving on the Lyon County Board of Commissioners, 2017-2022. He is a member of the Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs. "In the military and in politics, you must be able to effectively work with people across all sorts of disparate backgrounds... I would like to see more Guard members get involved (with state politics)."

The Nevada National Guard along with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services will be at the Legislature on March 19 for Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature, known as VAMDAL, a chance for veterans and current members of the military to speak with their lawmakers in Carson City.

Today, Nevada leans Democratic in its bicameral legislature, but to get laws passed this session, they will have to work with a Republican Governor, Joe Lombardo, a former Nevada Army National Guard cavalry officer most well-known for his work later in his career as the sheriff of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Lieutenant Crawford goes to Carson City

Two weeks before the session, Cruz-Crawford has already moved into her new office with a residence in the state capital.

It's been a whirlwind since her election last week that swept her into office.

"I wasn't even here in the state when I was elected," said Cruz-Crawford, who left for Keisler Air Force Base two days before the election to attend a U.S. Air Force personnel training course. "So many people were so stressed out about the election. By that point, I had done everything I could to get elected, and I got to just focus on schoolwork and training and got to process everything in a less stressful way.

"It was perfect timing for my job training. I was happy to be gone," said Crawford-Cruz, who was also previously elected to the Nevada Board of Regents in 2022.

While she continues a long line of Nevada Guardsmen and women to serve in the Nevada Legislature, Cruz-Crawford is the lone active member of the Nevada National Guard this Legislative Session. She says she's ready for the four-month session and looks forward to work as chair of the Natural Resources Committee and member of both the Education Committee, and Revenue and Economic Development Committee.

"I am excited to be there as a bridge to understand the impacts on our students," she said. "My career passion has always been education. My new background in the military makes me more well-rounded for this role in the Nevada Senate, and I can't wait to also bring a greater understanding of our military and the Nevada National Guard to the conversation during this year's Legislative Session in Carson City."



Nevada Air National Guard Chief's Council assists the Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Albert Valladares | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



RENO Nev. (January 17, 2025) - Nine Members of the Nevada Air National Guard, NVANG, Chief's Council volunteered at the Food Bank of Northern Nevada warehouse at USA Parkway, 45 Miles East of Sparks, Nev. Chief Master Sgt. Joshua Leggett, the flight engineer senior enlisted leader assigned to the 192nd Airlift Squadron, planned the event with the Food Bank to bring his fellow chiefs in to give back to the community.

In roughly two hours, the chiefs and a group of civilians were able to package and store 567 cases of food on 13.5 pallets totaling 17,945 pounds of food.

Leggett expressed his gratitude for the Chief's Council.

He reflected on the importance to give back to the community. "This is a good way to give back," Leggett said, "We have Airmen who also use the Food Bank, this is just part of being a leader and always continuing to be there for our Airmen and our community."

For more information on volunteer opportunities with the Chiefs Council, please reach out to Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton, 152nd Airlift Wing Command Chief.



City of Sparks Mayor awarded with ESGR Award

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Albert Valladares | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



SPARKS Nev. (January 27, 2025) - The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Service Member Patriot Award was given to Ed Lawson, Mayor of the City of Sparks, at Sparks City Hall, Nev.

The Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures Including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence, if needed.

Mayor Lawson was nominated by Lt. Col. Nicolo Danna, a State Judge Advocate assigned to Nevada Na-



tional Guard State Headquarters.

During the ceremony, Lawson described Danna's excellent work habits to the city council. He said it's easy to support service members, like Danna, because of their work ethic and guaranteed contributions.

"I will always gladly support troops like Danna," Lawson said, "Because receiving such an award by the military is much more valuable, because of my great respect for Danna and all of our Service Members."



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What's happening in High Roller Country!?? PROMOTIONS





Senior Master Sgt. Marcus Eisemann was promoted to Chief! Master Sgt. Denice Tom was promoted to senior master sergeant! Congratulations to both of you! Great Job!!!



BREAKING NEWS

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Key Spouse Program Rebranded

The Department of the Air Force recently announced the Key Spouse Program is changing to the Commander's Key Support Program.

The updated program expands opportunities for Airmen, federal employees and family members to contribute to their units, allowing anyone interested, irrespective of marital status, to hold roles as long as volunteer duties do not conflict with primary responsibilities. Volunteers will now be identified as Key Support Liaisons.

In addition to a new name, the program incorporates new readiness, resource and connectedness objectives designed to help commanders meet the needs of the modern family.

For more information contact:

Angie Solberg Key Support Mentor (775) 781-0027 1<u>52cksp@gmail.com</u>





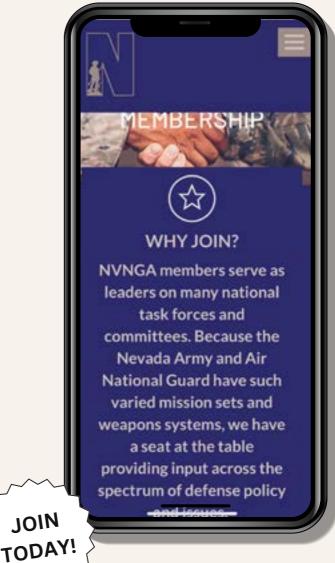
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MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM MHS GENESIS

The Military Health System's new Electronic Health Record

MHS GENESIS PATIENT PORTAL

The MHS GENESIS Patient Portal is a secure website for 24/7 access to yours or your dependents health information, exchange messages with your care team, and sending in outside records. The new patient portal is replacing the TRICARE Online Secure Patient Portal. You will be required to have a DS Logon or CAC.

To access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal:

- Google "MHS GENESIS Patient Portal" or scan the QR Code below if you wish to access from your phone.
 - \circ $\;$ If accessing from your phone, you will need the Microsoft Authenticator app



- After scanning the QR Code, be sure to open it up in a browser so you can navigate to the Authenticator application.
- Log on with DS Logon or CAC.
 - If you do not have a DS Logon, click "Create New Account" and it will prompt you to create one.

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