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Nevada National Guard

Biennial Report 2019-2020

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Cover photo: Senior Airman Dawn Harris, 152nd Medical Group, Nevada Air Guard, prepares COVID-19 test sample kits at Carson High School, May 5, 2020. (Photo by Brad Horn, Nevada State photographer)

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Back page: Sgt. Conor Czyniejewski, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Nevada Army Guard, heads toward the finish line during the 2019 Nevada State Best Warrior Competition in Hawthorne in March 2019. Czyniejewski won the 12-mile road march in 2 hours, 30 minutes. (Photo by Sgt. Walter Lowell)

Letter to the Governor



THE HONORABLE STEVE SISOLAK
Governor of Nevada



MAJ. GEN. ONDRA BERRY
The Adjutant General

The Honorable Steve Sisolak
Governor of Nevada
Nevada Capitol
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Gov. Steve Sisolak,

Pursuant to N.R.S 412.052(2), I am pleased to present you with the Nevada Office of the Military biennial report for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. This publication chronicles the primary missions and achievements of the Nevada Guard during the past two years and provides an update on the recent activities of the state's Army Guard and Air Guard units. The report also records the Nevada Guard's fiscal accounting for 2019 and 2020 and outlines the future goals and objectives of the organization.

In cooperation with many of its Nevada state partners, the Nevada Guard was in the forefront of the state's unprecedented 2020 COVID-19 health response. The coronavirus health response proved to be the largest domestic response in state history, with more than 25 percent of the National Guard called to duty in the spring and summer of 2020 to assist the state's citizens during the global pandemic. The call to duty of more than 1,200 Guardsmen while the Nevada Guard concurrently fulfilled five international Army Guard deployments on three continents as the Air Guard continued to support the western United States' wildfire battle once again underscored the vast capabilities and versatility of the Silver State's National Guard.

On behalf of the Nevada Guard's 4,400 airmen and soldiers, I forward our sincere appreciation for the unparalleled support our Guardsmen receive from the state's political leadership, its civilian employers and our local communities. I am very grateful for the state's contributions toward the completion of the Speedway Readiness Center and know we are both pleased to see this state-of-the-art training and readiness resource become a reality.

I am proud of the accomplishments and efforts of the Nevada Guard during the past two years -- especially this past year in the midst of the global pandemic -- and I guarantee the Nevada Guard will continue to fulfill our commitments in the same conscientious and professional manner we've maintained since the Nevada Guard's inception in 1861 following the Nevada Organic Act.

My first year as the Nevada Guard's Adjutant General was certainly memorable and challenging. I hope the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is over but the Nevada Guard remains ready to respond to whatever may occur next, regardless the location or circumstance. For 159 years now, we've remained "Always Ready, Always There" for the citizens of Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ondra Berry".

Ondra L. Berry
Major General
Nevada Office of the Military
The Adjutant General

National Guard Overview

The National Guard does three things extraordinarily well: fight America's wars, protect the homeland, and build global and domestic partnerships. At the same time, the Guard provides localized emergency response to natural and civil upheavals.

National Guard soldiers and airmen are dedicated to readiness and service. Their innovative civilian skills complement military training in operations both overseas and at home. This unique combination of civilian and military experience along with close ties to our communities pays dividends for American taxpayers.

Fighting America's Wars

For nearly two decades of combat, the Guard has demonstrated its reliability, accessibility and cost-effectiveness. Today's National Guard members clearly understand the likelihood they will be deployed in service to their country.

As the nature of warfare evolves over time, the National Guard will remain adaptable as it plans and prepares to operate seamlessly alongside active-duty Army and Air Force service members. The organization also enables experienced soldiers and airmen who separate from active duty to continue to contribute their skills in service to the nation and state.

Protecting the Homeland

When it comes to responding to domestic emergencies, the Guard — operating under the command of the governor — provides unique, time-tested expertise.

Before natural or man-made incidents strike, National Guard soldiers and airmen work closely with civic and private industry leaders in their local communities to forge relationships.

When the scope of an incident is beyond the capacity of local and state responders, the Guard's dual status as both state militia and federal reserve of the Army and Air Force helps ensure seamless integration of federal personnel and resources in support of civilian incident leaders.

The National Guard also supports U.S. Northern Command, protecting the skies over America and providing immediate response to attacks involving weapons of mass destruction.



PHOTO BY SGT 1ST CLASS ERICK STUDENICKA

Nevada Guard sets up COVID-19 sample collection stations in front of the Nevada Legislature on the first day of the state's 31st Special Session, July 8, 2020.

Building Global and Domestic Partnerships

On a daily basis, the National Guard strengthens its partnerships with civilian communities at home and military allies around the world. The State Partnership Program, or SPP, builds personal relationships between Americans and leaders in

developing nations that support the goals of our combatant commanders and the State Department. The Nevada Guard is teamed with the Kingdom of Tonga and, as of 2019, the island nation of Fiji.

Today, there are 78 state partnerships with 84 nations. Since 2003, more than a dozen nations have co-deployed with U.S. National Guard forces to Iraq and Afghani-



PHOTO BY 1ST LT EMERSON MARCUS

Gen. Joseph Lengyel, left, chief of the National Guard Bureau, meets with Nevada Guard leadership at the Reno Air National Guard Base, Jan. 27, 2020.

stan. Additional benefits of the SPP include economic expansion, agricultural development and educational exchanges. National Guard civilian expertise in areas such as engineering, infrastructure development and reconstruction are in great demand with nations eager to partner with America.

At home, the National Guard is part of the DNA of every community. Guard service members serve in the same communities in which they live and work. This makes Guard soldiers and airmen personally invested in the communities in which they serve.

Accountability

As the National Guard fights America's wars, protects the homeland and builds partnerships, it does so as an affordable and accountable force.

Today's unprecedented National Guard readiness posture as part of the Total Force offers options to preserve both capability and capacity rather than choose between them. The National Guard is a cost-effective, proven military outfit capable of rapidly generating forces and quickly returning them to inactive status.

The National Guard has a long-standing reputation for exceptional performance in the eyes of the American public, and because of that the force recruits the best and brightest Americans. Guard soldiers and

airmen are held to the highest personal and professional standards.

Summary

The National Guard performs three critical defense duties for America: fighting America's wars, protecting the homeland and building global and domestic partnerships. After two decades of fighting abroad, side-by-side, the Guard is seamless with

the active Army and Air Force, more of an operational force than its traditional use as a strategic reserve. The Guard is more ready and more accessible than at any other time in its history.

Now, more than ever, the National Guard remains "Always Ready, Always There." That's why investing defense dollars in the National Guard is a win-win for American security and the American taxpayers.

National/Nevada Guard Fast Facts

- The National Guard has supported more than 1 million individual overseas mobilizations since 9/11.
- National Guard forces logged more than 2.1 million man-days in fiscal year 2019 supporting state and federal homeland missions such as natural disasters, search and rescue and explosive ordnance disposal.
- The Nevada Guard completed 171 coronavirus specific domestic support missions in 2020. The mission locations ranged across the state from Stateline in the west, West Wendover in the east, McDermitt in the north, and Laughlin in the south.
- The Nevada Guard transported personal protective equipment to 838 care facilities across the state in 2020. Nevada soldiers and airmen delivered a total of 2 million K/N95 masks, 3.5 million surgical masks, 8.3 million pairs of gloves and 1.1 million hospital gowns.
- Nevada Guardsmen helped distribute 2.9 million meals to Silver State families during the state's COVID-19 response in 2020.

Nevada National Guard at a Glance

The National Guard of the United States encompasses the Army and Air National Guard from the 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia.

The history of the National Guard has evolved over the course of four centuries from local militia in Massachusetts in 1636 to a force with a dual federal and state mission. But one factor remains: service.

The birth of the Nevada militia coincided with the American Civil War. Nevada was “Battle Born” in 1864. The first known Nevada militia unit, the “Union Blues,” organized after Nevada gained territorial status in 1861 to “overawe outbreaks of secessionists” and the “maintenance of our present, political life.”

During the early 20th century, Congress passed laws — the Militia Act (1903) and the National Defense Act (1916) — increasing federal standards of each National Guard and giving the president authority to mobilize the National Guard in time of war. In 1973, the Total Force Policy was enacted, requiring that all active-duty and reserve components be treated as an integrated fighting force.

The Nevada Guard expanded in the post-World War II era with the creation of the Nevada Air Guard in 1948 — originally as a fighter squadron that deployed during the Korean War — along with several mission evolutions of the Nevada Army Guard, from anti-aircraft defense to a tanker force and



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MATT GREINER

A Nevada Army Guard Lakota helicopter, left, parks on the flightline at the Reno Air National Guard Base nearby a Nevada Air Guard C-130 H3, March 11, 2020. The Lakota aircrew performed a flyover of the base with wildlife experts during the annual Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard assessment.

into today’s focus on military sustainment.

The Nevada Office of the Military, headquartered today at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City, provides military organization, guidance and overall administration

for the Nevada Guard. Nevada’s governor is the commander-in-chief for the state and may order the Nevada Guard into action during natural disasters or in times of potential unrest when the safety of its citizens is at risk. As of September 2019, Nevada’s adjutant general is Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry. The adjutant general is the governor’s advisor on all military matters concerning the Nevada Guard and is responsible for oversight of all Nevada Guard activities and personnel. Brig. Gen. Glen Martel is the commander of the Nevada Air Guard and Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser is the commander of the Nevada Army Guard.

The 2020 total of 4,478 uniformed personnel in the Nevada Guard was an increase from the 2018 force of 4,256.

At the end of the 2020 fiscal year, the Nevada Guard included 3,290 soldiers and 1,188 airmen. Of the soldiers, 2,876 were enlisted, 324 were officers and 90 were warrant officers. Of the airmen, 1,006 were enlisted and 182 were officers. The state’s Guardsmen commit to participate in military training one weekend a month and 15 days each year in their respective military occupations and career fields.

As of Sept. 30, 2020, the Nevada Guard



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MATT GREINER

The Reno Air National Guard Base is adjacent to the south runway of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport has housed the majority of the state’s Air National Guard personnel since 1954. Today, the 64-acre base is home to the 152nd Airlift Wing and the 152nd Intelligence Squadron.

included 424 full-time federal technicians and 515 Active Guard and Reserve, or AGR, personnel stationed throughout the state supporting traditional Guardsmen and the Nevada Guard's military equipment. AGR personnel serve full-time and earn the same benefits as active duty military members while technicians earn federal employee benefits. About 80 temporary technicians are usually employed in jobs that can be extended, dependent on the budget.

The Nevada Guard is the most visible military entity in Nevada with armories and facilities in six of the state's 16 counties and state capital with 11 primary bases, armories and readiness centers.

In addition to headquarters' soldiers, the Nevada Army Guard includes the 17th Sus-

tainment Brigade; the Aviation Troop Command; 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry; the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; the 421st Regional Training Institute; a Recruiting and Retention Battalion and a Medical



Soldiers move protective equipment in Las Vegas during the state's COVID-19 response, May 2020.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RYAN GETSIE

Detachment.

The Nevada Air Guard is composed of the 152nd Airlift Wing and 152nd Intelligence Squadron in Reno and the 232nd Operations Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

The majority of Nevada airmen work at the 64-acre base on the southwest corner of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport supporting tactical airlift missions with C-130 aircraft and at the 152nd Intelligence Squadron facility. About 60 airmen work in southern Nevada at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas operating the Virtual Test and Training Center simulator for various U.S. Air Force aircraft.

The organization remains ready and prepared to expand as needed to meet Nevada's future military requirements.



Nevadans Around the Globe

After a lull in international deployments in the previous biennium, the Nevada Army Guard experienced its busiest mobilization surge since 2011 and had five units deployed on three continents for most of 2020. The five units included more than 200 Army Guard soldiers. The Nevada Air Guard also deployed about 300 airmen for its largest deployment cycle in recent history.

Overseas Deployments

The 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company based in Henderson ignited the flurry of deployment activity. Before its departure in August 2019, the last Nevada Army Guard unit to deploy abroad was the 485th Military Police Company. The 485th spent 2016-2017 in Kuwait.

The 3665th spent about 11 months in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, and it returned to Nevada in July 2020. About 30 soldiers were on the mission to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel. While in Afghanistan, the unit defused unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices.

After months of preparation, about 30 soldiers in G Company, 2/238th Aviation based in Reno joined the 3665th in Afghanistan in September 2019 to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The aviation soldiers operated and maintained a fleet of UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters while in Asia and specialized in medical evacuation missions. The unit has deployed to Afghanistan four times since 2001.



A Nevada Army Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter with G Company, 2/238th Aviation flies over mountains in Afghanistan during the unit's deployment in 2020.

The roughly 30 soldiers who departed in September 2019 returned to Nevada in summer 2020. Another group of 30 G Company soldiers rotated into Afghanistan in May 2020 to replace the first group of aviation soldiers. The second group promises to return to the Silver State by spring 2021.

About 60 B Company, 1/189th Aviation

soldiers based in Reno departed to Kuwait in October 2019 to support Central Command's Operation Spartan Shield. B Company operates and maintains the state's CH-47F Chinook helicopters. The Chinook is capable of an array of aerial missions transporting personnel and cargo. It can carry up to 44 troops and hoist up to 13 tons. Those soldiers returned to Nevada in autumn 2020.

The headquarters element of the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion located in Reno sent about 70 soldiers to Poland in January 2020 to support European Command's Operation Assured Response. Although its European base is in Poland, the battalion's soldiers are dispersed in several countries. The battalion's soldiers specialize in the oversight of subordinate transportation, maintenance and security elements. The 70 soldiers will return in winter 2021.

Det. 3, Company B, 2/641st Aviation is the Reno unit that maintains and operates the Nevada Army Guard's lone fixed-wing aircraft, a C-12 Huron. Most of the tiny detachment's soldiers deployed to Djibouti in January 2020 to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel within Africa Command's area of responsibility. This is the fourth foreign deployment since 2001 for the detach-



Staff Sgt. Michael Pacheco of the 3665th Ordnance Company trains for future ordnance disposal scenarios while deployed in Afghanistan in the spring of 2020. The unit returned to Henderson in the summer of 2020 and reported no serious injuries or casualties during its year-long deployment abroad.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JONATHAN ALDENMAN

A C-130 from the 152nd Airlift Wing equipped with U.S. Forest Service MAFFS II (Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System) positions to drop water as part of a MAFFS training and recertification at Grand Canyon Hills, Colorado, May 6, 2019. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen from Wyoming, Colorado, California and Nevada train together annually with the U.S. Forest Service for aerial firefighting.

ment, making it one of the most-heavily deployed units in the Nevada Army Guard.

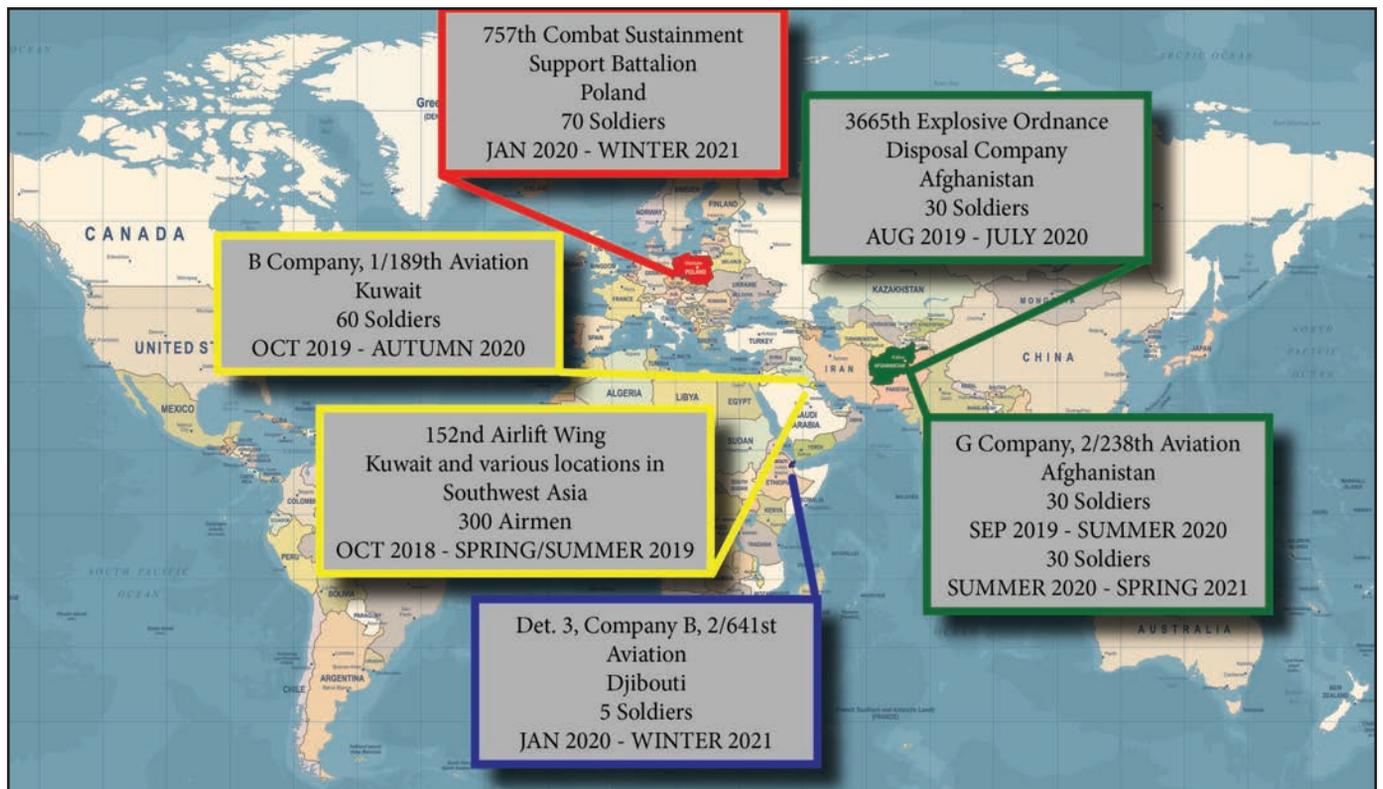
Additionally, the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing entered its largest deployment event in the unit's recent history with about 300 airmen deploying to various locations around southwest Asia and Africa as part of its Air Expeditionary Force and Reserve Component period deployments.

Domestic Response

As many as 1,150 Guardsmen activated during the late spring and early summer of 2020 for the state's COVID-19 response — the largest state activation in Nevada Guard history. Guardsmen stood up large-scale and mobile community based collection sites, managed warehouses and distribution centers with personal protective equipment and food distribution. During the

activation, the federal government granted funding for soldier and airmen pay, but left command of the Guardsmen to the governors of each state with federal oversight maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. For more information on the Nevada Guard's COVID-19 response, for more information turn to page 34 of this report.

Additionally, the 152nd Airlift Wing experienced its largest activation in 2020 in support of U.S. Forest Service firefighting efforts. Since 2016, the 152nd Airlift Wing, located at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, has worked as one of four C-130 military units supporting the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS. The MAFFS system, owned by the U.S. Forest Service, rolls into the back of military C-130 aircraft, turning the military aircraft into air tankers for firefighting. During the months of August, September and October, the unit augmented the civilian firefighting fleet for the unit's longest firefighting activation since it entered the federal firefighting realm in 2016. Nevada Guard firefighters — including the Army National Guard's Lakota helicopters — worked over fires in California.



State Expenditures

Under the direction of two state employees — the governor and the adjutant general — the Nevada Office of the Military oversees and manages the Nevada Guard's missions, facilities and training. State of Nevada employees provide administrative, accounting, personnel, fire-fighting, security, range operations, family services programs, project management, operating and maintenance support for all facilities assigned to the Nevada Office of the Military. Not all funds used to pay personnel come from state coffers; in fact, about 75 percent of personnel expenditures for state employees are from federal funds.

The state administrative section maintains and manages the master cooperative agreement that dictates the Nevada Office of the Military's budget. The administrative section maintains and secures the department's facilities and resources and provides information to pertinent parties regarding aspects of the master cooperative agreement. The expenditures from 2019-2020 will be used to forecast upcoming biennium budget funding.

The state expenditures include the following:

Activity 1: Command and Control

The adjutant general is responsible for command, control and supervision of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard. In 2019, the Nevada Office of the Military expended \$160,625 on command and control; in 2020, the department spent \$182,814.

Activity 2: Facility Management

The Nevada Guard maintains day-to-day operations at 11 primary bases, armories and readiness centers managed by the state of Nevada. As reserve components of the Army and Air Force, the Nevada Army and Air Guard fall under the auspice of the Department of Defense. Given this relationship between National Guards and the Department of Defense, the federal government relies on master cooperative agreements with each state to build and maintain the facilities necessary for effective military operations. Expenditures for state active-duty events,



PHOTO BY SGT WALTER LOWELL

Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, left, promotes Adjutant General Ondra Berry to the rank of major general, April 1, 2020. Berry was named the 28th adjutant general of the state of Nevada in September 2019. Berry is the highest-ranking uniformed member of the Nevada Guard, a state position funded with state money and appointed by the governor of Nevada.

as well as administrative expenses, are included within the activity.

Management of the Nevada Guard's facilities is funded from two main accounts: the general fund and federal assistance. During the state's 2019 fiscal year, the general fund provided \$3,451,740. The federal government supplied the remaining \$18,922,238 (85 percent of overall facilities management expenditures).

In fiscal year 2020, general funds provided \$3,463,190 and federal monies accounted for \$16,977,550 (83 percent).

Activity 3: Recruitment, Retention and Education Incentives

Recruiting, training and retaining soldiers and airmen for the Nevada Guard are crucial to the organization's success. The state provides tuition assistance for Guardsmen who are enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education. In the 2019-2020 school year, the tuition waiver

program — which covers 100 percent of a student's tuition costs — waived 11,025 credit hours for members of the Nevada Army Guard and 4,204 credit hours for members of the Nevada Air Guard.

The tuition waiver program is not used for summer credit hours, but excess monies allocated from the general fund for the Guard are used for students to go to school during the summer. Of this money, the state paid \$1,794,345 in summer tuition reimbursement on behalf of Guardsmen in 2019 and \$1,565,419 in 2020.

Additionally, the Patriot Relief Act was established in 2005 as a special account in the state general fund for reimbursement of textbook costs, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and monetary relief from economic hardship.

The account expended an estimated \$360,158 in the 2018-2019 school year and \$348,158 in 2019-2020 in textbook reimbursement for Guardsmen.

Federal Expenditures

Nevada Air Guard Appropriated Federal Funds Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020

Military Personnel and Payroll	2019	2020
Pay and Allowances*	\$47,846,008	\$48,306,434
Enlisted Uniforms	\$29,865	\$302,585
Subsistence Dining Hall	\$20,613	\$48,661
Military Personnel Travel	\$1,983,074	\$1,980,158
Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Charges	\$49,913	\$19,135
State Partnership Program Travel	\$130,013	\$16,502
Counterdrug Travel	\$26,594	\$3,704
Total Military Personnel and Payroll	\$50,086,080	\$50,677,178

Operational Expenses

Civilian Payroll	\$17,454,651	\$16,374,919
Base Operating Costs	\$3,836,466	\$7,277,580
Base Operating Costs, Travel	\$312,492	\$299,887
Military Intelligence Program	\$301,104	\$1,004,632
Counterdrug	\$11,664	\$7,400
State Partnership Program	\$12,846	\$7,963
Recruiting and Advertising	\$29,675	\$28,287
Other Emergency/Special Programs (ESP coded expenditures)	\$1,509,514	\$1,325,082
Active Duty MAJCOM Support	\$0	\$201,280
Total Operational Expenses	\$23,468,412	\$26,527,029

Total Nevada Air National Guard Expenses	\$73,554,491	\$77,204,208
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The upcoming fiscal year 2021 budget for the entire Air National Guard requested \$10.9 billion. Of that, \$6.8 billion is set to be allocated for operations and maintenance expenditures and \$4.1 billion for personnel appropriations.

The Nevada Air Guard operated within its allocated budget despite receiving less than one percent of the entire Air National Guard budget. The Nevada Air Guard's operating budget was about \$26.5 million in fiscal year 2020 with Reno Air National Guard Base operating costs doubling in 2020, largely because of construction efforts, including repair of the headquarters buildings heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Personnel and payroll expenditures were about \$50 million in 2020.

Overall, the Air National Guard of the 54 states and territories was allocated 107,100 personnel with 1,188 of them in the Nevada Air Guard.

Perhaps the biggest change in Air National Guard personnel nationwide included the conversion of about 2,300 military technicians to active guard reservists, or airmen receiving active duty benefits, to "maximize recruitment, retention, readiness and overall lethality in the force." The Air National Guard's long-term goal is to become 65 percent AGR for the full-time staff.

The Nevada Air Guard employs 296 uniformed, full-time permanent personnel, including federal technicians and AGR airmen. As of

Sept. 30, 2020, 190 were AGR and 106 were military technicians, putting the Nevada Air Guard at 64.1 percent AGR for full-time uniformed employees. The vast majority of personnel work one weekend a month and 15 days each year as traditional Guardsmen.

The majority work at the 64-acre base on the southwest corner of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport supporting tactical airlift missions with C-130 aircraft and at the 152nd Intelligence Squadron facility. About 60 airmen work at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

Source: Comptroller's Office, Human Resources Office and 2021 National Guard Bureau Posture Statement.

Nevada Army Guard Federal Appropriated Funds, Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020

	2019	2020
Pay and Allowance	\$52,107,375	\$46,399,715
CARES	N/A	\$3,607,400
Subsistence	\$947,100	\$412,400
Service Schools & Training	\$3,155,096	\$2,462,968
Counterdrug Program	\$514,200	\$447,300
Recruiting Activities	\$1,775,800	\$2,190,000
Medical Care, Hospitalization and INCAP Pay	\$1,358,900	\$1,096,200
Military Uniforms	\$918,700	\$976,000
Travel Costs	\$4,526,229	\$3,188,085
Repair Parts	\$6,327,720	\$4,031,020
Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants	\$3,651,080	\$2,196,380
Transportation Costs	\$1,370,775	\$540,930
Safety and Industrial Hygiene Program	\$116,800	\$21,500
Environmental Related Costs	\$497,800	\$643,300
Communications and Visual Information	\$745,000	\$85,000
Real Property Operations and Maintenance	\$11,142,300	\$14,759,300
Logistical Supplies and Services	\$1,161,925	\$808,602
Training Site Support	\$205,000	\$98,600
Data Processing Systems	\$1,817,100	\$2,271,000
Administrative Services	\$100,300	\$113,000
Family Assistance Program	\$370,000	\$387,600
Security and Civil Support Programs	\$2,473,000	\$2,273,200
Mobilization Expenses	\$1,760,600	\$1,473,800
State Partnership Program	\$301,600	\$402,800
Youth Challenge	\$1,500,000	\$2,448,717
Total Nevada Army National Guard Expenses	\$98,844,500	\$93,298,817

The Army National Guard's Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., assists the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in the administration and management of the personnel, facilities, training and equipment budgets for the Army National Guard.

Of the \$17.3 billion in the 2020 Army National Guard budget, about \$8.8 billion went toward personnel appropriations and \$7.7 billion was allocated for operations and maintenance.

By the end of 2021, the entire Army will include about 1,012,200 soldiers. The Army Guard is set to grow by more than 500 soldiers and surpass 336,000 citizen-soldiers. The active-duty Army is set to reach 485,000 soldiers and the Army Reserves will reach 189,800 in 2021.

Although growth across the Army National Guard was flat in 2019-2020, the Nevada Army Guard expanded from 3,116 soldiers to 3,290 soldiers during the biennium. Silver State citizen-soldiers now compose almost exactly 1 percent of the Army Guard's total number of soldiers.

The Nevada Army Guard's expenditures of \$98.8 million in 2019 and \$93.3 in 2020 surpassed the 2018 spending total of \$91.6 million but fell far short of the record expenditure year of \$126.9 million in 2010 when the Nevada Army Guard had soldiers on the frontlines of two wars on two fronts. In 2010, nearly 700 Nevada Guard soldiers drew full time pay while on active duty orders supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

The Nevada Army Guard remains one of the top federal employers in the Silver State. At the end of 2020, the Army Guard employed 288 Active Guard and Reserve soldiers and 131 military technicians.

The Coronavirus Relief Fund, or CARES Act, provided \$3.6 million toward the compensation of Nevada Army Guard soldiers in the fight against the spread of COVID-19 in the second half of 2020. Soldiers in 502 (f)(2) duty status received compensation and benefits similar to active guard and reserve soldiers while on orders.

Source: National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison FY20 Budget Request; National Guard Bureau Posture Statement 2021; Assistant Secretary of the Army, FY2021, President's Budget Highlights

Construction & Maintenance

The completion of the Nevada Army Guard's long-awaited \$37 million, state-of-the-art Speedway Readiness Center highlighted construction efforts during the biennium. It was the largest construction effort in the Nevada Army Guard in the past decade and will serve as the flagship armory in southern Nevada.

The opening of the armory on Sept. 20, 2020 in North Las Vegas was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak.

The name of the readiness center is derived from its close proximity to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in North Las Vegas. The 71,000-square foot facility is located on Hollywood Boulevard on 18.65 acres of state land.

The new center will eventually house the 17th Sustainment Brigade, the 17th

Special Troops Battalion and the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company. It was built to provide a training center for the growing number of Nevada Guard soldiers in Clark County. More than two-thirds of Nevada Army Guard soldiers now reside in southern Nevada.

For more information on the Speedway Readiness Center and an update on Nevada Army Guard facility changes, turn to page 36 and 37.

The modernization of the flight operations building highlighted the Nevada Air Guard's significant construction and infrastructure repair efforts in the biennium.

The 152nd Civil Engineers oversaw the completion of the \$11 million modernization of the building with money allocated in the 2017-2018 biennium. Base engineers, along with contractors and 30 subcontractors, worked the modernization effort for

the building constructed in 1976.

Construction efforts with recycled concrete and drywall along with skylights and natural lighting for energy efficiency garnered LEED Silver certification.

The modernization effort was completed with an unveiling in November of 2018.

The construction effort moved the unit's operations into the 21st century. Ironically, though, during the two-year construction effort, the base operations element moved to the warehouse building, known as Building No. 10, constructed in the mid-1950s and without air conditioning.

Source: The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the Nevada Guard Construction Maintenance Facility Office.

Major Construction Dollars Spent in 2019-2020

Project Title	County/ Community	Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Cost
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PROJECTS				
Speedway Readiness Center/Furnishings	Clark	\$35,362,206	\$2,064,6060	\$37,426,812
AASF Apron Upgrade	Washoe	\$3,220,800	\$0	\$3,220,800
LV Readiness Center Org Parking	Clark	\$2,105,310	\$701,770	\$2,807,080
WCA HVAC Renovation	Washoe	\$1,018,371	\$1,018,371	\$2,036,742
Carlin Readiness Center remodel	Elko	\$1,264,500	\$421,500	\$1,686,000
OTAG HVAC Renovation	Carson	\$811,395	\$811,395	\$1,622,790
WCA Emergency Generator	Washoe	\$701,913	\$701,913	\$1,403,826
Carlin Heat Pump H2O Distro Replace	Elko	\$265,234	\$1,060,936	\$1,326,170
Army National Guard Projects Total		\$44,749,729	\$6,780,491	\$51,530,220
AIR NATIONAL GUARD PROJECTS				
Repair HVAC Building 56	Washoe/Reno	\$2,184,477	\$0	\$2,184,477
Install Fall Protection System Building 9	Washoe/Reno	\$368,629	\$0	\$368,629
Repair Building 9 Main Hangar Door	Washoe/Reno	\$121,591	\$0	\$121,591
Demolish Building 10	Washoe/Reno	\$430,190	\$0	\$430,190
Air National Guard Projects Total		\$3,104,887	\$0	\$3,104,887
TOTALS		\$47,854,616	\$6,780,491	\$54,635,107

Nevada Army Guard Overview

Spc. Anthony Morgan, assigned to 485th Military Police Company, holds the now cased company guidon for the last time before the unit was disbanded, May 5, 2019, at the Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City. Many of the unit's soldiers joined the 137th Military Police Company.

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The Nevada Army Guard dates its origin to June 8, 1861, when a group of citizens on the Comstock formed a militia unit, “Union Blues,” to “overawe outbreaks of secessionists” and maintain “our present, political life.”

In the ensuing 159 years, the Nevada Army Guard has expanded to more than 3,300 soldiers — most traditional Guard soldiers training one weekend a month and two weeks a year — supporting federal contingency and domestic response missions.

The Nevada Army Guard is composed of a Joint Force Headquarters; the 17th Sustainment Brigade; the Aviation Troop Command; 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry; the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; the 421st Regional Training Institute; a Recruiting and Retention Battalion and a Medical Detachment.

In 2020, the Nevada Army Guard entered the largest domestic activation in its history with more than 800 soldiers supporting the state of Nevada’s COVID-19 response. During the unprecedented activation, Nevada Army Guard soldiers worked in support of the state to lead community based collection sites, warehousing, logistics of personal protective equipment and various other missions. Soldiers from each unit were assigned to task forces, including Task Force 17 and Task Force 221 in southern Nevada, Task Force 422 and Task Force Medical. At the height of the action in late April, the Nevada Army Guard and its more than 800 soldiers on state active duty supported more than 25 different COVID-19 response missions. For more information on the Nevada Guard’s response during the COVID-19 pandemic, see page 34.

Additionally, the Nevada Army Guard continued to support the federal government with troops deployed overseas. After a lull in international deployments in the 2017-2018 biennium, the Nevada Army Guard experienced its busiest mobilization surge since 2011 and had five units deployed on three continents for most of 2020. The five units included more than 200 Army Guard soldiers.

Joint Force Headquarters



The Nevada Army Guard's Joint Force Headquarters is located at the Office of the Adjutant General complex, 2460 Fairview Drive, in Carson City. Its mission is to provide personnel, logistical and training support to the state's soldiers, especially those set to deploy. The headquarters' personnel staff conducts multiple soldier readiness program events each year to ensure deploying units and individuals are prepared for service abroad. The unit also provides trained, knowledgeable soldiers to the Joint Force Headquarters directorate staff. Many soldiers in the unit work full time as either active guard and reserve soldiers or federal technicians.

Units falling under the headquarters office include training and rangeland staff, the 106th Public Affairs Detachment and 3600th Senior Trial Defense unit.

Commander: Maj. Greg Krupp

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

17th Sustainment Brigade

The 17th Sustainment Brigade maintains administrative control over two-thirds of the Nevada Army Guard, including the units in the 17th Special Troops Battalion and the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

The 17th Sustainment Brigade oversaw the massive mobilization of Nevada Guard soldiers during the 2020 pandemic response by standing up Task Force 17. In April 2020, soldiers with Task Force 17 began assisting the Southern Nevada Health District with warehouse operations in the Las Vegas Valley. They also assisted with the creation and logistics of a displaced person camp at the Cashman Center parking garage.

In September 2020, the 17th Sustainment Brigade unveiled its new home, the \$37 million, nearly 71,000-square-foot Speedway Readiness Center, which sits on 18.65 acres of land in North Las Vegas. This Readiness Center was designed and constructed to meet the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) Silver Rating to ensure



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT RYAN GETSIE

A soldier assigned to the 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry helps set up emergency overflow tents at a hospital in Clark County, April 17, 2020.

energy and resource efficiency. The building is designed for a minimum service life of 50 years in accordance with the Department of Defense Unified Facilities Code. It will also house the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company.

Commander: Col. Troy Armstrong

Headquarters: Las Vegas Readiness Center (now at Speedway Readiness Center)

Annual training 2019: Command Post Exercise at Camp Parks, Calif.

Annual training 2020: COVID-19 response

17th Special Troops Battalion

The 17th Special Troops Battalion and its Headquarters Company provides administrative support for the 72nd Military Police Company, the 100th Quartermaster Company, the 593rd Medium Transportation Company, the 1864th Transportation Company, the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company and the 240th and 777th Engineers. The unit was headquartered at the Las Vegas Readiness Center, 4500 Silverado Ranch Boulevard, but will eventually move to the Speedway Readiness Center in 2021. The battalion also oversees the headquarters company which is responsible for brigade administrative and logistical support.

Commander: Lt. Col. Ryan Swindell

Headquarters: Las Vegas Readiness Center (now at Speedway Readiness Center)

Annual training 2019: Command Post Exercise at Camp Parks, Calif.

Annual training 2020: COVID-19 response

72nd Military Police Company

Since 2001, the 72nd Military Police Company has been one of the busiest units in the state, having deployed twice to Iraq, twice to Afghanistan and once domestically to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif.

The 72nd Military Police Company was yet again called to support the Clark County Emergency Management office at various locations on New Year's Eve 2019 and 2020 to assist local law enforcement and emergency responders with safety and security measures during the annual celebration. The 72nd Military Police Company has assisted local law enforcement during the annual event on the Las Vegas Strip since the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Commander: Capt. Daniel Woodbury

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2019: JRTC Rotation at Fort Polk, La.

Annual Training 2020: COVID-19 response

Equipment: armored security vehicles, M1151 enhanced armament carriers

100th Quartermaster Company

The 100th Quartermaster Company produces, stores and distributes potable water to supported units within a designated area of operation. The unit can also provide transportation and decontamination for evacuees during natural or man-made disasters.

Commander: Capt. Tom Rainwater

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center



Soldiers assigned to the 17th Sustainment Brigade guard an intersection on the Las Vegas Strip as part of Operation Silver Phalanx, a joint security detail with local law enforcement for Las Vegas' annual New Year's Eve celebration, Dec. 31, 2019.

Annual Training 2019: Beyond the Horizon in Central America

Annual Training 2020: COVID-19 response

Equipment: M1120 LHS, M1088 MTV

593rd Medium Transportation Company

The 593rd Medium Transportation Company provides transportation for the movement of bulk petroleum products. The unit works both line haul and local haul operations through direct haul, shuttle, relay and intermodal operations.

The 593rd Medium Transportation Company conducted its 2019 annual training at the Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Commander: Capt. Ivana Williams

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2019: Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Annual Training 2020: COVID-19 response

Equipment: M915 tractor, M969 fuel tanker

240th and 777th Engineers

The Nevada Army Guard's engineer team, based at the Las Vegas Readiness Center, is led by the 240th Engineer Company, which is supplemented by the 777th Engineer Detachment.

The Nevada Army Guard engineers perform vertical and horizontal construction tasks to establish and maintain engineer activities

across a variety of military operations.

Commander: 1st Lt. Jonathan Lee

Headquarters location: North Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2019: Resolute Castle in Romania

Annual Training 2020: COVID-19 response

Equipment: 10-ton dump truck, various engineer equipment (loader, dozer, scraper, etc.)

1864th Transportation Company

The 1864th provides transportation for the movement of containerized, non-containerized, palletized, dry and refrigerated cargo and bulk water products. The unit works in both line haul and local haul operations. Hauling methods include direct haul, shuttle, relay and inter-modal operations.

In 2019, the transportation company conducted annual training at Operation Northern Strike in Michigan and transported 263 tons of equipment for five different units.

Commander: Capt. Christopher Staggs

Headquarters location: Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2019: Operation Northern Strike in Michigan

Annual Training 2020: COVID-19 response

Equipment: M915 tractor, M872 flatbed

3665th EOD Company

The 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company specializes in locating, identifying,

rendering safe and disposing of explosive hazards. Those hazards include improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction and unexploded ordnance.

The unit spent nearly one year in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, before returning to Nevada in July 2020. About 30 soldiers were on the mission to support Operation Freedom's Sentinel. While in Afghanistan, the unit worked missions to defuse unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices. Due to its deployment, the soldiers of the 3665th did not conduct annual training in 2020. Its annual training in 2019 included pre-deployment operations at Fort Carson, Colo.

Commander: Maj. Aaron Mach

Headquarters location: Henderson Armory (now at Speedway Readiness Center)

Annual Training 2019: Pre-deployment operations at Fort Carson, Colo.

Annual Training 2020: Deployment (Kandahar Province, Afghanistan)

Equipment: Panther mine-resistant ambush protected (MRAP).

757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

The 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion headquarters staff is based at the Harry Reid Readiness Center, 19980 Army Aviation Drive, in Reno. The headquarters element provides mission command for the 137th Military Police Company, the 150th Maintenance Company, the 609th Engineer Company and the 1859th Transportation Company.

The battalion deployed about 70 soldiers to Poland and other nearby Baltic countries in January 2020 to provide combat sustainment logistical support for U.S. and partner nations. During the year-long deployment, the unit maintained command and control of a broad spectrum of sustainment operations in support of European deployment and redeployment requirements.

Commander: Lt. Col. David Evans

Headquarters: Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno

137th Military Police Company

The 137th Military Police Company's primary mission is to provide law and order operations on military installations.

The unit spent most of the biennium training on a variety of skills, including response to active shooter scenarios, investigation teams, non-lethal response and Mechanical Advantage Control Hold, or MACH, and law and order scenarios. The unit also trained on

entry control point operations.

Additionally, 137th Military Police Company soldiers also responded for state activation during civil unrest in Reno in May 2020.

On May 5, 2019, a casing of the colors ceremony at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City formally marked the end of the 485th Military Police Company. The company and many of its soldiers were assimilated into the 137th Military Police Company.

Commander: Capt. Bryan Hernandez

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Annual Training 2019: Unit training in Stead

Annual Training 2020: Carlin and Hawthorne, Nev.

Equipment: Humvees and M1097 heavy humvees

150th Maintenance Company

The 150th Maintenance Company provides field maintenance, including all low density, and limited recovery support for the Nevada Army Guard.

The 150th Maintenance Company performed annual training in 2019 at the Elko County Readiness Center in Carlin. The unit focused on expeditionary and recovery operations during the training.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 150th Maintenance Company focused its annual training on back-logged work orders and supported units with maintenance teams sent to armories around the state to service weapons, vehicles and electronics.

Commander: Capt. Adam Gardner

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Annual Training 2019: Unit training in Carlin

Annual Training 2020: Carson City and Las Vegas

Equipment: Humvees, palletized load system M1075A1, light and heavy medium tactical vehicles.

609th Engineer Company

The 609th Engineer Company, nicknamed "Sappers," train to provide combat engineering for front-line infantry units and conduct mobility, counter mobility and survivability tasks. The company, stationed in Fallon, also supports state missions with equipment and soldiers for natural disaster relief and civil disturbances.

The 609th Engineer Company conducted its annual training in 2019 at Fort Polk, La. Training focused on unit proficiency tasks, including augmentation and maneuver en-

hancement. Additionally, soldiers of the 609th traveled to Camp Williams, Utah, in 2020 to conduct crew-served weapons qualification and demolition validation. The demolition validation featured proficiency in cratering charges, steel cutting charges, timber cutting and live demolitions, including breaching wire obstacles at the squad level.

Soldiers of the 609th also supported the Reno Police Department during civil unrest in the summer of 2020 by establishing a perimeter around the police headquarters building.

Commander: Capt. Samuel Delaney

Headquarters: Fallon Armory

Annual Training 2019: Fort Polk, La.

Annual Training 2020: Hawthorne

Equipment: Humvees, light medium tactical vehicles and 10-ton dump medium tactical vehicles.

1859th Transportation Company

The 1859th Transportation Company provides transportation support for the movement of bulk cargo, containers and personnel.

The unit continued to prioritize its training on tactical convoy operations; tasks included defending convoy elements, reacting to improvised explosive devices and treating casualties.

In 2019, the unit conducted its annual training while on the road during a convoy from Reno to the Hawthorne Army Depot. The unit also hosted a "truck rodeo" that tested the skills of its military transportation specialists in combat scenarios.

The unit was created in 2016 and named the 1859th to honor the Comstock miners who helped settle the state in 1859 at the onset of the mining boom in Virginia City.

Commander: Capt. Cody Harlan

Headquarters: Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno

Annual Training 2019: Convoy to Hawthorne Army Depot for training

Annual Training 2020: Home station training

Equipment: Various medium tactical vehicles

Aviation Troop Command

The Aviation Troop Command provides an array of rotary-aviation capabilities and services to support domestic and foreign operations. In 2019, the Aviation Troop Command downgraded from a brigade to a battalion level echelon to provide better command and control for Army aviation units in the state.



The Aviation Troop Command is headquartered at the Army Aviation Support Facility at Reno-Stead Airport. The battalion is composed of five units: Detachment 3, B Co, 2-641st Aviation Regiment; Detachment 1, B Company, 3/140th Aviation (Security/Support) and Detachment 1, B and D Company, 3/140th Security and Support; Detachment 1, G Company, 2/238th General Support Aviation Battalion (MEDEVAC); B Company, 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalion.

Commander: Lt. Col. Andrew Wagner

Headquarters: Army Aviation Support Facility and Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno



Spc. David Rogers, background, a 19K armor crewman assigned to D Troop, 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry, fires a 40 mm training round from an M320 grenade launcher during a training event just north of Las Vegas, Jan. 8, 2020.

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Detachment 3, B Company, 2-641st Aviation Regiment

Detachment 3, B Company, 2-641st Aviation Regiment is unique in the fact it is the Nevada Army Guard unit that operates the lone fixed-wing, twin-engine, turboprop C-12 Huron in the state's aviation inventory.

The unit is one of the smallest in the Nevada Army Guard. The unit's mission focuses on the transport of military personnel and cargo along with its wartime surveillance and reconnaissance mission.

One of the most heavily deployed units in Nevada, Detachment 3, along with Detachment 45 Operational Support Airlift, left for the Horn of Africa in January 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically impacted the unit's flight numbers during the deployment.

Commander: Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Anderson

Headquarters: C-12 Support Building, Army Aviation Support Facility, Reno

Annual training 2019: Deployment preparation

Annual training 2020: Deployment to Africa

Equipment: One fixed-wing, C-12 Huron aircraft

Detachment 1, B Company and Detachment 1, D Company, 3/140th Security and Support

Both elements of the 3/140th fly and maintain six UH-72 Lakota helicopters out of the Nevada Army Guard's Limited Army Aviation Support Facility at the North Las Vegas Airport. The southern Nevada Army aviation asset can respond to potential terrorism events, perform search-and-rescue and medical evacuation operations and support damage assessment and counterdrug missions.

In August 2020, two of the unit's Lakota

helicopters assisted with firefighting efforts around the state of California. In 2019, the unit assisted with counterdrug missions in support of the state. The unit also received the Governor's Outstanding Unit Award in 2020.

Commander: Capt. Tyler Pack

Headquarters: Cheyenne Air Center, North Las Vegas

Annual training 2019: Home station; ARMS and two field training exercise events.

Annual training 2020: Mountain Warfare Training Center in Mono County, California.

Equipment: 6 UH-72A aircraft (four MEP, two MEDEVAC), humvees, light medium tactical vehicles, fuel tankers and fork lifts

B Company, 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalion

B Company, 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalion operates and maintains the Nevada Army Guard's fleet of CH-47F Chinook helicopters. The unit performs air movement operations, air assault missions and casualty evacuation operations in support of state and federal missions. The unit has three detachment elements that provide maintenance and logistical support to the Chinook company.

In 2019, the unit began its third major deployment in the post-9/11 era with about 60 soldiers departing Nevada for Camp Buehring — an aviation hub in Kuwait — during the fall of 2019 in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The unit also responded to western wildfires, including the Sonoma County, Calif., fires in October 2018.

Commander: Capt. Zackary Taylor Warren

Headquarters: Army Aviation Support Facility, Reno

Detachment 1, Company G, 2/238th Aviation

Detachment 1, Company G, 2-238th Aviation performs medical evacuation, search and rescue operations and firefighting operations with UH-60L Blackhawks. The unit has two detachment elements that provide maintenance and logistical support to the Blackhawk detachment.

Like several other Nevada Army Guard aviation elements, the unit deployed overseas during the biennium and left for Afghanistan in September 2019. The unit performed several medical evacuation transports in a combat environment during the deployment.

Commander: Capt. Nigel Harrison

Headquarters: Army Aviation Support Facility, Reno.

Annual training 2019: Home station training, deployment preparation.

Annual training 2020: Deployment to Afghanistan.

Equipment: Six UH-60L Blackhawks, M978A4 fuel tanker, M978 fuel tanker and humvees.

Annual training 2019: Home station training, deployment preparation.

Annual training 2020: Deployment to Afghanistan.

Equipment: Six UH-60L Blackhawks, M978A4 fuel tanker, M978 fuel tanker and humvees

1st Squadron 221st Cavalry

During the biennium, 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry formally completed its transition with oversight from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Irwin, Calif., to its new overarching organization, the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team, located at Gowen Field near Boise, Idaho.

The mission of the 221st — Nevada's premier armored reconnaissance unit since the late 1960s — is to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance to increase brigade situational awareness. As such, Nevada's cavalry unit is the most lethal in the Nevada Army Guard's military force.

The unit also provides integral manpower for state domestic response. Nevada's armored cavalry unit was one of the most active Nevada Army Guard units in support of the state's COVID-19 response with more 275 soldiers supporting several missions,



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Soldiers assist a local food bank and help distribute donated goods in Gardnerville, Nev., as part of the state's COVID-19 response, May 5, 2020.

including movement of personal protective equipment, meal distribution, care facility assistance and cleaning along with a variety of other missions.

During the state's civil unrest response, Nevada's cavalry soldiers assisted local law enforcement in the security of more than 18 Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department area commands and key infrastructure. More than 100 soldiers were activated for about two weeks of support during the period of civil unrest in the summer of 2020.

In July, cavalry unit soldiers won both the state soldier and non-commissioned officer of the year awards with Spc. Parsa Khawari and Sgt. Sidney Romero, respectively, taking home the honors. Romero then competed in the regional competition and won, advancing to the National Guard championships in Mississippi in September.

Commander: Lt. Col. Nicholas Chavez

Headquarters: Clark County Armory, Las Vegas and 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team, Boise, Idaho

Annual training 2019: 29-day Combat Training Center rotation at Ft. Irwin, Calif.

Annual training 2020: COVID-19 Response

Equipment: 41 M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and 14 M1A1 Abrams tanks

422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion

The 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion provides command and control and oversees engineering, installation, operation and maintenance for communications support of Army units, combatant commanders, Army service component commanders and Joint Task Force/Joint Land Force Component Commands. The signal battalion is equipped with warfighter information network-tactical nodal equipment, or WIN-T, and can support up to 40 points of presence on the battlefield with both secure and unclassified networking and IP-based telephone and video conferencing services.

Domestically, the 422nd was involved in many local missions, including the state's COVID-19 response: community based collection, warehouse and logistic operations and the distribution of personal protective equipment throughout the region. The command element of the unit stood up Task Force



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Soldiers with the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion drive an M1157 dump truck through downtown Reno as part of the annual Veteran's Day parade, Nov. 11, 2019.

422 for COVID-19 response with command and control of northern Nevada assets. Unit soldiers also assisted local law enforcement in the wake of civil unrest that occurred in northern Nevada in late-May 2020.

The battalion includes four companies totaling nearly 500 soldiers across two states (Nevada and Arizona). It is one of the largest organizations in the Nevada Army Guard. The battalion's companies (with location) include: Headquarters Company (Reno); Alpha Expeditionary Signal Company (Casa Grande, Ariz.), Bravo Expeditionary Signal Company (Las Vegas) and Charlie Joint-Heavy Signal Company (Reno).

The signal soldiers spent the majority of the past two years preparing to mobilize two of its companies, Bravo Company of Las Vegas and Alpha Company of Arizona, for deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Kuwait. Each unit of about 150 soldiers is set to perform a nine-to-12-month mission supporting allied ground and air forces throughout the Middle East.

Additionally, the 422nd fielded and trained on the Disaster Incident Response Emergency Communications Terminal, or DIRECT, that provides interoperable communications support to Army National Guard response forces and local first responders in support of civil missions and domestic emergencies. This new system significantly upgrades the unit's ability to provide communication support for domestic disaster response centers and first responders during man-made or natural disasters.

Commander: Lt. Col. Karsten Hall

Headquarters: Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno

Annual training 2019: Deployment preparation.

Annual training 2020: COVID-19 Response/Deployment Validation.

Equipment: 10 classified/unclassified access terminals, command post nodes, joint network nodes, single switching shelters.

421st Regiment Training Institute

The 421st Regional Training Institute is one of the premier military learning institutions in the western United States for information technology and signal support system studies.

The RTI, located at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center, scored 98 out of 100 on its U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command inspection, which assessed seven accreditation standards that will remain valid through 2021. Forty-three soldiers are assigned to the 421st.

In addition to information technology and signal courses, the RTI also conducts Common Faculty Development Instructor courses as well as Combat Lifesaver, Casualty Notification Assistance/Casualty Notification Officer Courses and combative courses.

The 421st is the regional vice chair representative for the Total Army School





A soldier with the Nevada Army Guard's Medical Detachment screens a Carson City resident exiting a COVID-19 community based collection site at Carson High School in May 2020.

System Advisory Council and it is a voting member of the Signal Proponent Critical Task Site Selection Board.

Additionally, the Training Regiment provides operational, training, administrative, logistical, and resource management support as required to accomplish the mission to train the Army Warrior within the State of Nevada as specified and approved by the adjutant general.

The signal courses RTI now hosts include:

Information Technology Specialist (Military Occupation Specialty 25B): The RTI graduated 118 students from this course in 2020; 80 students are set to take this course in 2021.

Signal Support Specialist (MOS 25U): 86 students completed the course curriculum in 2020; 93 are set to take the course in 2021.

25B Advanced Leader Course: 88 students completed this course in 2020; 72 will receive instruction in 2021.

25B Senior Leader Course: 67 students were trained in the course in 2020; 64 are set to take the course in 2021.

25U Advanced Leader Course: 96 are

set to take this new course in 2022.

25U Senior Leader Course: 128 are set to take this new course in 2022.

Commander: Lt. Col. Brett Compston

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center, North Las Vegas

Medical Detachment

The Nevada Army Guard's Medical Detachment provides and sustains health force protection along with medical and dental support to meet operational, training and mobilization medical readiness requirements of the state's units and soldiers.

The Medical Detachment has one platoon in Reno and one in Las Vegas composed of physicians, nurses, dentists, dental and preventative medical technicians, combat medics, behavioral health personnel and administrative staff. All combat medics are qualified as National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic.

In 2019, Medical Detachment personnel continued to improve the medical readi-

ness of Army National Guard soldier by successfully reviewing the soldiers in several units for deployments overseas. Additionally, personnel assessed the health needs and provided medical training for Nevada's State Partnership Program countries, Tonga and Fiji.

In 2020, the Medical Detachment tackled the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting community testing centers, contact tracing and screenings for the National Guard and the community-at-large, including the establishment of permanent collection locations in Clark and Washoe counties along with mobile community-based collections sites at nearly 30 locations in rural Nevada and on tribal land.

Commander: Maj. Laurie MacAfee

Headquarters: Plumb Lane Armory, Reno

Recruiting and Retention Battalion



The Recruiting and Retention Battalion's mission is to maintain the Nevada Army Guard's strength and military expertise by recruiting new soldiers and retaining experienced Guardsmen.

There are about 63 full-time Guardsmen in the battalion stationed across the state.

The vast majority of the battalion's soldiers — as many as 400 at certain times — include Guardsmen in the midst of their military training cycle who are set to attend a military school, such as delayed-entry soldiers waiting for their Army Basic Combat Training or military occupational school start date.

In 2019, the battalion had an accession mission of 440 soldiers and it exceeded that goal with 474. In 2020, the original goal was 470 soldiers, but that number was reduced by 20 percent when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the battalion to halt its recruiting and retention efforts for two months. The goal for the fiscal year dropped to 376 in the face of the pandemic. The battalion far exceeded that goal with 426 soldier accessions. The battalion accessed 90 percent of its original goal despite limited access to high schools for recruiting during the pandemic.

Commander: Lt. Col. Michael Bordallo

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Nevada Air Guard Overview



From its humble beginning in 1948 when it was established as the 192nd Fighter Squadron with 88 airmen, the Nevada Air Guard has grown into a force of about 1,100 airmen, the majority working one weekend a month and two weeks each year as traditional Guardsmen.

The Nevada Air Guard State Headquarters office, under the command of Brig. Gen. Glen Martel, is located in Carson City at the Office of the Adjutant General. It oversees the 152nd Airlift Wing and the 152nd Intelligence Squadron at the Reno Air Guard Base and the 232nd Operations Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

The Nevada Air Guard's mission is to provide world-class tactical air delivery, remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and advanced airmen for federal and state objectives.

During the biennium, the airlift wing maintained a high operations tempo, executing its longest firefighting activation with the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (July to late September 2020) along with deploying about 300 members around the globe beginning in the winter of 2018-2019.

The 152nd Airlift Wing also stood up Task Force 152 during the state's pandemic response. The task force assisted the Food Bank of Northern Nevada with collecting, sorting and packing food and then distributing to local families in need, including 11,980 cases of food and serving 865,964 families with an additional 86,048 pounds of supplies. The unit's medics also played an integral role in assisting the state's massive community based collection site effort to boost the state's COVID-19 testing capabilities.



A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 soars over Carson Tahoe Medical Center as part of the unit's Salute to Medical Professionals for its flyover of 13 hospitals in northern Nevada and California during the region's COVID-19 outbreak in April 2020.

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152nd Airlift Wing



The 152nd Airlift Wing includes four groups, eight squadrons and three flights. Groups include the 152nd Operations Group, the 152nd Maintenance Group, the 152nd Mission Support Group and the 152nd Medical Group. The airlift wing's mission is to provide rapid global mobility airlift, fire suppression in support of the U.S. Forest Service and expeditionary mission support. The unit was awarded the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 2018-2019.

COMMANDER

Col. Jacob Hammons

152nd Operations Group

The 152nd Operations Group regularly employs its eight C-130 H3 aircraft around the globe in support of federal and state missions as well as national level exercises. Two squadrons make up the group: the 192nd Airlift Squadron and the 152nd Operations Support Squadron.

Nevada's C-130 aircrew focused on training, accreditation, an Air Expeditionary Force deployment to the Middle East and support during the state's response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 192nd completed Advanced Mountain Airlift Tactics School training for 12 crew members to continue their support of the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif. The unit also Qualified 10 new Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS, crew members and one MAFFS instructor to better allow the 192nd to operate as an autonomous MAFFS squadron.

The group also has a new look. Operations ushered in a new era November 2018 with the ribbon cutting and opening of its refurbished operations building located on the east side of the Reno Air National Guard Base facing the flight line and the unit's eight C-130 H3 aircraft. For more than a year, the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron oversaw the \$11 million, federally-funded modernization of the unit's operations building.

As for deployments, the operations group completed its Air Expeditionary Force tour from November 2018 to March 2019 in the Middle East. Accomplishments include: 3,190 flight hours flown in four months; five airdrops conducted in support of Opera-



A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 drops retardant on the Lightning Complex Fire in Butts Canyon near Middleton, Calif., Aug. 27, 2020.

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tion Inherent Resolve; 1,836 sorties flown resulting in 16,610 passengers transported; 49,000 pounds of equipment and supplies airdropped; and 10,488,000 pounds, or 5,244 tons, of cargo delivered with an overall mission effectiveness rate of 94 percent.

Other notable events included: exercise PACANGEL in Bangladesh from June to July 2019. Supporting the U.S. Pacific Command area of operation with intra-theatre airlift of medical supplies and personnel, operations group aircrew were responsible for delivering more than 250 Passengers and 35 tons of cargo while flying 90 hours over 36 missions.

Other notable training exercises included Operation Northern Strike, July 22 to Aug. 2, 2019, conducting aero-medical evacuation missions, along with Resolute Hunter

in Fallon, which included 3,000 personnel from the Navy and Air Combat Command.

Thirty-four members of the group activated for the state's COVID-19 response, including a fly over of 13 local hospitals from north Reno to South Lake Tahoe and east to Fallon in April 2020. The three-aircraft fly over received media attention around the region for the unit's salute to medical professionals for their dedication during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMANDERS

152nd Operations Group

Lt. Col. Evan Kirkwood

152nd Operations Support Squadron

Lt. Col. Jason Little

192nd Airlift Squadron

Lt. Col. Michael Fugett

152nd Maintenance Group

The 152nd Maintenance Group works with eight C-130 H3 series aircraft at the Reno Air National Guard Base. The group includes the 152nd Maintenance Squadron, the 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 152nd Maintenance Operations Flight. The group also performs maintenance on C-130 aircraft from other U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard units when needed.

Similar to the 152nd Operations Group, the 152nd Maintenance Group's biennium focused on training, firefighting and its Air Expeditionary Force deployment to the Middle East.

Maintainers with the group deployed October 2018 for the unit's largest deployment in recent history; in all, about 300 members of the 152nd Airlift Wing deployed to various locations around the Middle East.

The maintenance group also activated for federal firefighting efforts in response to California wildfires. It was the largest MAFFS activation in unit history. During the activation from July 29 to Oct. 3, the 152nd MAFFS team made 110 drops and flew 111 sorties, dropping more than 310,000 gallons of retardant on fires across California.

Additionally, C-130 aircraft at the base traded out the four-blade propellers on the C-130 H3s to a new eight blade composite propeller. This upgrade, along with corresponding engine upgrades, improves the performance of the C-130 H3. Also, the 192nd became a Radar Verified Air Drop capable squadron during the biennium. RVAD allows C-130s to precisely airdrop cargo regardless of weather.

Even during the pandemic, maintainers added integral training sessions during the biennium, including working as the lead unit for the 2020 annual MAFFS firefighting training in June 2020. Maintainers also participated in PACANGEL in Bangladesh in June 2019 and Green Flag in January 2019.

COMMANDERS

152nd Maintenance Group

Col. Jeremy Ford

152nd Maintenance Squadron

Capt. T.J. Buxton

152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Maj. Masten Bethel

152nd Maintenance Operations Flight

1st Lt. Nikul Joshi



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The 152nd Airlift Wing traded out the four-blade propellers on their eight C-130 H3 aircraft for new eight-blade composite propellers for improved performance of the unit's aircraft.

152nd Mission Support Group

The 152nd Mission Support Group includes four squadrons and one flight: the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, the 152nd Force Support Squadron, the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, the 152nd Security Forces Squadron and the 152nd Communications Flight. There are more than 425 airmen assigned to the 152nd Mission Support Group, the largest group in the 152nd Airlift Wing.

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Kyle Cerfoglio

152nd Civil Engineer Squadron

The 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron oversees facility management at the Reno Air National Guard Base with construction, energy efficiency initiatives and fire protection at the base and on the flightline.

Beginning in the fall of 2018 and into the spring of 2019, 57 of the squadron's 85 assigned personnel deployed to various overseas positions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Freedom Sentinel, Inherent Resolve and Deliberate Resolve. Personnel dispersed to seven different locations, including 25 airmen to Africa.

About half the squadron activated for the state's COVID-19 response. Personnel supported the state, regional, and local Emergency Operation Center, Incident Management Team, community-based

collection, mobile testing in northern Nevada, contact tracing, logistical distribution, management and incident planning for Nevada's COVID-19 response.

Additionally, civil engineers assisted in updating the Nevada Air Guard's Geographic Information System mapping and led preparation efforts for the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron site visit.

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Christopher Solberg

152nd Communications Flight

The 152nd Communications Flight provides strategic information technology and takes proactive steps to increase cyber security while maintaining data availability for members of the Nevada Air Guard.

The communications flight continued to develop its versatility and proficiency with the Joint Incident Site Communications Capabilities system, or JISCC. During the 2019-2020 biennium the flight was selected as a national pilot unit working with the JISCC. In the future, they will test system upgrades and recommend changes for implementation for every JISCC unit in the country.

The flight implemented numerous projects during the biennium, including a base wireless network upgrade and a major network audit.

During the pandemic, several of the flight's airmen used their inventory man-



Senior Airman Mia Carney, foreground, prepares to take a COVID-19 test sample during the Quad County mobile community based collection site event spring 2020 at Carson High School in Carson City. The 152nd Medical Group played a vital role in the state's efforts to ramp up COVID-19 testing in 2020.

agement experience to coordinate the distribution of COVID-19 testing kits throughout the state. Furthermore, the flight worked with the Nevada Army Guard to establish and implement the process used to notify, pick and distribute a wide range of personal protective equipment, including gloves, hand sanitizer and ventilators.

COMMANDER
Maj. Gregory Green

152nd Force Support Squadron

The 152nd Force Support Squadron's mission is to enhance the total force readiness for Nevada Air Guardsmen and to assist families during deployments throughout the year. The squadron's primary functions include the management of personnel actions including training schools, enlistments, retirements, promotions, awards and decorations. It also leads the wing's physical fitness and lodging programs, mortuary affairs, casualty assistance and food service program.

The customer service section ensures all airmen are prepared for deployments by assisting with life insurance, acquisition, entitlement benefits and record keeping.

While supporting Nevada military per-

sonnel, more than 50 percent participated in the state's COVID-19 response, the largest Nevada Guard activation in state history.

Additionally, the squadron hosted two Yellow Ribbon events providing services for more than 640 deploying airmen and their families.

COMMANDER
Maj. Megan Sharp

152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron ensures every piece of equipment in the Nevada Air Guard is ready to support local, state and federal entities. The squadron consists of vehicle maintenance, traffic management, distribution, small air terminal and supply management capabilities during normal mission operations and wartime readiness functions.

During the biennium, the logistics readiness squadron spent the majority of its time assisting airmen departing from the base, whether processing and loading cargo, or equipment during the 2018-2019 deployment or other missions.

During the biennium, the squadron transported more than 2.2 million pounds

of cargo by ground, covering 9,240 miles.

Additionally, LRS personnel coordinated and supported the Royal Australian Air Force during the first overseas deployment of their F-18 Growler squadron, which included the movement of 153 short tons of international cargo.

The squadron also spearheaded the unit's transition to the new operational camouflage pattern, or OCP, uniforms to align with U.S. Air Force standards. At the end of the biennium, more than 800 of the airlift wing's airmen had been outfitted with the new OCP uniforms.

In April of 2020, 34 logistics readiness squadron airmen assisted in COVID-19 response efforts such as staffing the Task Force 152 Emergency Operations Center, working at community based call-centers, augmenting local community based collection sites, managing medical supply inventory and providing transportation for various operations, including the Nevada Air Guard's support of regional food banks.

COMMANDER
Lt. Col. Jenelle Kimsey

152nd Security Forces Squadron

The 152nd Security Forces Squadron is organized, trained and equipped to perform security, law enforcement, airbase defense and a worldwide combat arms mission.

Three airmen participated in the exercise Global Dragon in Perry, Ga., in August 2019. Also, four members of the squadron scored in the top 20 at the annual Adjutant General Match, including the top shooter in the state, Master Sgt. Michael Moore.

Thirteen members of the squadron participated in overseas deployment to Qatar during the biennium, and the squadron attended multiple exercises, including Resolute Hunter.

Throughout the biennium, the squadron was an integral player in Nevada's State Partnership Program with the island nations of Fiji and Tonga, establishing better processes for the nations' military police forces and security efforts.

As for COVID-19 response, 11 security forces airmen supported the state. Additionally, 26 members were put on a five-hour recall for civil unrest in Reno.

COMMANDER
Maj. Robert Kolvet

152nd Medical Group

The 152nd Medical Group proved vital in the state's COVID-19 response. Members of the group were activated on April 13, 2020 and worked to support various testing sites across the state of Nevada. Multiple county health districts have been included as part of the overall COVID-19 response and assignments were given based on metrics provided by state health officials, 11 tribal entities, Northern Nevada Veterans' homes and the state Legislature during the 2020 special session. The primary skills used across the group included privileged providers, medics, administrative personnel and officers. For more information on the group's COVID-19 response, turn to page 34 of this report.

Prior to the pandemic, 14 members performed the first Air National Guard Medical Facility Annual Training outside the continental U.S. at Camp Foster Okinawa, Japan. Overall, members of the group worked 2,412 clinical hours, executed 453 provider patient encounters in 15 different work centers.

Furthermore, 17 members completed Region 9 CERFP Vigilant Guard on Nov. 15 to 23, 2019 in Guam. Three states — Nevada, Hawaii and California — performed scenario based medical treatment for more than 300 patients.

Five members deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait from Jan. 13 to Aug. 4, 2019 working as medical technicians as part of their reserve component period or RCP, deployment. Members supported all Department of Defense personnel assigned to Ali Al Salem in providing im-

munizations, medication and assisting physician's in healthcare support.

Finally, the 152nd Medical Group remains No. 1 in the nation for Individual Medical Readiness, or IMR. This metric represents a unit's medical readiness to meet state and national mission requirements.

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Erik Stach

152nd Intelligence Squadron



The 152 Intelligence Squadron provides timely multi-format actionable intelligence products to the warfighter for overseas contingency operations and meets the day-to-day intelligence needs of the Governor of Nevada.

The squadron, an Air Combat Command unit of the Nevada Air Guard hosted by the Air Mobility Command's 152nd Airlift Wing, has supported overseas contingency operations with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance for 20 consecutive years.

The squadron was activated June 6, 1994 and operates out of the 36,000-square-foot intelligence facility built in 2008 at the Reno Air Guard Base.

Domestically, in 2019, the squadron supported California wildfires with incident awareness and assessment analysts both from home station as well as Beale

Air Force Base, Calif. Additionally in 2019, this same type of support was provided for extreme weather and hurricanes along the Gulf Coast. Lastly, the squadron represents the J2 function, intelligence, on the Nevada Guard Joint Staff, and in 2020 provided support in the form of publicly available information, or PAI, analysts, briefings, and airmen in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Brian Gunderson

232nd Operations Squadron



The 232nd Operations Squadron, Nevada Air Guard, is headquartered at Nellis Air Force Base and remains mission dedicated to total force integration with the active duty Air Force.

The squadron received mission realignment orders from the director of the Air National Guard February 2019, which phased out the MQ-9 "Reaper" remotely piloted aircraft mission. The 232nd will now support a new mission focused on next-generation fighter aircraft, such as the F-35 and F-22. This mission will associate the 232nd with multiple organizations across Nellis Air Force Base to include: the Nevada Test and Training Range, the 53rd Test and Evaluation Group and the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. Nevada Air Guardsmen will conduct flying operations as pilots in multiple airframes to include the F-35, F-22 and F-16. Additionally, airmen of the 232nd will support cyber infrastructure specialties within the Virtual Test and Training Center, as well as conduct F-35 flightline maintenance operations.

This new mission places the Nevada Air Guard at the forefront of emerging technologies and will directly impact the warfighting capabilities of the Air Force, as well as its joint and multinational partners. The squadron is set to be renamed the 232nd Combat Training Squadron and increase personnel from 65 to about 95 personnel. The goal of the National Guard Bureau is for the 232nd CTS to be operationally capable in the summer of 2021.

COMMANDER

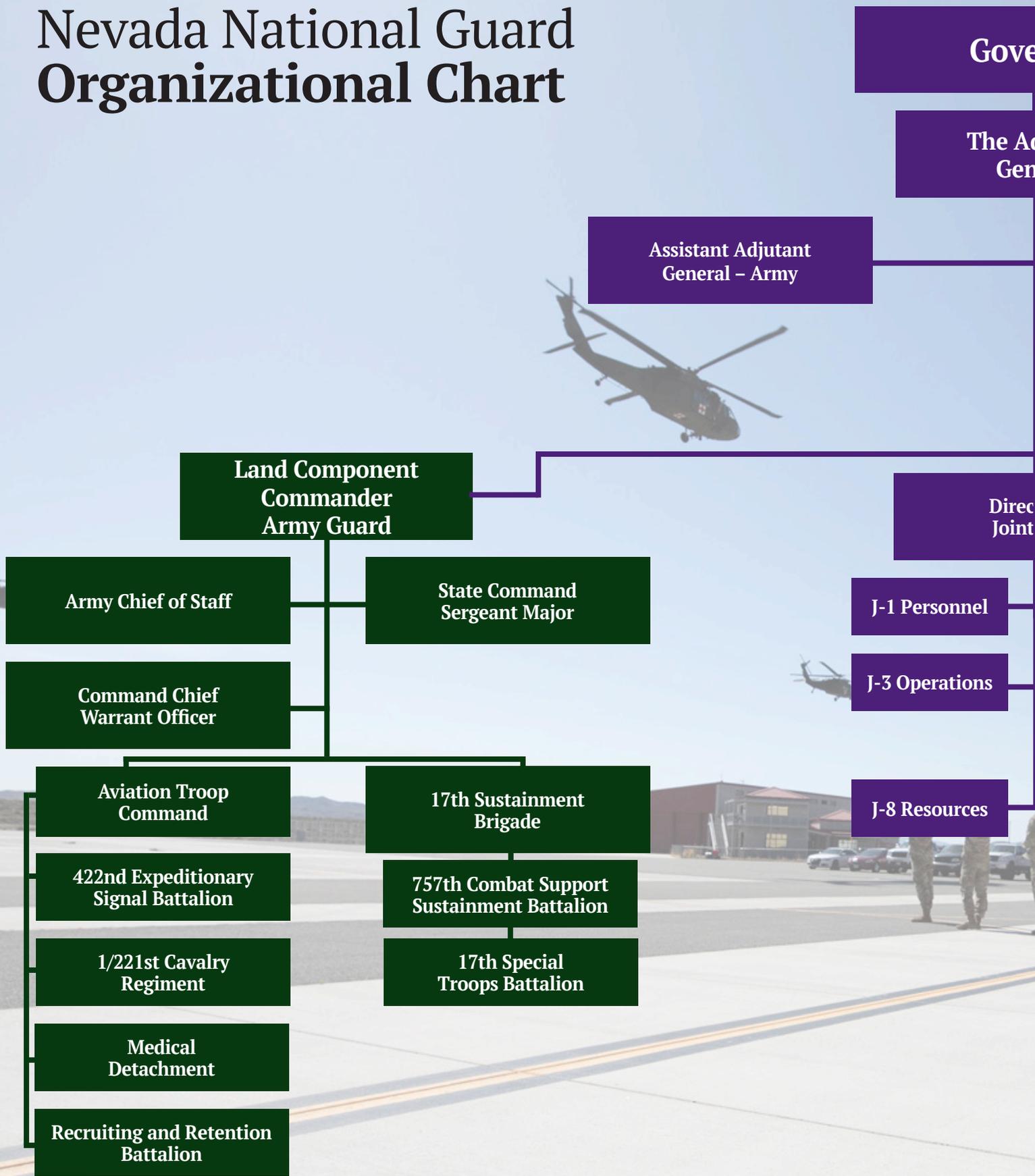
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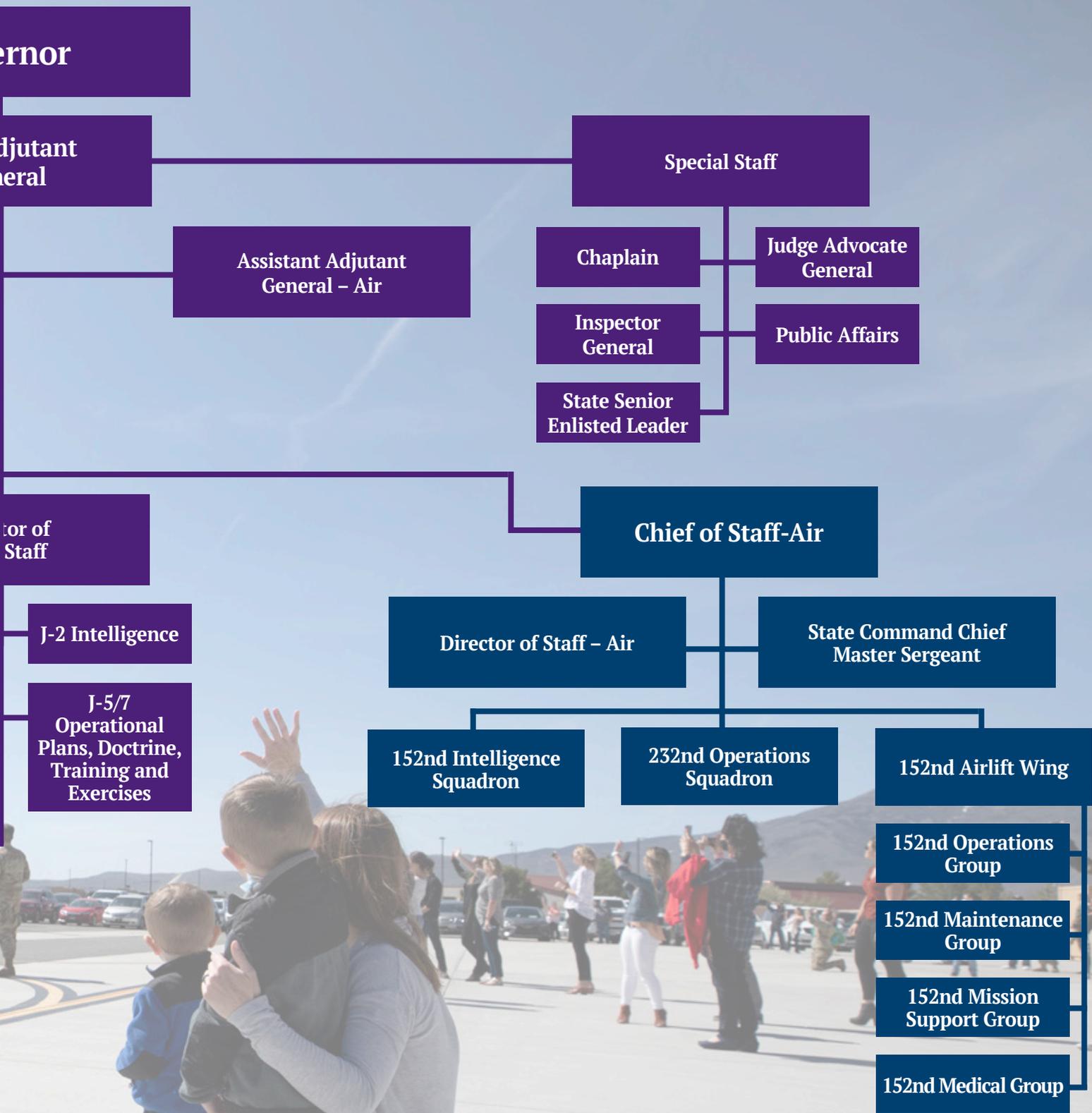


Col. Jacob Hammons, a fighter pilot from Houston, Texas, left, replaced Col. Eric Wade, right, as the 152nd Airlift Wing's commander during a ceremony at the base, Nov. 2, 2019.

PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BAYLEE BELANGER

Nevada National Guard Organizational Chart





Nevada National Guard Programs

Civil Support Team continues to support state with skilled chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive response

The Nevada Guard's 92nd Civil Support Team provides Nevada's civilian emergency managers and first responders an invaluable military ally trained to quickly respond to myriad natural or man-made situations.

Nevada's civil support team is one of the 57 full-time National Guard teams. There is a civil support team in every state as well as Washington, D.C., Guam, the Virgin Islands and Germany. California, Florida and New York have two teams.

Established within the Nevada Guard in 2004, the 22 soldiers and airmen in the 92nd rapidly deploy to contingencies to assist first responders with the identification and nature of unknown chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) materials. The unit also provides medical and technical advice and prepares the site for the arrival of additional state and federal response assets.

The civil support team primarily supports local incident commanders and emergency responders as well as state and federal agencies including the FBI, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. Support for the team is requested via the Nevada Department of Emergency Management.

The unit and its personnel are federally funded, equipped and trained, but the governor retains command and control of the team.

The team was originally based in Clark County but relocated to Carson City in June 2015. The centralized location allows the unit to quickly travel to any location in the state as well as provide interstate assistance in rural California.

Each soldier and airman on the team must complete 600-1,800 hours of training before becoming a deployable member of the fast-paced unit. Federal inspectors conduct external evaluations of the team every 18 months to ensure requisite standards; it passed its last

validation exercise in June 2020.

The CST often trains with other first responders to ensure the team is fully integrated into the National Incident Management System. Team members remain available to consult with community and government officials on the topic of emergency preparedness planning.

The team responded to dozens of real-world situations during the biennium. Highlights included:

- During the state's COVID-19 response, the CST assisted with sanitization of two assisted care facilities in Reno and Sparks.
- Assisted with multiple Presidential and Vice Presidential visits.
- Provided pre-event sweeps for sev-

eral events around the state: Nevada Day Parade; Las Vegas Marathon; New Year's Eve tunnel sweeps under The Strip; Nevada Governor's inauguration; several concerts and conferences.

■ Activated for Nevada Secretary of State bomb threat, Dec. 13, 2018; suspicious white powder discovered in State Legislature, Oct. 31, 2019; other locations for inspection of suspicious substance, including Reno Aces Ballpark, highway chemical spills and other government buildings. Calls for CST occurred around the state, including rural areas such as Winnemucca, Lemmon Valley, Minden and others.

■ Augmented Colorado CST for Denver Broncos NFL game, stand-by mission.



Members of the 92nd Civil Support team prepare to sanitize the inside of Hearststone of Northern Nevada, a care center in Sparks, May 26, 2020. The sanitization effort was requested through the state in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Washoe County.



PHOTO BY TECH SGT GARRETT WAKE

Airmen of the 152nd Airlift Wing CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive) Enhanced Response Force Package, known as CERFP, prepare for support duties in the event of a mass-casualty scenario during the annual New Year's Eve celebration in Las Vegas, Dec. 31, 2019.

Nevada CERFP specializes in catastrophic emergencies for state

The Nevada Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Enhanced Response Force Package is a joint team of 208 specially trained soldiers and airmen who can quickly assemble to provide specialized assistance to federal and state agencies as well as National Guard civil support teams during and after a variety of hazardous situations.

The CERFP team is composed of a command and control section, a decontamination element, a medical element and a casualty search and-extraction element. Team members maintain traditional Guard jobs, but receive additional training for their respective CERFP responsibilities.

The team is specially trained to integrate into the National Incident Command System to conduct life-saving actions within a contaminated environment.

The unit receives funding from the Department of Defense, but remains under

the control of the governor of Nevada. Civilian authorities retain overall command throughout an incident.

The Nevada CERFP team was established in 2012.

The CERFP continues to strengthen and expand its relationships with federal and state agencies to ensure the capabilities of the Nevada Guard's CERFP are widely known.

During the biennium, the CERFP team participated in Operation Vigilant Guard 2020 in the U.S. island territory of Guam. This exercise was a collaborative event with four states participating: Nevada, California, Hawaii and Washington. Roughly, 50 soldiers and airmen from Nevada participated in this combined training exercise.

Additionally, CERFP worked closely with several agencies and military units during this training in Guam. They include the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1, which is composed of several

local and U.S. based fire department personnel, the Joint Site Communications Capability team with the 152nd Medical Group out of Reno, and the Fatality Search and Rescue Teams with the Arizona Air Guard's 162nd Force Support Squadron.

Vigilant Guard is an annual event that allows local first responders to work with federal and military agencies in a multispectral training exercise. The exercise included a combination of both local and U.S. fire departments and multiple military commands. They include:

- The 17th Special Troops Battalion, Las Vegas
- The 240th Engineer Company, Las Vegas
- The 100th Quartermaster Water Purification Company, Las Vegas
- The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Medical Group, Reno
- The Arizona Air Guard's 162nd Force Support Squadron, Tucson, Ariz.

Community relations remain top priority of Nevada Guard

Community relations and outreach are two of the top priorities of the Nevada Guard. The Nevada Guard strives to be a vital, contributing partner in each of the local communities and neighborhoods in Nevada.

The most visible community relations mission of the biennium occurred in April 2020 when the Nevada Air Guard High Rollers recognized health care workers with a flyover above several northern Nevada hospitals. The 152nd Airlift Wing flew a three-ship formation of its C-130s over hospitals from Reno through the Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe and as east as Fallon.

Additionally, one can annually find a High Roller C-130 at the Tahoe-Truckee Airport air show and also the Reno-Stead Airport each September during the Reno Air Races. (Those two events were canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic.)

The Nevada Guard is a strong proponent of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) educational curriculum and it supported multiple STEM classes with an Army Guard helicopter static displays during the biennium in order for students to understand the physics of rotary flight while also meeting citizen-soldier aviators.

The Nevada Guard annually supports three parades across the state with personnel and ground vehicles, including the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day Parade, the Carson City



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Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bandoni, 152nd Airlift Wing fire chief and native of Hawthorne, Nev., waves to spectators during the 69th annual Armed Forces Day parade in Hawthorne, May 18, 2019. Bandoni was the parade's grand marshal in 2019 in Hawthorne, home to the nation's largest ammunitions depot.

Nevada Day Parade and the Reno Veterans Day Parade. In 2019, a Nevada Army Guard Black Hawk helicopter provided the flyover to mark the start of the Nevada Day Parade.

Although appearances were hampered by the coronavirus in 2020, the Nevada Guard makes every attempt to fulfill all requests for community relations support and military appearances.

The Public Affairs Office liaisons community relations requests between civilian parties and the Army and Air Guard, dependent on the type of request. Community relations requests often include: aviation flyovers and static displays, requests for

military speakers, color guard requests and parade participation. (Military funeral honors are funded separately.)

Army Guard flyovers are possible at events with more than 5,000 attendees or at events with a strong tie to Patriotic holidays. Air Guard flyover requests are approved by the Secretary of the Air Force; once approved, the Nevada Air Guard may fly the mission if aircraft are available.

Army static displays of aircraft may be arranged through the Public Affairs Office. Air Guard static displays must be approved by the Secretary of the Air Force. For information on community relations support, call the Public Affairs Office at 775-887-7250.

Counterdrug assists local police, cuts supply of illegal drugs

The Nevada Guard Counterdrug Task Force's mission is to support the detection, interdiction, disruption and curtailment of drug trafficking in Nevada. The task force covers the state with agreements from county, state and federal law enforcement and community-based organizations. Eleven members make up the task force.

Counterdrug provides daily support to narcotics investigations. Additionally, these analysts use open source and law enforcement information networks to develop case information and assist in case deconfliction. The task force does this with aerial and ground reconnaissance capabilities, using Nevada Guard helicopters and regional fixed-wing RC-26 aircraft.

Additionally, the task force coordinates statewide drug prevention efforts with the

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse and Treatment Agency, law enforcement agencies, local coalitions, federal/State organizations, and other stakeholders. Members of the counterdrug team visited high schools around the state to provide drug reduction, prevention courses and Joint Together Northern Nevada Coalition's drug prevention efforts.

During these missions, the task force assists in observing and reporting trafficking, manufacturing, and transportation of illegal drugs, supporting both urban and rural reconnaissance along with law enforcement in venues ranging from hotel rooms to remote portions of the Nevada wilderness.

In September 2019, counterdrug de-

ployed ground and aerial reconnaissance assets to support the Nevada Department of Public Safety suppress an illegal marijuana production site in Nye County; 5,700 illegal marijuana plants eradicated with a \$20 million street value.

In February 2020, the counterdrug team worked with the Homeland Security Investigations and Customs and Border Patrol Mail Interception Agency confiscate 55 grams of MDMA en route to Sparks from the Netherlands; \$10.9 million street value. Also that month, members helped the Washoe County Sheriff's Office disrupt a Mexican cartel linked drug trafficking organization that resulted in the seizure of 30 pounds of methamphetamine, one pound of heroin and three ounces of cocaine; \$1 million street value.

ESGR educates employers on part-time military service

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense program, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR is supported by a network of more than 3,600 volunteers located in communities across all 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia.

Volunteers, hailing from small business and industry, government, education, and prior military service bring a vast wealth of experience to assist in serving employers, Service members, and their families.

The state's volunteer committee for ESGR supported dozens of employer-and-military-outreach events in 2019-2020. In 2020, committee members recorded more than 2,405 volunteer hours while interacting with more than 700 employers and they forwarded more than 130 awards to present to deserving employers and individuals for their support of reserve-component military personnel.

In addition, Nevada ESGR staff provided the ombudsman mediation services on behalf of several Guardsmen who had issues or conflicts with their civilian employer.

In 2020, the State of Nevada received its second Nevada ESGR Pro Patria award in three years for outstanding public sector agency service and continuing support of the



National Guard and Reserve. The State of Nevada supports their employers who also serve as traditional Guardsmen when they are pulled away from their civilian jobs for to support our nation on deployments, annual training and their monthly drill duties. The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas also won a Pro Patria award for best private business in support of the Guard and Reserve while Battlefield: Vegas took home the award for best small business. Battlefield Vegas, an indoor and outdoor shooting range in Las Vegas, was one of just 15 recipients of the 2020 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest U.S. government honor employers can receive for extraordinary support of their National Guard and reserve-component military employees. Battlefield Vegas was nominated by Spc. Josue Vega of Bravo Troop, 1/221st Cavalry.

The 2020 recipients were selected from 2,623 nominations received from Guardsmen and reservists highlighting how their civilian employers went far beyond federal law requirements to support them. The Freedom Award

began in 1996 under the auspice of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to recognize exceptional employer support, with 280 honorees to date. Previous Nevada Freedom Award recipients included the MGM Mirage Corporation, Sierra Pacific Resources, Sun Valley General Improvement District and the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

For information on future Freedom Award nominations, visit www.FreedomAward.mil. To learn more about ESGR, part of the Defense Personnel and Family Support Center, visit www.ESGR.mil.

Nevada ESGR also engaged in multiple outreach events that worked to educate employers in the region on what their reservists and Guardsmen do when they are at monthly or annual trainings.

In 2019, ESGR worked with the Nevada Army Guard for a "Boss Lift" at the Nevada Army Guard Aviation Support Facility in Reno, Nevada with about a dozen local business owners and managers receiving a tour of the facility and the National Guard's army aviation assets. Business owners and managers are nominated by their military employees. They are also briefed on what their employees do at training and during activations and deployments.

Also during fiscal year 2019, ESGR led 23 total events, including a Nevada Air Guard C-130 Boss Lift with about 50 employers in the region.



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One of the highlights of the biennium for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization was the 2019 Boss Lift. Several dozen employers from northern Nevada received the opportunity to see what role their Army Guard employees perform while on military duty on a CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Black Hawk military helicopters.

Military and Family Support staff provide myriad services

The Nevada Guard's Military and Family Support Services staff serves to inform all service members, military dependents, Veterans and retirees – regardless military branch and component – about their due entitlements. Any soldier, airmen, sailor or Marine whether on active- or reserve-component duty status is welcome to receive MFSS assistance.

The MFSS maintains a main office at the Plumb Lane Armory in Reno and two satellite offices, one at the air base in Reno and one at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center.

Resources include: family support assistance; child and youth programs; family readiness; family life and financial counseling; resilience and risk reduction; veterans' transitional assistance; suicide prevention; and sexual assault response.

Military identification cards can be acquired and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System updates can be made through the MFSS.

The MFSS office also provides space and assistance to employees of other Department of Defense support organizations, including the Financial Readiness Program, Work for Warriors, Survivor Outreach Services, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and the Transition Assistance Advisor.

The recent biennium proved to be the busiest in years, with more than 200 Nevada Army Guard soldiers and about 300 Nevada Air Guardsmen deploying. The 300,000 Veterans now residing in Nevada – all welcome at any MFSS office – also ensure the MFSS remains busy providing information and assistance.

The following are summaries of sections within the MFSS:

Soldier and Family Readiness Specialists provide outreach for family members of deployed soldiers; resources and referrals for service members and families for all branches of services; briefings as requested; and the facilitation of events on the behalf of service members. They assist in the development and implementation of each unit commander's family readiness program during all phases of the deployment cycle.

The **Child and Youth Program** staff coordinates and conducts events and activities for Nevada Guard children and youth. The staff also provides information and referrals concerning local, state and federal resources and programs that benefit children and teens.

The **Airman and Family Readiness Program** manager advises Air Guard chain of



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Left to right: Conner Lee, Alexander Orolfo, Alexander Church and Ayden Rodríguez prepare to attend the evening resilience training at the State Youth Symposium Camp Wamp, Deer Lake, Soda Springs, Calif., an annual event which brings together Army and Air Guard youth from across the state. The three boys participated in a three-night camping trip led by the Military Family Support Services Staff, Aug. 3-6, 2020.

command on issues concerning airmen. The manager aims to increase and improve communication between airmen and their units, especially in the topic of military benefits.

The **Transition Assistance Advisor** provides rehabilitative care management to assist soldiers as they return to their usual lifestyle while in the Community-Based Warrior Transition Unit program. The position links soldiers to veterans' benefits and service organizations to file disability and compensation claims. The advisor also acquires medical records, DD 214

forms and other important documents.

The **Military OneSource** staff provides counseling on non-medical topics (including face-to-face, telephonic and online). Financial counseling and planning assistance is available. Assistance is available at all times at www.militaryonesource.mil and toll free at 1-800-342-9647.

The **Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve** staff works with all military branches as a mediator between service members and employers to ensure federal employment law

Military and Family Support Services Directory

Director	775-384-5800	Air Guard Yellow Ribbon	775-384-5821
Family Programs		or 775-790-6588
Director	775-384-5820	Transition Assistance	775-384-5837
Army Guard Family Assistance	702-694-4475	ID Cards.	775-384-1043
.	or 775-384-5811	Southern Nevada Support Services	
Child and Youth Programs	775-384-5805	Army Guard Family Assistance	702-694-4477
Airman/Family Readiness	775-788-4585	or 800-699-3128
National Guard Family Assistance	775-384-5808	Child and Youth Programs	702-694-4476
Beyond Yellow Ribbon		Family Readiness Support Assistants	702-856-4811
Employment Coordinator.	702-632-0551	Southern Nevada Counseling	
Northern Nevada Counseling		Psychological Health	775-224-4991
Behavioral Health Counselor	775-887-7210	or 702-856-4931
Air Guard Psychological Health	775-788-9307	Alcohol, Drug Control Officer	702-632-0387
Northern Nevada Resiliency		Southern Nevada Resiliency	
Suicide Prevention	775-384-5819	Resilience and Suicide Prevention.	702-632-0385
Sexual Assault Response	775-384-5840	Survivor Outreach Services	702-632-0556
Survivor Outreach Services	775-445-0291	Southern Nevada Resources	
Northern Nevada Resources		ESGR South	702-632-0332
Employers Support		Military One Source	800-342-9647
of Guard and Reserve.	775-384-5836	Yellow Ribbon	702-856-4967
Heroes 2 Hired.	775-384-5849	ID Cards.	702-632-0301
Military One Source	800-342-9647	Substance Abuse Prevention	775-384-5827
Equal Opportunity	775-384-5845		

compliance. The staff helps maintain a mutually productive relationship between service members and civilian employers.

The **Psychological Health Specialist** is a licensed clinical social worker who is also a behavioral health officer in the Nevada Army Guard. The specialist offers individual and couples counseling to service members. The specialist can also evaluate and draft medical profiles when requested.

The **Work for Warriors Nevada** staff helps service members, veterans and immediate family members connect with available employment resources as individuals begin their journey toward realizing their career goals.

The **Survivor Outreach Services** program

staff expedites and assists with services available to surviving families of fallen soldiers. The staff assists with access to local benefits and support coordinators and financial counselors.

The **Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention** staff oversees three programs, including Resilience, Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse Prevention. The “R3SP” operates through the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program in accordance with AR 530-53 and provides training in resiliency, suicide intervention, and substance abuse prevention. The ultimate goal of the Nevada R3SP team is to reduce risk within the Nevada Guard by providing Guardsmen and their families with institutionalized training to

enhance overall physical and psychological fitness.

The **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response** staff responds to reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment incidents. They provide and monitor sexual assault/sexual harassment prevention and awareness training. They also monitor and report sexual assault incidents to the National Guard Bureau Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

The **Air National Guard Psychological Health Coordinator** guides and promotes psychological fitness among the state’s 1,100 airmen. The position provides resources for airmen and their families to master emotional health challenges.



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Members of Nevada Guard leadership along with staff on the state’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team pose for a photo at the office of the Adjutant General complex during Denim Day to raise awareness of sexual assault and rape, Oct. 15, 2020. Usually observed in April, the Nevada Guard observed Denim Day this year in October as a delayed observation because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nevada names new Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

In March 2020, Nikky Randel, also a captain in the Nevada Army Guard, joined the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program as the Lead Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. She is primarily responsible for developing the Nevada Army Guard’s SAPR program, but also oversees SAPR response for all soldiers and airmen throughout the state.



Nikky Randel

The Lead SARC coordinates with the Provost Marshal, Staff Judge Advocate, commanders, local law enforcement, and community partners to ensure timely and

appropriate response to sexual assault reports and increase the pool of available resources to victims of sexual assault. The Lead SARC also provides valuable prevention and response training throughout the organization with special training developed for leaders to understand their role in preventing and responding to sexual assault reports within their ranks. The JFHQ Victim Advocate Coordinator, or VAC, Allen Morris, tracks all VA training and credentialing and ensures that each victim of sexual assault is assigned a victim advocate throughout the process of their case.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is supported by a team of civilian and military sexual assault response coordinators and victim advocates who provide direct advocacy and service

referrals to airmen, soldiers and adult dependent victims of sexual assault. SARCs and VAs complete 40 hours of classroom training and a comprehensive background check before receiving their Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program credentials, and must complete 32 CEUs every two years to maintain their credentials.

Randel serves as the co-chair for monthly case management group meetings with the adjutant general. The primary purpose of these meetings is to facilitate monthly victim updates and collaborate to resolve any roadblocks that are interfering with a victim’s access to timely and appropriate services. These meetings also include executive oversight, procedural guidance and feedback concerning command implementation of the SAPR Program.



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U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs Randall Schriver addresses a crowd to announce the Republic of Fiji will join the National Guard's State Partnership Program in Fiji, Dec 14, 2018.

Nevada Guard State Partnership Program expands with Fiji

Randall Schriver, assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs, officially announced in 2018 the Nevada Guard was set to team with the Republic of Fiji in its growing State Partnership Program.

Fiji is the second country currently teamed with the Nevada Guard under the auspice of its State Partnership Program; it has maintained a partnership with the Kingdom of Tonga since 2014. The official state partnership agreement signing occurred in Fiji in early 2019.

The National Guard's State Partnership Program links a state's National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship. More than 80 countries around the globe participate in the program with the 54 states and territories of the National Guard.

"This is a partnership that we are especially excited about and look forward to initiating," said Schriver during the announcement at the U.S. Embassy in Fiji.

Independent since 1970, Fiji is an Island chain in the Pacific Ocean located about 1,300 miles north of New Zealand and 3,100 miles southwest of Hawaii. Fiji includes more than 330 islands, of which about 110 are inhabited. The two major islands are Viti Levu and Vanua Levu where more than 850,000, about 87 percent, of the population live.

The capital city of Suva is located on Viti Levu and is the site of the country's main airport and seaport. The U.S. Embassy in

Suva also serves the countries of Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu.

Fiji was a British colony from 1874-1970 and remains a member of the British Commonwealth of nations.

The nation's official language is English but residents also speak Fijian.

Between 2019 and 2020, SPP planned 25 engagements with Nevada's partner nations and sent more than 335 soldiers, airmen, and civilians to the South Pacific. Numbers shown are lower than normal due to travel restrictions during the pandemic.

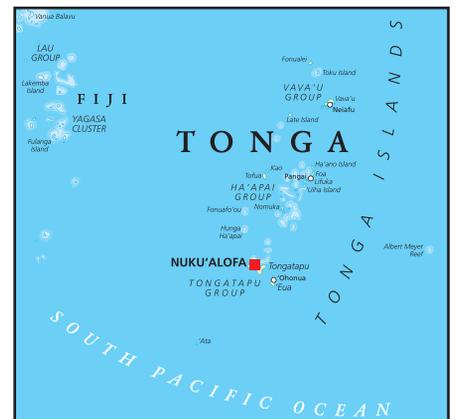


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Two soldiers from His Majesty's Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Tonga, one of Nevada's state partners, takes part in a 12-mile road march as part of Nevada's Best Warrior Competition in Hawthorne, Nev., March 14, 2019.



The Elko County Readiness Center, formerly the University of Nevada, Reno Fire Science Academy, sits in the foreground just north of Interstate 80 in Carlin, Nevada. The readiness center is the site of the Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy, set to open with classes in June 2021.

Director eyes ‘top-performing Youth ChalleNGe program’ in Nevada

Lauren Schulman hit the ground running this January as the first Nevada Youth ChalleNGe director in the state’s history.

There’s a reason for that — she has a lot of work to do.

The goal: turn the Elko County Readiness Center in Carlin, Nevada, formerly the University of Nevada, Reno Fire Science Academy, into a “top-performing Youth ChalleNGe program,” as she said, with classes set to start June 2021. Classes were initially set to begin in January 2021, but preparation for the first class of cadets was pushed back because of the pandemic.



Lauren Schulman

“We’re fortunate to have the gold standard campus,” said Schulman, who has worked in the Texas National Guard’s Youth ChalleNGe since 1994, most recently reaching the position of program director at the campus in Eagle Lake, Texas. “I’m really excited about being in Carlin and being able to train cadets in an environment that is not only safe but palatable to learn in.”

Nevada’s program will be called the “Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy.”

Youth ChalleNGe is a voluntary, 17-month (five-month residential) coed program designed to assist 16-18 year old high school

dropouts and at-risk students graduate high school on time. It includes educational and life skill components, funded 75 percent with federal money, contingent the state shares 25 percent of the costs.

During the 2019 Legislative Session in Carson City, lawmakers, including Gov. Steve Sisolak, approved state funding, a half million dollars annually for the program, matched with \$1.5 million in federal funds. Initial funds will go toward renovation of the Elko County Readiness Center and hiring of staff, which begins this summer, Schulman said.

Schulman anticipates a staff of about 50, including an operations staff of 22 team leaders, four shift supervisors, one commandant and one deputy commandant. Additionally, the programs staff will include a coordinator, chow hall staff, recruiters and the post-residential team who tracks cadet progress after they leave for the yearlong, post-residence portion of the course.

“We want to make sure we are meeting the needs of the state in a coed environment,” Schulman said. “This is a great target to start with and within the first three-to-five years we can look to grow, but as we get started and train new staff, it’s important to stay focused and make sure we are bringing in the right students.”

Schulman described the program as a “scholarship.” Given state funds are used for the program, it’s important to accept cadet applicants who are going to take it seriously, she said. Given its location, the program will fall under the directive of the Elko County School District, but applications will be accepted statewide.

“We want to be good stewards of state money and accept those who have the grit to stay committed throughout the program,” she said.

Schulman, an Air Force brat who studied Marine Biology at Texas A&M at Galveston, changed her career path as she began working on Youth ChalleNGe in Texas in the mid-1990s and “fell in love with the program and less in love with the degree plan.”

After two decades working in Texas and Washington, she’s ready for a new location and, literally, a new challenge.

“There was no reason to leave Texas,” Schulman said. “I’m hungry. I’m ready for the opportunity to help a different state. The level of support has been amazing, but we need that to continue. Nevada not only needs this, it deserves this.”

Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe

- The National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program, a preventive rather than remedial “youth at risk” program, targets unemployed, drug-free, high school dropouts, 16-18 years of age.
- Program includes a five-and-a-half-month residential phase is followed by a year-long mentoring relationship with specially trained mentors from each youth’s community
- Participants must be: 1) a volunteer 2) 16-18 years-old 3) high school dropout of at least one month prior to application 4) citizen or legal resident of the United States and resident of the state where the program is conducted 5) unemployed 6) drug free 7) not on parole or probation, not indicted or charged, and free of felony convictions or capital offenses 8) physically and mentally capable of completing the program with reasonable accommodation for physical or other handicaps. Eligible youth must apply, be nominated by a member of the local community and selected by a state-appointed committee.



Nevada Guard's COVID-19 response proves to be largest state activation in history

More than 1,100 soldiers, airmen battle invisible invader

The most unlikely of invaders into the state – the microscopic coronavirus that caused thousands of respiratory tract infections and more than 220,000 deaths nationwide – set the Nevada Guard into motion for its largest domestic response effort in state history. About 25 percent of all of the state's Guardsmen were activated to battle the invisible but deadly invader on a broad-spectrum of fronts.

At the height of the action in late April, the Nevada Guard had about 1,150 soldiers and airmen on state active duty supporting more than 25 different COVID-19 response missions. The missions ran the gamut from two airmen driving 57 boxes of personal protective equipment from Reno to Elko in a day to long-term logistical support at Cashman Field by 150 soldiers.

As of Oct. 21, 91,499 Nevadans had tested positive for COVID-19 and 1,727 had died from coronavirus. More than 100 Nevada Guardsmen had tested positive; none had died.

"Nevadans took unprecedented and historic steps these past months to ensure we could combat the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve," said Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry. "We've asked a lot out of our citizens and we've asked a lot out of our Nevada Guardsmen.

"This is what we train for. This is what we prepare for. This is what we do. Now we are showing the world how to fight this pandemic right here in the homeland."

The story was the same across the nation, as more than 46,000 Guardsmen were activated to support the COVID-19 battle. That number was just short of



Airmen of the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air Guard, direct traffic and run the community based collection site at the Livestock Events Center in Reno, April 17, 2020.

the 51,000 called to duty in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

As February began, coronavirus was just an odd sounding ailment causing havoc in distant China. The first inkling that the National Guard would be involved in the health response came on Feb. 6 when 70 Americans who had been living in Wuhan, China, were placed into quarantine at the Nebraska National Guard's Camp Ashland training site.

The situation simmered into March with some global travel restrictions, but boiled over on March 11 when a professional basketball player, Rudy Gobert, tested positive for COVID-19 and the entire National Basketball Association season was postponed.

The domino effect quickly struck the

Nevada Guard as events scheduled for mid-March, including the Best Warrior contest and the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match, were canceled. The majority of Nevada Office of the Military employees began tele-working from home and, on March 16, the Department of Defense halted all domestic travel including temporary duty travel.

The inevitable then occurred April 6 when Gov. Steve Sisolak called up 106 initial Guardsmen to join the fray and support federal and state agencies trying to quell the pandemic.

Seven hundred more were called up on April 14, bringing the total number to more than 800 and making the response the largest in state history, surpassing the previous record of 400 for the post-Rodney King race riots of 1992.

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Gov. Steve Sisolak, second from left, and Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, right, receive a briefing at the COVID-19 community based collection site in The Orleans Casino parking garage in early May 2020.

Although it had committed about 800 Guardsmen for support, the Nevada Guard actually had more than 1,100 soldiers and airmen on various missions daily in April and May (including about 140 Active Guard and Reserve members). April 24 was the high-water mark for support with 1,151 soldiers and airmen on duty.

On most days, there were about 650 Guardsmen supporting operations in southern Nevada and about 450 based in northern Nevada.

Unified effort

Throughout the state, Guardsmen traded in their Kevlar helmets and small arms weapons for personal protective equipment as they helped test citizens and ostensibly curb the spread of the disease.

The largest and lengthiest individual mission was carried out by Task Force 17, composed mainly of soldiers in the 17th Sustainment Brigade. They ran support operations at Cashman Field in Las Vegas for several weeks beginning in mid-April. Space at Cashman Field was used during the pandemic to shelter displaced persons after other shelters were closed due to the spread of coronavirus. About 150 soldiers worked at Cashman Field.

“We are extremely pleased to have the Guard here,” said Cashman Field incident commander Lisa Hibbler. “This

is a 24/7 operation and we really needed the individuals who are trained and have technical skills.”

Rick Rosen of Team Rubicon assisted with the training of the soldiers and – as a retired sergeant major – was pleased seeing Guardsmen support a non-traditional contingency.

“(This pandemic) has exposed Guardsmen to a different type of mission that they’re normally not accustomed to,” Rosen said. “Most of the time during an emergency, they’re filling sand bags, moving people, or helping feed them.

“In this case, we have a pandemic. They’re going to learn about what that is and how all of us work together to handle it.”

On smaller scales, the scenes of support were repeated daily across the state as about 20-25 missions were ongoing.

As the curve flattened and the spread appeared to stabilize, community based collection sites for coronavirus testing moved to the forefront.

Testing for those with no symptoms (asymptomatic) became available in Carson City and Las Vegas on May 5. Three hundred people drove into the Community Based Collection Site at The Orleans that day with Nevada Guard guiding citizens through the testing process.

Morale mission

One of the Nevada Guard’s most visible missions couldn’t be measured in terms of boxes delivered or masks distributed.

On April 28, the 152nd Airlift Wing conducted Operation American Resolve, a COVID-19 morale flyover to salute northern Nevada’s health workers.

Three of the wing’s C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft took off in Reno and passed over the Renown South Medical Center at noon and subsequently flew over Carson Tahoe Hospital in the capital city; Carson Valley Medical Center in Gardnerville; Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee, Calif.; St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center in Reno; Renown Regional Medical Center; VA Sierra Nevada Health Care Center, the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks.

The aircraft then went east to the Banner Health Center in Fernley; Lahontan Valley VA Clinic and Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon; and finally Silver Springs Rural Health Centers.

Continuing Federal Mission

One sign that the Army was not going to kowtow to the virus came on May 7 as family and friends – and Sisolak – bade farewell to the aviation soldiers in the 2/238th Aviation unit before they traveled to Texas for pre-deployment training before heading to the CENTCOM region for their medical evacuation mission. They were set to replace an earlier set of 238th soldiers who departed in September.

Their departure event was the first in Nevada Guard history to be held with all of the participants wearing face coverings and with everyone maintaining 6 feet of social distance.

“I wish you the best on this upcoming most-unique of deployments and look forward to welcoming you home in a few months – perhaps even without a face covering and with a hearty handshake. Or at least an elbow bump,” Sisolak said.



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From left: National Guard Sgt. Sidney Romero, Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada adjutant General, Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak and Core project superintendent Edward Ojeda, also a sergeant in the Nevada Army Guard, participate in the Speedway Readiness Center ribbon cutting in North Las Vegas, Sept. 20, 2020.

\$37 Million Speedway Readiness Center opens in North Las Vegas

The Nevada Army Guard's long-awaited state-of-the-art facility, the Speedway Readiness Center, opened its doors in September 2020. The opening of the Nevada Guard's \$37 million southern Nevada flagship armory was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Gov. Steve Sisolak.

The name of the readiness center is derived from its close proximity to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in North Las Vegas. The 71,000-square foot facility is located on Hollywood Boulevard on 18.65 acres of state land.

The new center will eventually house the 17th Sustainment Brigade, the 17th Special Troops Battalion and the 3665th Explosives Ordnance Detachment. It was built to provide a training center for the growing number of Nevada Guard soldiers in Clark County. More than two-thirds of Nevada Army Guard soldiers now reside in southern Nevada.

Construction on the facility began in 2019 the work was completed sooner than expected. Initial estimates said the project

would be done in 2021. All construction funds came from federal coffers. The readiness center includes administrative and accessory space, classrooms, unit lockers, and a commercial kitchen.

Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry represented the National Guard during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"The southern Nevada location of the new facility gives us a chance to grow and progress," Berry said. "This building is a sign to Las Vegas valley citizens that the training and preparation of our force is a top priority. In addition to accommodating our current force, this facility allows the Nevada Guard to position itself for future growth as



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This photo from early 2020 shows the new Speedway Readiness Center in North Las Vegas nearing construction completion.



Ely mayor Melody Van Camp walks her dogs in front of the vacated Army Guard building on Mill Street in January 2019. Built on donated city land in 1959, the armory and land are once again the city's property. City officials are set to lease the building to the Department of Public Safety in 2021.

well.”

The Speedway Readiness Center meets the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver Rating standards in an effort to maintain the Nevada Guard’s energy and resource efficiency. The new center is designed for a minimum service life of 50 years, in accordance with the Department of Defense Unified Facilities Code.

The realization of the Speedway Readiness Center marks the first completion of a major Nevada Army Guard facility since the \$25 million Spc. Anthony Cometa Complex – Las Vegas Field Maintenance Shop Training Center was finished in July 2013. The Elko County Readiness Center and the North Las Vegas Readiness Center were also completed in 2013. All told, expenditures for Nevada Army Guard construction and improvements were \$67 million in 2013.

Nevada Guard Facilities Updates

Stead Training Site, 4600 Alpha Avenue, Reno

The 50-year lease on the Nevada Army Guard’s Stead Training Site (“Camp Stead”) expired on Dec. 31, 2018. The 4.3 acre property near the Reno-Stead Airport was vacated and has been returned to the city of Reno and the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority. The Nevada Army Guard entered a 50-year lease with the city of Reno in 1968 for the purpose of creating an officer candidate

school. The property included five barracks buildings, two office buildings and a dining facility.

Ely Armory, 545 Mill St., Ely

The Ely Armory, the only military building in White Pine County and a city landmark at 545 Mill St. since it was built for \$128,000 in 1959, was vacated by the Nevada Army Guard in November 2018. The armory housed a detachment of the 72nd Military Police Company for decades, but the city’s

remote location eventually proved to be its downfall. By 2018, only four Nevada Guard soldiers lived in Ely.

According to an Ely city official, however, the building will be occupied by the start of 2021. The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety is set to lease the building and two divisions within the highway patrol are set to maintain offices in the armory.

Yerington Armory, 14 Joe Parr Way, Yerington

Built in 1959, the “old” Yerington Armory is set to become the “new” Yerington City Hall by early 2021.

In September 2020, the City of Yerington announced it had acquired the armory from the National Guard at the cost of \$213,087. The two parties had negotiated the transfer of the property since April 2019.

The property sits on 4.37 acres of land and includes seven buildings. The main building is 10,400 square feet. Yerington’s previous city hall, 102 S. Main St., at was built in 1926 and had just 2,500 square feet of office space.

The 609th Engineer Company was the last Nevada Army Guard unit to drill in Yerington. The Sappers rotated their drills between Yerington and Fallon for a few years but they will now drill every month in Fallon.

The 1/221st Cavalry maintained a troop in Yerington for several decades but all Nevada Army Guard cavalry troops are now based in North Las Vegas.



This photo shows the drill hall floor at the Yerington Armory with the cavalry insignia on the floor. The armory served as the longtime home of a troop of Nevada Army Guard cavalry soldiers. The armory, built in 1959, was sold over to the City of Yerington in the summer of 2020.

Nevada Guard: A Brief History

English and American militia tradition provided the blueprint for the origins of Nevada's state militia, eventually called the National Guard. This tradition served the patriot cause in the American Revolution. After the war, the 1792 Militia Act, under the new Constitution, provided for the president to call out state militias during invasion or emergency but failed to establish a national militia system, as many Federalists sought. During the antebellum period, compulsory military training of state militias was not enforced and almost completely ceased. In their place came volunteer and fraternal-like organizations that practiced marksmanship along with drills and ceremonies.

In Nevada, the same occurred in response to strained Native American relations and fear of secessionists before and during the Civil War. In the winter of 1859–60, the discovery of the Comstock Lode brought a "Rush to Washoe" that increased friction with the Native population in what was then still far-western Utah Territory. A loosely organized militia attacked Pyramid Lake Paiutes in retaliation for perceived crimes against white settlers. Ambushed by the Paiutes on their march to Pyramid Lake, the militia met disaster, with 76 killed. Union regulars and citizen militias from California mining towns quickly responded, defeating and dispersing the Paiutes by June of 1860. In July, the War Department began construction of Fort Churchill and other federal posts in Nevada to maintain peace and protect the Overland Trail.

From 1880-1900, the Comstock mines dried up and the Silver State's population plummeted. During this time, the Nevada Guard struggled to meet national standards suggested by larger states. Still, in 1892, with fewer than 50,000 living in the state — the smallest in the nation by population, but fifth largest in area — Nevada Guardsmen held their first summer encampment in Carson City. Volunteer soldiers, many of them miners, came from as far away as Tuscarora in Elko County and Yerington in the Mason Valley. The encampment included rifle practice and a 3 a.m. "sham" attack. Nevada's budget constraints only allowed guardsmen to receive \$10 per encampment, compared to \$33 per encampment for soldiers in New York. In 1896, Carson City Guard, Company F, earned the national marksmanship

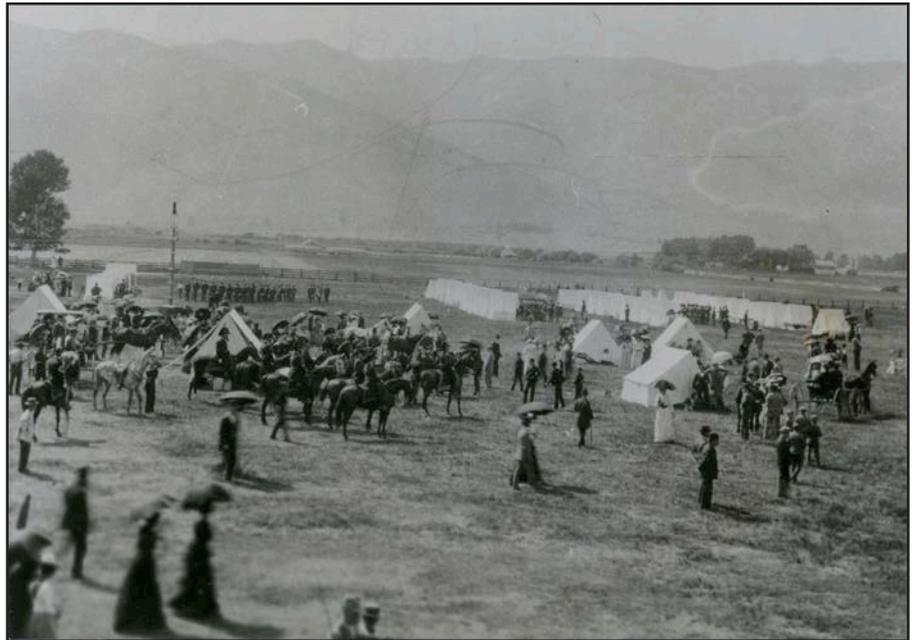


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Hundreds gather for Nevada's first annual trainings, or summer encampment, in Carson City in early 1890s.

championship with Springfield rifles, even though "companies in the eastern States have been prone to deny this" and "did not believe the published records of the Carson Company to be correct." After President William McKinley called on the states during the Spanish-American War, nearly every Nevada Guard unit disbanded as military men left for war.

In 1906, the final two units of infantry in the Nevada Guard disbanded after a federal inspector questioned their loyalty to the state. According to the federal officer from the Presidio in California: "The replies of both were that not a man could be relied upon to obey the order of the Governor, and I wish to add that in my opinion both captains and all company officers, as well as the enlisted men, would not only refuse to obey orders of the Governor, but would be arrayed on the other side [of labor violence]."

The Nevada Guard's disbandment occurred simultaneously with the rise of radical labor, especially in Goldfield, Nevada, the state's population center at the time, which included the Industrial Workers of the World. Even after the fall of Goldfield in the 1910s, labor groups repeatedly blocked the reorganization of the National Guard at the state legislature. Efforts stalled during World War I as most able-bodied men entered

conscription instead of the state Guard. In 1927, though, Nevada Governor Fred Balzar named Mineral County District Attorney Jay White adjutant general with the goal of reorganization. In 1928, the 40th National Guard Division established the 40th Military Police Company in Reno with 60 soldiers. White, who enthusiastically embraced his role as adjutant general, remained Nevada's adjutant general even after Balzar's death in 1934. He helped reorganize the Nevada Guard again after the state force disbanded and federalized during World War II. During the war, remnants of the old Nevada Guard deployed around the world and saw action in the Pacific Theater.

As the Iron Curtain fell across Eastern Europe with the beginning of the Cold War, and a hot war occurred in Korea (1950–53), major federal funds poured into the state for the reorganization of the Nevada Guard. In 1948, the Nevada Army Guard reorganized with the 421st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. With the creation of the U.S. Air Force in 1947, Nevada received an Air National Guard unit with the 192nd Fighter Squadron, established in 1948. The 192nd operated out of the old Army Air Base north of Reno in present-day Stead. In 1951, the 192nd entered a 21-month deployment flying P-51 Mustang aircraft in the Korean

War. During the war, the Nevada Air Guard suffered its only combat fatality in its history: Lt. Frank Salazar. After the war, the Nevada Air Guard entered a lease agreement with the city of Reno for land south of the airport, at Hubbard Field. The Nevada Air Guard received massive sums of federal support, along with the Nevada Army Guard, for base improvements and the construction of armories. This was also true for other western states, especially California, as the federal government with its burgeoning defense establishments during the Cold War emerged as a major economic multiplier in the growth of the American West during the 20th century.

In 1967, the Nevada legislature re-wrote the state's militia code, which provided for the expansion of the state's military department, including a code of military justice and the creation of a full-time adjutant general position. In 1968, the Nevada Army Guard changed its mission from artillery to armored cavalry, and it also acquired its first helicopter (OH23B), the initial step toward bringing Army aviation assets to the state. Also that year, the Nevada Air Guard answered President Lyndon B. Johnson's call-up in response to North Korea's capture of the USS Pueblo, a naval intelligence vessel. While no direct military retaliation was initiated, more than 600 Nevada Air Guardsmen were activated on one-day notice for service in South Korea and various places around the United States.

The Nevada Air and Army Guard garnered numerous trophies for excellence in the late 1970s and 1980s. The Nevada Air Guard won the aerial reconnaissance championship, Photo Finish, against international competition in 1978 and Reconnaissance Air Meet championships in 1986 and 1990. Airman Magazine noted the "High Rollers of Reno" are the "best at what they do" — aerial reconnaissance. In 1980, the Nevada Army Guard's 3rd Squadron, 116th Armor Cavalry re-designated as the 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry. The 221st won two Goodrich Riding Trophies, 1984 and 1986, a highly-coveted armor trophy. In 1985, it gained national attention after it completed a 135-mile tank march from southern Nevada to Fort Irwin, California, commonly referred to as the "Death March," with 71 tracked vehicles and 109 wheeled vehicles. The convoy stretched as long as 25 miles and included 420 soldiers. In 1986, the Nevada Army Guard gained its first aviation battalion, the 1st Battalion, 113th Aviation, which operated CH-54 Skycranes, eventually receiving UH-60 Blackhawks and CH-47 Chinooks in the 1990s. In the 1980s and 1990s, the Nevada Army Guard expanded with various support missions, assisting the warfighter overseas and citizens at home during natural disaster.

Both the Nevada Army and Air Guard deployed units during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield. In 1991, the then-152nd

Reconnaissance Group was among the first aircrew to fly missions over Kuwait and Iraq. They dodged anti-aircraft artillery, obtained photos of burning wellheads, spotted strategic targets and conducted assessments on the first morning of the war.

Thirteen airmen of the unit received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Additionally, the 72nd Military Police deployed to Saudi Arabia where they operated and maintained prisoner of war camps. In 1995, the U.S. Air Force moved away from manned reconnaissance, and the 152nd redesignated as the 152nd Airlift Wing operating C-130 aircraft.

In the Post-9/11 Era, the Nevada Air and Army Guard entered an unprecedented operations tempo. This deployment cycle has become the standard for the Nevada Guard, and it has come with a cost. During the 1864th Transportation Company's deployment to Iraq in 2005, Spc. Anthony Cometa, of Las Vegas, was manning a HMMWV machine gun turret when his vehicle lost control and flipped. One day after his 21st birthday, Cometa died in the accident. Two months after Cometa's death, a rocket-propelled grenade struck the fuel tank of a Chinook helicopter in Afghanistan, killing Chief Warrant Officer 3 John M. Flynn, of Sparks, and Sgt. Patrick D. Stewart, of Fernley. Also killed in the crash were two Oregon Army National Guardsman and an active duty soldier. In 2013, the Nevada Guard named the field maintenance complex at the Las Vegas Readiness Center after Cometa. Additionally, a memorial to the five Army aircrew killed stands at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead, Nevada.

Additionally, the Nevada Guard's role in emergency response in the U.S. has also increased. In 2016, the 152nd Airlift Wing was named the newest unit to operate the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS. One of four military C-130 units nationwide operating the mission, the 152nd can be called to fight wildland fires around the nation. In 2017, the Nevada Army Guard and Air Guard responded to more domestic response activations than any year in its history, including floods in northern Nevada and support of hurricane response efforts in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

A century removed from its disbandment in the face of labor opposition and lack of funding in the legislature, the Nevada Guard thrives today with a majority of federal funds in an atmosphere of continued military preparedness for national or state emergencies in the post 9/11 era.



A 152nd Reconnaissance Group RF-4C receives maintenance work in the early-1990s from members of the High Rollers.

152ND AIRLIFT WING PHOTO COLLECTION

Nevada National Guard Leadership

Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry

Adjutant General, Nevada Guard



Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry serves as the adjutant general for the state of Nevada. As adjutant general, Berry is the senior uniformed Nevada Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than 4,400 Nevada Army and Air Guardsmen. Appointed by the Governor,

Berry serves as the principal adviser on all National Guard issues, is responsible for both the federal and state missions of the Nevada Guard, and serves as the official channel of communication with the National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army and Department of the Air Force.

Prior to his current position, Berry was the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Nevada Guard and also served as the assistant to the director of National Guard Bureau, A-1, service component level personnel director for over 107,000 Air National Guard members.

He became Nevada's 30th adjutant general during a ceremony at the Reno Air National Guard Base on Sept. 7, 2019. He replaced Brig. Gen. William Burks who served as Nevada's adjutant general from 2009-2019.

Berry also served 25 years as a Reno Police Department reaching the position of assistant police chief. Prior to becoming adjutant general, Berry worked in the civilian realm as the senior vice president at MGM Resorts.

He received his commission from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science in 1990.

Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser

Land Component Commander, Nevada Army Guard



Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser is the land component commander, Nevada Army Guard. As land component commander, Doser is the senior ranking officer in the Nevada Army Guard. He oversees about 3,300 uniformed Nevada Army Guard soldiers.

Doser has command experience at a wide range of military levels, from platoon through brigade echelons. Prior to becoming land component commander, Doser served as the director of the joint staff and the Nevada Army Guard's chief of staff and assistant adjutant general, Nevada Guard.

Doser served in Afghanistan for more than a year in 2008-2009 as a team chief for the Nevada Guard's embedded training team. During the same deployment, he became the chief of staff for the Afghanistan Regional Security Integration Command, East.

Doser received his commission from the University of Nevada, Reno's ROTC program in 1985 as a distinguished

graduate in his class. He graduated from UNR in 1986 with a bachelor of science degree in physical geography. He also holds a master of arts degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Doser has also worked more than two decades in the Reno Police Department.

Brig. Gen. Glen Martel

Chief of Staff, Nevada Air Guard



Brig. Gen. Glen Martel serves as the Chief of Staff-Air for the Nevada Air Guard. He is responsible for developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than 1,100 Nevada Air Guard personnel and equipment, including eight C-130 H3 aircraft in the 152nd Airlift Wing, the 152nd Intelligence Squadron's Distributed Common Ground weapons system and the 232nd Operations Squadron. Appointed by the Nevada adjutant general, he serves as the principal advisor on all Nevada Air Guard issues, responsible for federal and state missions.

Martel deployed to Kuwait in 2010 and was assigned to the Office of Military Cooperation, serving as the J3 Training and Exercise Officer. During that deployment he developed the first comprehensive J3 training documents, which tracked availability and training opportunities. Furthermore, he assembled the 2011 J3 Command and Control Interoperability Board response, which improved C2 with the Kuwaiti and U.S. military leadership. Prior to his current assignment the general was commander, 152nd Mission Support Group, Nevada Air Guard in Reno.

Martel received his commission from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science in 1996.

As a civilian, Martel works as the assistant city manager in Missouri City, Texas, overseeing public works, development services and parks and recreation.

Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan

Assistant Adjutant General, Nevada Army Guard



Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan is the assistant adjutant general of the Nevada Army Guard, assisting the adjutant general with administrative tasks within the organization. He has been the assistant adjutant general since 2017. He previously served as the commander of the Nevada Army Guard.

Hanifan, who commissioned in 1986 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a degree in engineering physics, is a lifelong Nevada resident and grew up in Fallon. He served on active duty from 1986-1996 in various positions as a military intelligence officer.

After two years in the Army's individual ready reserves,

Hanifan joined the Nevada Army Guard as a major in 1998. His various positions in the Nevada Guard include: director of training and mobilization; deputy commander of the 17th Sustainment Brigade; battalion commander of the 421st Regional Training Institute; commander, headquarters, State Area Command; deputy directorate of training and operations and state command inspection program coordinator.

Col. John Week

Director, Nevada Guard Joint Staff



Col. John Week serves as the director of joint staff, Nevada Guard. As director, Week manages the Nevada Guard's joint operations, Army and Air, and joint military program operations throughout the state.

He oversees joint staff operations supporting more than 4,400 soldiers and airmen serving in the Nevada Guard. He is also responsible for coordinating the Nevada Guard support to civil authorities during domestic response operations.

Week is the senior, federal full-time Nevada Guard management official and serves as principal executive assistant and advisor to the adjutant general.

Week received his commission in 1991 through the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

Col. Mary Devine

U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer



Col. Mary Devine became the U.S. property and fiscal officer on May 1, 2018. She succeeded Col. Felix Castignola who had served as USPFO since 2008. As the USPFO for Nevada, Devine is accountable and responsible for all Nevada Guard federal resources in the state.

Devine enlisted in the Montana Army Guard in 1988 and commissioned in the Nevada Army Guard in 1992. Devine has served various commands in the Nevada Guard, including 991st Multi-Functional Brigade commander. She previously worked as the deputy USPFO.

Devine is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, where she earned a masters of strategic studies.

CW5 James Baumann

State Command Chief Warrant Officer



Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Baumann oversees the training, placement and manning of the warrant officers of the Nevada Army Guard.

Prior to his assignment as the state command chief warrant officer in 2014, Baumann served as the deputy surface maintenance manager for the director of

logistics.

He has held various assignments to include equipment inspector, equipment specialist, field maintenance shop supervisor and the combined support maintenance shop's general foreman. He enlisted in the Nevada Army Guard in 1986 and commissioned as a warrant officer in 1993.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding

Senior Enlisted Leader



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding is the Nevada Guard's senior enlisted leader. He succeeded Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki following Kopacki's retirement in 2019. As the state's senior enlisted leader, he advises both the adjutant general on matters concerning enlisted airmen, soldiers and their family members. Spaulding supports the directors of the Joint, Army and Air staffs with the management of the full-time enlisted staff, including active guard and reserve soldiers, airmen and military technicians.

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio

State Command Sgt. Maj., Nevada Army Guard



Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio became the Nevada Army Guard's command sergeant major on July 11, 2020. As state command sergeant major, Basilio oversees the Nevada Army Guard's 2,800 enlisted personnel.

Basilio was born in the Philippines and entered the Army in Guam in May 1996. He graduated basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advance individual training at Fort Lee, Va., as a distinguished honor graduate. Upon graduation, his initial assignment was to the 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor in Vilseck, Germany.

Most recently, Basilio served as the 17th Special Troops Battalion's command sergeant major and the 17th Sustainment Brigade's command sergeant major.

Chief Master Sgt. James Lindsay

State Command Chief, Nevada Air Guard



Chief Master Sgt. James Lindsay is the state command chief for the Nevada Air Guard. He is the principle advisor to the adjutant general for all enlisted issues concerning the Nevada Air Guard and is responsible for matters influencing readiness, force development, health, morale and welfare for the more than 900 assigned enlisted personnel and their families.

He started his career in the Nevada Air Guard with the 192nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron as a photo processing interpretation facilities electrician

Nevada National Guard Equipment



C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft

The 152nd Airlift Wing flies eight C-130 Hercules cargo airplanes.

The Hercules model is a four-engine turboprop military airframe that has been in continuous use by the Air Force for more than 60 years. The model has experienced multiple upgrades over the past six decades.

Via its aft loading ramp and door, the Hercules can accommodate a wide variety of cargo, including utility helicopters, military vehicles, palletized cargo and military personnel. The Hercules can deliver loads of up to

42,000 pounds and is capable of landing in remote locations with rough, dirt landing strips.

The flexible design of the C-130 enables it to be configured for a myriad of missions. The special mission equipment added to the Hercules is usually removable, allowing the airframe to easily revert back to its traditional cargo delivery role. The unit's C-130s can also be equipped with the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, MAFFS, for large-scale, wildland firefighting.

CH-47F Chinook, UH-60L Black Hawk and UH-72A Lakota helicopters

At the end of 2020, the Nevada Army Guard possessed 19 helicopters, including six CH-47 Chinooks, seven UH-60 Black Hawks and six UH-72A Lakota aircraft.



CH-47F Chinook

The 1/189th Aviation unit maintains/operates the state's Chinooks. In 2017, the unit upgraded from D to F model aircraft. The F models have between 2,000 and 3,000 flight hours, mostly recorded in Afghanistan. They operate in day or night in nearly all weather conditions. The airframe accommodates a wide variety of internal payloads (vehicles, artillery pieces, up to 44 troops or 24 litters plus two attendants). It can hoist 26,000 pounds and work firefighting efforts, deploying 2,000 gallons of water.



UH-72A Lakota

Nevada's 3/140th Security and Support, B and D Companies, operates six UH-72A Lakota helicopters. Four of the light-duty airframes are configured with homeland security options and two are equipped with medical evacuation features.



UH-60L Black Hawk

The 2/238th Aviation, a medical evacuation unit, crew Nevada's Black Hawks.

The four blade, medium-lift airframe is capable of transporting up to 11 troops or 2,600 pounds of cargo internally or 9,000 pounds externally. The UH-60 can deploy a 660-gallon firefighting water bucket.



M1A1 AIM-SA Abrams main battle tank

The Nevada Army Guard recently received 14 M1A1 AIM-SA Abrams main battle tanks as part of the 1-221st Cavalry Squadron's realignment under the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team.

Based on the original M1 Abrams main battle tank, the M1A1 AIM-SA features multiple upgrades including enhanced optics and improved armor. The M1A1 AIM-SA employs a 120 mm smooth-bore cannon and three machine guns to engage and destroy enemy infantry, reconnaissance vehicles, armored vehicles, battle tanks, fortifications and slow, low flying aircraft.



C-12 Huron fixed-wing aircraft

Detachment 3, Company B 2/641st Aviation, operates the only fixed-wing aircraft in the Nevada Army Guard's inventory, the state's lone C-12 Huron.

The C-12 Huron is a versatile, twin-engine turboprop aircraft and is used by all branches of the U.S. military. The aircraft is closely related to the Beechcraft 1900 and Super King Air aircraft models. It is used for a variety of different missions, including cargo and passenger transportation, embassy support, logistical support, medical evacuations and surveillance.



M-1083A1 5-ton standard cargo

The M1083A1, Medium Tactical Vehicle, MTV, is a 5-ton 6-by-6 cargo truck with integrated armor and accessory capable of accepting additional armor panels. The MTV Cargo vehicle is can operate worldwide on primary and secondary roads, trails and cross-country terrain in all weather conditions. The M1083A1P2 has a 10,000-pound payload. It tows with the pintle: howitzers, Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) trailers, and other trailers up to a gross vehicle weight of 21,000 pounds.

M1117 Armored Security Vehicle

The Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company operates 12 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles for the unit's military law enforcement mission. Specifically designed for military police operations, the M1117 Armored Security Vehicle is a wheeled vehicle capable of protecting its occupants from multiple threats including small arms fire and land mines. The vehicle is highly versatile and is utilized by military police personnel across the full spectrum of military operations.

M2A3/M7A3 Bradley fighting vehicle

1-221st Cavalry Squadron operates 41 M2A3 and 4 M7A3 Bradley fighting vehicles. The tracked vehicles are capable of engaging and destroying enemy personnel, armored vehicles, reconnaissance vehicles, fortified positions, battle tanks and helicopters. The M2A3s utilized by Nevada are configured as cavalry fighting vehicles due to the squadron's armored reconnaissance mission, while the M7A3s are specifically configured to provide front line units with advanced fire support capabilities.

Nevada National Guard Facilities

Fairview Complex

Office of the Adjutant General

2460 Fairview Drive
Carson City, NV 89701
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- Joint Force Headquarters
- Headquarters, Nevada Army Guard
- Emergency Operations Center
- Nevada Air Guard Personnel Office
- 150th Maintenance Company
- Headquarters, Recruiting and Retention Battalion
- Recruit Sustainment Company
- Combined Support Maintenance Shop
- 106th Public Affairs Detachment
- 92nd Civil Support Team
- 137th Law Enforcement Det

U.S. Property and Fiscal Office

2452 Fairview Drive
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 887-7802

- Joint Force Headquarters Finance and Contracting
- Army Guard Warehouse

Air Guard Facilities

Reno Air National Guard Base

1776 National Guard Way
Reno, NV 89502-4494
(775) 788-4500

- Headquarters, Nevada Air Guard
- 152nd Airlift Wing
- 152nd Intelligence Squadron
- Counterdrug Program

232nd Operations Squadron

4370 N. Washington Boulevard
STE 210 Nellis Air Force Base,
Las Vegas, NV 89191
(702) 652-1248

- 232nd Operations Squadron

Army Guard Facilities

Las Vegas Readiness Center

Spc. Anthony Cometa Training Center

4500 W. Silverado Ranch Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89139
(702) 856-4988

- Headquarters, 17th Sustainment Brigade
- Headquarters, 17th Special Troops Battalion
- B Co., 442nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- Det 1, C Co., 422 Expeditionary Signal
- 1864th Transportation Co.
- NVARNG Medical Detachment South
- Field Maintenance Shop Seven

Speedway Readiness Center

7005 N. Hollywood Boulevard
North Las Vegas NV 89115
(702) 632-0390



During the biennium, construction completed on the \$37 million National Guard Readiness Center. The 70,997 square-foot, LEED Silver certified facility is located on the north end of the Las Vegas Valley, just north of Interstate 15, east of the North Las Vegas Readiness Center, on land already owned by the state.

- 17th Sustainment Brigade
- 17th Special Troops Battalion
- 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company

Army Aviation Support Facility

20000 Army Aviation Drive
Reno, NV 89506

- (775) 971-6097
- B Co., 1/189th Aviation
- Det 45, Operational Support Airlift

Cheyenne Air Center

4511 W. Cheyenne Ave. Suite 700
North Las Vegas, NV 89032
(702) 643-4270

- Det. 1 B Company, 3/140th Security and Support (Hangar 1 and 2)
- Det 1 D Co, 3/140th Security and Support
- Army Aviation Support Facility, #2

Elko Armory

1375 13th Street
Elko, NV 89801
(775) 778-3003

- Det. 2, 593rd Transportation Co.

Elko County Readiness Center

100 University Ave.
Carlin, NV 89822-0877
(775) 338-7065

- Det. 1, 593rd Transportation Co.

Fallon Armory

895 E. Richard Street
Fallon, NV 89406
(775) 423-3050

- 609th Engineer Co.

Floyd Edsall Readiness Center

Clark County Armory

6490 Range Road
Las Vegas, NV 89165
(702) 632-0519

- HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
- A Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
- B Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
- C Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
- D Co., 1/221st Cavalry
- D4, 1/148th Higher Headquarters Battalion
- D Co., 145th Support Battalion
- 593rd Transportation Co.

Harry Reid Readiness Center

19980 Army Aviation Drive
Reno, NV 89506

- (775) 971-6031
- Stead Training Site
- HQ, 991st Aviation Troop Command
- HHD, 991st Aviation Troop Command
- B Co., 1/189th Aviation
- D1, G Co. 2/238th Aviation
- Det. 45, Operational Support Airlift
- Det 3, B Co., 2/641st Aviation
- 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- HHC, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- C Co., 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
- 1859th Transportation Co.

Henderson Armory

151 E. Horizon Ridge Parkway
Henderson, NV 89002
(702) 567-4580
3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Co.

North Las Vegas Readiness Center

6600 Range Road
Las Vegas, NV 89165
(702) 856-4890

- 1/421st Regiment (RTI)
- 100th Quartermaster Co.
- 240th Engineer Co.
- 777th Engineer Concrete Team
- 72nd Military Police Co

Plumb Lane Armory

685 E. Plumb Lane
Reno, NV 89502
(775) 348-5120

- Military Services Support Center
- Selective Services Branch
- NVARNG Medical Detachment, North
- Army Guard Recruiting

Winnemucca Armory

735 W. 4th Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445
• 1859th Transportation Company



Tech. Sgt. Garrett Wake, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs, prepares to capture video footage of a Nevada Air Guard C-130 conducting Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System training in the mountains outside Colorado Springs, Colo., in May 2019. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Griener)

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