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Nevada Guard 'High Rollers' launch AFWERX spark cell

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they face in the daily conduct of flying, fighting and winning our nation's wars."



The 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, became the newest unit to develop an AFWERX spark cell with the creation of 'Silver State Spark' in February 2020.

RENO, Nev. - About 70 innovation spark cells launched around the world since the U.S. Air Force debuted AFWERX in 2017, with a majority in the active-duty realm.

Maj. Greg Green, the 152nd Airlift Wing's spark team facilitator, was among about 100 military and civilian members of the Department of Defense who attended a three-day spark cell training Feb. 19-21 at the AFWERX hub in Las Vegas.

Earlier this month, the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, also known as the "High Rollers," became the newest Guard unit to participate with the creation of "Silver State Spark."

"A spark cell is a grassroots innovation program that empowers Airmen to bring tomorrow's tools to the warfighter today," said Maj. Tony Perez, AFWERX spark director, who organized the training in Las Vegas.

"For more than a decade we've seen the private sector, particularly the tech sector, move in this direction toward promoting new ideas and entrepreneurship as a bottom-up approach," said Col. Jacob Hammons, 152nd Airlift Wing commander, who began planning for the creation of a spark cell shortly after he took command in November.

Each spark cell is different, mainly because units receive autonomy in the development of their own program.

"A spark cell shortly after he took command in November. "A spark cell gives Airmen of all ranks the opportunity to think creatively toward new and innovative solutions to the challenges

for approval.

"Airmen are already approaching us with interesting ideas," Green said. "There's no doubt a demand for improving the way we do business."

Based largely on the startup model, spark cells

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Col. Hammons' NOTAM

Meet the new High Roller motto

By Col. Jacob Hammons Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing



Last Friday, Feb. 28th, 45 members from the 152nd Airlift Wing (152 AW) met for a day-long strategic planning on-site, held at our excellent Dining Facility.

altitude environment - the Reno-Tahoe area boasts some of the most beautiful, varied alpine landscapes in our great nation and also provides some of the best opportunities for mountain flying training.

The last part of the day we spent coming up with a new Wing motto. The intent for this motto is to have a simple graphical representation that encapsulates our mission, vision and strategic priorities.

Lastly, "Flyin' Low" firmly emphasizes our organization's focus on primary mission execution. First, it captures the C-130's unique ability to cover that "last tactical mile" in our federal missions to deliver critical personnel and supplies to our front-line warfighters through either delivery into austere airfields or by air drop.

I am extremely proud of the work that went into creating this motto, and I think it's important that we all understand what it means.

This often means penetrating into threat environments at low altitude. Secondly, it captures the es-

To begin with, the picture is a mosaic of High Roller Airmen performing in their various mission areas. This captures my overall approach of "People First, Mission Always."

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The mosaic makes up a picture of a 152 AW C-130 dropping fire retardant during a MAFFS mission, our primary domestic mission.

In the middle of the picture is our moniker, "High Rollers," with an arrow underlining the words and moving forward.

Many of you may not know the historical significance of how we came to be known as the "High Rollers."

As an RF-4 unit, we earned international esteem after winning multiple aerial reconnaissance competitions in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1980, an Airman Magazine article dubbed the then 152nd Reconnaissance Group the "High Rollers of Reno."

Paired with our incredible performance during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the reputation of the High Rollers was solidified.

Our motto pays homage to this tradition of excellence and carries that into our current and future missions.

Beneath the High Rollers verbiage is the motto, "Livin' High, Flyin' Low."

"Livin' High" refers to our enviable geographic location and high-

From DoD News Website

DOD Outlines Priorities in Combating Coronavirus

By Jim Garamone, DoD News



DOD mission capabilities or readiness. Additionally, the department must continue to work in support of partners, Saaleesses said.

Military officials and their civilian counterparts are learning together how to combat the coronavirus, Defense Department officials said today.

DOD also has to contemplate logistics support inside and outside the department.

DOD has an advantage it is sharing with civilian agencies is that the Defense Department has been doing pandemic planning for more than 20 years, said Robert G. Saaleesses, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense.

Air Force Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Friedrichs, the Joint Staff Surgeon, said the process started in mid- to late-January.

In addition, DOD conducts rigorous after-action reviews of real-world operations and situations, such as the ones against severe acute respiratory syndrome - SARS - first discovered in 2003.

First reports called the virus "novel coronavirus" meaning new virus. As the department has learned more it put out guidance on health protection.

DOD also examined the response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014.

Friedrichs stressed that everything DOD has put out has been aligned with and derived from the guidance that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has put out.

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper's priorities are the protection of service members, their families, and the DOD workforce - and to safeguard

But DOD does adapt the CDC guidance. "Our policy has to cover the soldier in Africa as much as it does the sailor who's on a ship somewhere in the Pacific, or the family member or retiree who's here in the continental United States," Friedrichs said.

"So, we start with whatever the federal guidance is, and then we add additional guidance to help clarify what the standards are and how we're going to minimize the risk of force across the world."

DOD provides the broad guidance and then encourages geographic combatant commanders to provide additional guidance specific to where they are located.

The department has also been involved in discussions about medical countermeasures and vaccines. "For years, [we] have had a very robust research and development program looking at viral illnesses," Friedrichs said.

"Our labs have been working on vaccines, and we are partnering with [Health and Human Services] and CDC on developing vaccine candidates."

The department also has international connections, and research benefits

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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)? Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19? COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in China, and limited spread among close contacts has been detected in some countries outside China, including the United States.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.? Yes, the first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020.

How does COVID-19 spread? The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but now it seems to be spreading from person to person.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19? Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

What are severe complications from this virus? Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself? The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

Is there a vaccine? There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19.

Is there a treatment? There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19.



HONORING THE PAST, SECURING THE FUTURE!

Celebrating Women's History Month

The Department of Defense (DoD) is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of World War II by recognizing the contributions and sacrifices made by Service members as well as those who served on the home front.

We pay tribute to the women who undauntedly and courageously contributed to the defense of our nation.

Between 1940 and 1945, the female percentage of the U.S. workforce increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent, and by 1945 nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home.

In addition to home front jobs, some 350,000 women joined the Armed Services, serving at home and abroad.

The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WACs) worked in more than 200 non-combatant jobs stateside and in every theater of the war.

In the Navy, members of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) provided support stateside.

One of the lesser-known roles women played in the war was provided by the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) who were the first women to fly American military aircraft.

This month, the DoD pays tribute to the women who not only forever changed the course of history but also redefined the United States military.

If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit www.deomil.org or contact the 152 Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Tech. Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director, adam.w.willett.mil@mail.mil.

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For the hotel billeting members can contact Services' billeting office at: 775-788-9320 or usaf.nv.152-aw.list.1odging@mail.mil

Members must sign-in with the hotel representatives to ensure they are accounted for in the rooms.

Members are authorized Friday night stays if they are outside the commuting distance.

Members on any type of orders will make their own reservations and pay for it on their GTC.

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For questions contact: usaf.nv.152-aw.list.officer-hiring@mail.mil

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RSVP: SMSgt Torry Thompson @ 775-788-4520 by March 1, 2020 Dinner: \$15 for adults & \$10 for children

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