



High Rollers bid "Wizard" farewell, as he gets called home

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

Capt. Tennyson William Hunter, "Wizard," the Nevada Air National Guard's first-ever Pilot for a Day in 2019, died Monday, Feb. 22, after a lifetime battle with Kabuki Syndrome. He was 15. Hunter, or as Nevada Air Guardsmen called him Wizard — a call sign he acquired in his whirlwind one day of service and retirement — touched the hearts of every single High Roller on the base as Pilot for a Day, an Air Force-wide program that provides chronically-ill children a chance to enter Air Force life. With his jovial spirit and can-do attitude, he made quite the impact at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno, Dec. 16, 2019. Wizard had Kabuki Syndrome, a congenital disorder triggered by a genetic mutation that affects multiple organ systems and causes developmental delays. He had over a dozen surgeries throughout his life. He succumbed to complications of his cancer treatment on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, in the arms of his parents.

Renown Children's Hospital nominated him to be a Nevada Air National Guard Pilot for a Day. The day started with Hunter swearing in for a one-day oath of commission. Pilots briefed him on his "classified" mission before he received a tour of the 152nd Airlift Wing's C-130 aircraft. He visited the base firehouse, security forces and the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control tower before the day concluded with his retirement ceremony in the Wing headquarters' auditorium. "Special things like this transcend many of our day-to-day tasks," said Maj. Joseph Jaquish, who, in 2019, briefed Hunter's mission and organized his call-sign ceremony. "The Air Force focuses a lot on metrics, data and other numbers, but some projects go beyond numbers. You can't quantify this. It was much bigger than that. It felt so nice to be part of something special." Jaquish added: "What made the day so enjoyable was that Capt. Hunter was such a wonderful kid. I don't want people to lose sight of that. Renown did a good job nominating him for this event."



TOP: Tenny's Mom, Jana Hunter, Wizard, Col. Hammons and Chief Ash stop for a photo in the fire house. BOTTOM: Tech. Sgt. Bird helps "Wizard" getting his mask 'fit test' done during his in-processing.

Whirlwind service "This is a tremendous opportunity to have him out at the base as he showed all of our members the resiliency someone can have," said Tech. Sgt. Sean Bird, in 2019, a life support specialist with the 152nd Airlift Wing. "It definitely put things in perspective."

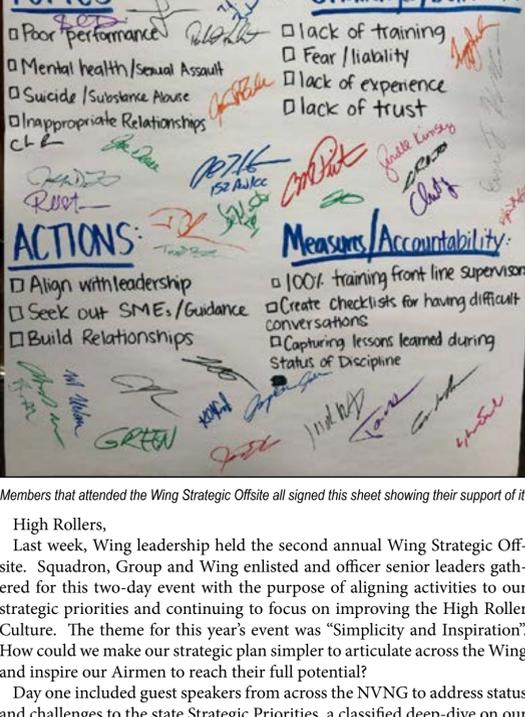
Bird had outfitted Hunter with his own flight suit with nameplate and patches that were provided by members of the base at no cost to the government.

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Col. Hammons' NOTAM

NOTAM: strategic planning; Women's History Month; vaccinations

By Col. Jacob Hammons, Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing



Members that attended the Wing Strategic Offsite all signed this sheet showing their support of it.

High Rollers, Last week, Wing leadership held the second annual Wing Strategic Offsite. Squadron, Group and Wing enlisted and officer senior leaders gathered for this two-day event with the purpose of aligning activities to our strategic priorities and continuing to focus on improving the High Roller Culture. The theme for this year's event was "Simplicity and Inspiration". How could we make our strategic plan simpler to articulate across the Wing and inspire our Airmen to reach their full potential? Day one included guest speakers from across the NVNG to address status and challenges to the state Strategic Priorities, a classified deep-dive on our OPLAN taskings and deployment processes, as well as a seminar on Multi-Capable Airmen. I have approved our Wing ACE CONOPS, with Mission Support Group as the supported command. They are launching their tiered training approach culminating in a Multi-Capable Airmen experimentation event during Exercise RESOLUTE HUNTER at Fallon NAS this year. Day two of the offsite focused on our Strategic Plan priorities, goals and metrics and an open discussion on having tough conversations with our Airmen. Readiness and Lethality are more important now than ever as we regain readiness following the pandemic and prepare for our primary domestic and federal missions. Mission readiness starts with empowered Airmen. We also reviewed the results of the surveys that were sent out earlier this year. We had hundreds of responses and nearly 1,000 comments that I personally reviewed and we discussed as a leadership team. While we are doing well in some areas of the Wing, it is clear there is still room for improvement. We must work harder as leaders to build trust among our ranks, communicate more effectively, be more transparent in our processes,

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High Rollers' History

End of an Era: Building 10 Demolished at Nevada Air National Guard Base

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



Building 10 is finally taken down to the ground, as more than 60 years of history crumbled to rubble on Jan. 20 as the southeast end of the Nevada Air National Guard Base here prepares for a new look following the demolition of Building 10. (Photo By Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber)

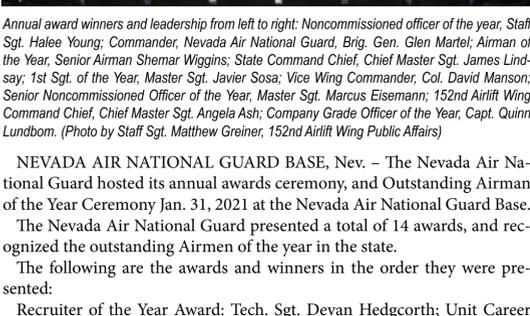
More than 60 years of history crumbled to rubble on Jan. 20 as the southeast end of the Nevada Air National Guard Base here prepares for a new look following the demolition of Building 10. Plans and specifics aren't known yet, but potential future construction at the site could house a new Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, if the Nevada Air National Guard acquires the new mission, or a new aerospace ground equipment and engine shop facility, said Capt. Quinn Lundbom, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron construction manager. The original 16,000-square-foot warehouse was constructed in 1954, designed by Indenco Engineers Inc., Oakland, California. In 1962, the addition of new administrative offices, designed by Selden & Stewart Architect and Planning, of Reno, was also constructed. Lundbom estimated that the cost of the project back then would have been between \$10 million and \$13 million in today's currency, or about \$1 million when it was constructed. He also said that Building 10 housed around seven different units during its lifetime. The building was initially constructed for base supply, contract-

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High Rollers in the News

High Rollers Recognized

By Senior Airman Baylee Belanger, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Annual award winners and leadership from left to right: Noncommissioned officer of the year, Staff Sgt. Halee Young; Commander, Nevada Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Glen Martel; Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Shemar Wiggins; State Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. James Lindsay; 1st Sgt. of the Year, Master Sgt. Javier Sosa; Vice Wing Commander, Col. David Mansor; Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Master Sgt. Marcus Eismann; 152nd Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Angela Ash; Company Grade Officer of the Year, Capt. Quinn Lundbom. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Greiner, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Nev. – The Nevada Air National Guard hosted its annual awards ceremony, and Outstanding Airman of the Year Ceremony Jan. 31, 2021 at the Nevada Air National Guard Base. The Nevada Air National Guard presented a total of 14 awards, and recognized the outstanding Airmen of the year in the state. The following are the awards and winners in the order they were presented: Recruiter of the Year Award: Tech. Sgt. Devan Hedgorth; Unit Career Advisor of the Year: Tech. Sgt. Jay E. Pasqua; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award: Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ghera; Mervin T. Johnson Safety Award: Crew of Roller 31; Chief Awards: Lt. Col. Janelle Kimsey, and COVID-19 Domestic Operations Team. Commander's Excellence Awards: State Headquarters: Master Sgt. Sonia Hernandez; 152nd Airlift Wing: 152nd Airlift Wing Command Post; 152nd Maintenance Group: Senior Amn. McKenzie Burke; 152nd Mission Support Group: Emergency Operations Center Team; 152nd Medical Group: Medical Group COVID Support Team; 152nd Operations Group: 152nd Operations Group Command Support Staff Team; 152nd Intelligence Squadron: Airmen of the DGS-NV-Title 10 Airmen; 232nd Operation's Squadron: 1st Lt Samuel Manghane

Outstanding Airmen of the year: Airman of the Year: Senior Amn. Shemar L. Wiggins, 152nd Maintenance Group; Noncommissioned-Officer of the Year: Staff Sgt. Halee M. Young, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Noncommissioned-Officer of the Year: Master Sgt. Marcus Eismann, 152nd Maintenance Group; Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Quinn J. Lundbom, 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron; First Sergeant of the Year: Master Sgt. Javier Sosa, 152nd Security Forces Squadron.

The base hosts an award ceremony annually as an opportunity to highlight members who demonstrate outstanding service in categories including diversity, recruiting, safety, and duty performance. Due to COVID-19, this year's ceremony was hosted as both a hybrid of virtually (Facebook Live and DCS Chat) and in-person, using social distancing protocol to maintain the safety of those in attendance.

Nevada Air National Guard Open Communications for Inauguration

By Airman 1st Class Michelle Brooks, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



A photo showing the JISCC team's proximity to the capital on their deployment there to support critical communications for the presidential inauguration Jan. 13-22, 2021. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Eduardo Vargas-Vazquez, 152nd Communications Flight)

Airmen from the Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Communications Flight deployed to the nation's capital Jan. 13 to support critical communications for the presidential inauguration. The 152nd Communications Flight deployed with the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC), a multi-capable satellite-enabled communication system that facilitates reliable communications between military, civilian first responders and other support agencies. The JISCC operates on-scene, bridging communication systems between different agencies, providing internet, telephone and radio capabilities. The Nevada Air National Guard was deployed with other military JISCC units from across the country, each unit assigned a specific task force for communication support. More than 25,000 National Guardsmen from across the country were on the ground in Washington for the inauguration, in addition to civilian law enforcement and first responders—agencies which rely on effective inter-agency communication networks for to execute their mission. "Communication is everything," said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Howe, shift leader during the deployment. "As you're moving that many people around, if you can't communicate, you're not going to be able to do the mission." According to Howe, fortunately, primary communications were not degraded requiring emergency (JISCC) communications capabilities. However, the experience did provide the Nevada Air National Guard valuable training opportunities made available with many JISCC units together at once. One of these opportunities was use of the Wide Area Interoperability System (WAIS), a system that ties together JISCC units. "You could actually talk around the world," Howe said. "Communicating within this one system. On this deployment, we were able to bring this system up. Normally you don't see this many JISCC units together. You just

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For the hotel location members can contact Services' billeting office at: 775-788-9320 or 152.aw.lodging.org@us.af.mil

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

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

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

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

Advertisement for 2021 Women's Air and Space Symposium, featuring a list of speakers and topics for the event on March 8-11.

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