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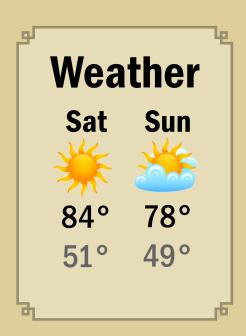
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# **May Drill Outlook**





# **Upcoming Events**

30 April - 5 May: Mustang Roller Readiness Exercise

13 May: Military Spouse Appreciation Lunch

3 June: Family Day

13-25 June: Air Defender Exercise

19 August: Elks Pool Party

19 August: Aces Military Appreciation Night



# High Stakes at a Moment's Notice at the Silver Arrow Exercise

First Person Opinion Airman Viewpoint by: Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Hansen 152nd Maintenance Group, Component Repair Flight Chief



NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Reno Nev., From redeploying Seal Team 4 from the Arctic Circle to executing the "Highest Priority" mission in EUCOM to providing direct assistance to Ukraine to push Russia into max reverse, the Airmen of Nevada Air National Guard pushed full throttle in support of USAFE's European Deterrence Initiative. The two aircrews, maintenance personnel and support assets of the 152nd Airlift Wing (152 AW) were tasked as Silver Arrow at the most chaotic period in Europe this century, also bringing humanitarian support in the form of blood and equipment to an earthquake-ravaged Turkey.

Thanks to the efforts of countless members of the 152 AW and its support squadrons, on February 5, 2023, one C-130, packed nose to tail with three pallets and a team of thirty-five personnel representing the 152nd Operations Group, Maintenance Group, and Logistics Readiness Squadron, departed Reno Nevada for Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

To paint the target with full effect for our reader, I will have failed our Airmen as a leader if I didn't take the time to give you a glimpse of the emotional fortitude it takes to always get to the answer of, "Yes I Volunteer," no matter what the circumstance:

I am an American Airman and I continue to an-

swer my Nation's Call. I have dedicated years of my life to managing family, my civilian career, being an expert in my specialty and continue to challenge myself to grow. I spent the last month completing countless training events and paperwork to ensure I am ready. In the week prior to departure, I packed all I needed to be ready, I sacrificed sleep so that I can enjoy the time I have left with family and friends, I made sure my business would be in good hands during my absence. That preparation left me able to surmount the surprises of my spouse's car breaking down and my own being stolen. I left some additional cash stashed away for bills, just in case, because we all know that Guard pay does not always flow on time.

Despite being exhausted, I am excited to sit shoulder-to-shoulder in the Iron-Hercules as part of a team, enduring hours of the loud droning noise, a combination of a theatre-sized hornet's nest just crashed into by a Harley Davidson, stuck at full throttle as four propellers grab the air to our destination. My muscles ache and bones creak while sitting in this canvas seat with a fishing net for lumbar support. My feet are freezing and I can feel the sheer cold radiating off the aluminum airframe that is protecting me from out-

#### Silver Arrow, cont.

side subzero temperatures. My face is on fire as the Flight Engineer expertly monitors all the critical systems of this flying chunk of iron while he desperately tries to keep everyone happy and balance the internal temperature of this aluminum wrapped burrito. One minute I see my breath and the next sweat beads form on my forehead.

As I close my eyes and think of the loved one's smile's I left behind, "Did I take care of everything needed to ensure they are okay while I am gone? Did I forget something?" With my mind racing and the loud rumble of the roaring T56 engine powerhouse of distraction, I begin to ponder the unknown challenges I am about to face and... "Will I be ready?" "You should all be proud of me, I am READY!"

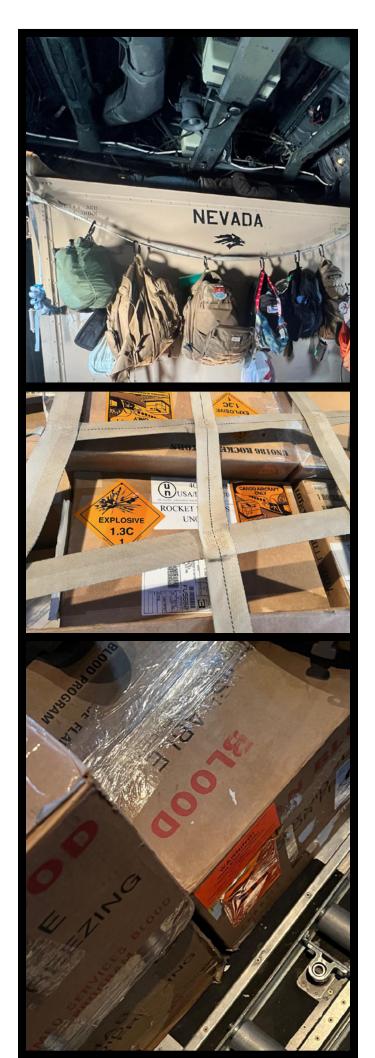
Leaders, members, peers and family should exude pride in being a part of the 152nd. As our members, trapped in their seats for frustrating hours, transitioned through multiple time zones, extreme weather, and no sleep schedule; every one of us hit the ground running.

None of us knew the significant role we would all fulfill prior to our arrival. You see, we all volunteered to launch on a journey that was thought to be routine support of EUCOM. Our primary objective would soon be revealed be the support the extensive workload in Europe, by lending essential reprieve for the heavily tasked personnel at the 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. Little did we know, the agility of truly "READY AIRMEN" was about to be tested.

As our leadership team was read into the significance of our purpose and our tail was ready for mission execution, the picture of our necessity had begun to focus. With the war front in Ukraine near and now the carnage of the catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey streaming on the television, both were within the arms reach of our capability. Our Command Support Staff, Master Sgt. Sadie Gagliardo expediently worked the essentials of in-processing all 35 personnel, so we could jump at the first opportunity to get into the fight. Senior Airman Isabella 'Bella' Gallo took on the task of preparing the crew tasking orders. Accurate paperwork is of the utmost importance when transitioning through multiple countries to ensure the proper tracking of our crews.

Our first task with crew one: Maj. Reed Kobernik, Capt. Blake Bunce, Lt. Justin Bennett, Tech. Sgt. Randall Harsey, Tech. Sgt. Brandon Boyd, Senior Airman Brian Vargas, Master Sgt. Matthew Chanez, and Staff Sgt. Brianna Crisp--were tasked to transport critical humanitarian supplies and personnel from the island nation of Cyprus to Aviano Air Base on Sicily.

On their first mission, crew two: Capt. James Long, Maj. Christopher Jordan, Lt. Mariah Connell, Staff Sgt. Brian Alvarado, Staff Sgt. Ben Smith, Airman 1st Class Bowdi Dinning, Master Sgt. Kyle Woodburn, Tech. Sgt. Megan Wosick, Tech. Sgt. Robert Parker,



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Staff Sgt. Daniel Bodecker and Staff Sgt. Shemar Wiggins provided direct deterrence in support the defense of Ukraine.

Upon return with a radar gremlin continuing to pester and the consideration of the significance of our missions and the safety of our crew members, the Production Superintendent, Master Sgt. Kyle Woodburn, with the input of our Avionics Specialists: Tech. Sgt. Justin Johnson and Staff Sgt. Shemar Wiggins, went to work. Staff Sgt. Megan Beattie began the search for the required parts throughout multiple locations in the supply system and determined there was nothing readily available. Hah, that didn't stop our folks as they got into the books. They went to develop relationships across base and seek out alternate means to acquire the needed part. After some hours of research, phone conversations to dozens of personnel and driving around to find options; they figured it out—it just so happened that the part we needed is also used in the C-130J. The 86th Maintenance Group was willing to lend a hand. The teamwork between our crews and maintenance personnel proved there is no barrier between the Active Duty and the Guard. They worked with foresight to quelch what would be a future grounding discrepancy, combined with the appropriate timing and then execution. None of us knew what the future held but late one night at the Belgian Air Force's bar, over 1€ Belgian beers, we approached about fulfilling a 1A1 priority mission directly supporting President Biden's "Midnight Train Ride" to visit the war zone in Ukraine. The Nevada Air National Guard would be tasked to execute "EU-COM's #1 Priority."

As we packed up to go home, everyone pulled together as a team knowing each of their responsibilities, Staff Sgt. Erik Terry coordinated all the personnel to package, weigh and load the required equipment on our tail for the return home—and where he couldn't find personnel to support, he hopped behind the wheel of the forklift himself to keep us on frag. Each member of the team focused on what they could contribute to get it done and the task that had taken weeks to plan was executed in one shift for the return home. All 16,000 pounds of cargo—a little more than we had left with—was palletized and loaded the night prior to departure. The aircraft was fueled, turned, and sealed for the journey home.

As the drone of engines reduces after seemingly countless hours and a headwind that must have been over 90 knots and with full faith in the combat-tested flight crew's countless hours of training, both civilian and military; they defy gravity on this runway of ice and snow in negative fifteen degrees. FINALLY! We touchdown in St. Johns Newfoundland with Capt. James Long on the stick. While most people struggle to show up to work on time driving an SUV in two inches of snow, these guys manage to land a 150,000 pound aircraft in the worst of conditions. Now that's talent!



The insurmountable impact that can be made by a truly focused team, given the latitude to make decisions and collaborate on one goal, is unfathomable. It is the essence of mission command.

Our Airmen rapidly adapted to the change, overcoming multiple challenges by taking risk, all to support an ongoing war effort and juggle the importance of humanitarian missions. We transported blood, troops, rockets, explosives, HUMV's etc. The results of these 15 days would prove to be 23 critical war and humanitarian sorties, 51.5 flight hours, 115 passengers, and 22 pallets weighing in at 68,170 pounds of total assets moved.

Every temporary duty assignment and deployment are what you make of them, and I have to say we killed it. During the down time--from beer steins to cuckoo clocks, red stags, snowboarding in the black forest, 10,000 feet views of Mt. Titles in Switzerland, wine tasting in the Mosul Valley, and castle viewing on the Rhine River. We worked harder than ever as a team with morale, high from the thoughts of the next opportunity to build camaraderie. This is what it's about, and this is why we joined the family of the Nevada Air National Guard! Successful missions like these could not be possible without the expertise, dedications and sacrifice of our Airmen.







# Military & Family Readiness Events

Event	Date/Time of Event	Must RSVP by date	Location of Event	Point of Contact	Air or Joint Event
USO Lunch/ Mobile Truck	24 April 23 1100-1300	18 April 23	Air National Guard Base	Fred Barton	Air (77)
Strong Bonds Date Night	7 May 23 1700-2100	30 April 23		Chaplain Crandell Fred Barton	Air
Spouse Luncheon	13 May 23 1100-1300	5 May 23	Air National Guard Base (DFAC)	Fred Barton	Joint (14)
VA SAVE Suicide Prevention	2 June 23 1000 and 1300	26 May 23	Air National Guard Base Small Air Terminal Class	Fred Barton	Air (7)
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Strong Bonds Date Night	25 June 23 1700-2100	20 June 23		Chaplain Crandell Fred Barton	Air
Annual ELKS Lodge Pool Party	19 August 23 1000-1500	4 August 23	Reno ELKS Lodge	Fred Barton	Joint (21)
Strong Bonds Date Night	27 Aug 23 1700-2100	21 August 23		Chaplain Crandell Fred Barton	Air

#### **MAFFS Spring Training:**

#### Air National Guard units practice aerial wildland firefighting with U.S. Forest Service

Story by: Master Sgt. Garrett Wake Photos by: Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, Calif—The 152nd Airlift Wing (Nevada) and 153rd Airlift Wing (Wyoming) participated in Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS, spring training here from April 11 - 16, 2023.

Several flight crews from both Air National Guard units flew continuous rotations of sorties during daylight hours throughout the week-long exercise. Each flight crew spent about an hour and a half per sortie, traveling out to nearby mountainous areas and conducting water drops in the same manner as they would if there were a real wildfire.

Military C-130s are used as a surge capacity when civilian firefighting aircraft are over tasked and additional support is needed. This training allows the C-130 crews to become MAFFS certified, allowing them to respond to aerial firefighting missions, when requested.

"[MAFFS] augments our capabilities when our aircraft and commercial aircraft are fully committed," said Kim Christensen, Deputy Director of Operations with the U.S. Forest Service and MAFFS Liaison Officer (MLO), speaking on the Air Force's capacity to provide aerial firefighting capability when required.

Many of the air, ground, and support personnel who make this training possible are U.S. Forest Service personnel.

This year's training was split between two separate weeks to accommodate the four military units *MAFFS*, cont. next page

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that participate in the MAFFS program across the western U.S. The Nevada and Wyoming Air National Guards trained here this week, and the Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing (California) and Air Force Reserve's 302nd Airlift Wing (Colorado) will train in May of this year.

"Right now we have two units, four aircraft, training for our upcoming fire season. We call this spring training," said Maj. Kyle Zust, 152nd Airlift Wing pilot. "We get our proficiency back, and all of our air crew current before we go out to the real environment during a fire."

The Air National Guard is not the only unit training and certifying this week. The U.S. Forest Service flies the lead planes, which direct the military C-130s into the proper flight pattern when dropping retardant, or water, which is used during this training. Support staff from several federal and state agencies, including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, CAL FIRE, and others, train alongside their military counterparts to be prepared to fight wildfires alongside one another.

"What we want to do is create that symbiotic relationship between the MLO and the military mission commander, the ramp personnel, and the pilots," said Robin Patterson, MLO trainee with the U.S. Forest Service. "It's a very dangerous mission. By the time MAFFS is requested, generally speaking, we are in a situation where resources are running thin and there is no time to learn to speak each other's language."

Patterson has been with the MAFFS program for more than 15 years and has learned the many facets of the mission since then.

"There is a lot of work behind the scenes, the operations, logistics, finance, lodging, transportation, pulling all of these people together," said Patterson. "It's not nearly as exciting as seeing the retardant drop, but without these support people, it wouldn't be possible."

Throughout the week, air crews flew a total of 53 sorties totaling 78 hours of flight time, while dropping 102,500 gallons of water over 242 practice drops. 100 aircrew members were certified for the MAFFS mission during this iteration of training. This annual training is funded by the U.S. Forest Service.



Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, the Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard poses with Brig. Gen. Allison Miller, Director of Operations, National Guard Bureau A3/10 and Col. Evan Kirkwood, Wing Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing, and aircrew before Berry and Miller took a flight in a C-130 at Channel Islands Air National Guard Station during the 2023 Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) Spring training. Berry and Miller came to the training to gain perspective for the MAFFS mission. The training, hosted by the California Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing, was conducted from April 11-15, 2023. Training included classroom sessions, flying and ground operations for Air Force aircrews, civilian lead plane pilots and support personnel from the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, other federal agencies and CAL FIRE. First Air Force (Air Forces Northern), U.S. Northern Command's Air Component, is the DoD's operational lead for the aerial military wildland fire fighting response.





# WARFIGHTER BRAIN FITNESS Site Visits

A team of ARA and Brain Health Institute Researchers will be available to explain how to optimize your cognitive abilities, improve your brain health and answer questions about this initiative.

3 May 2023 1400-1500 OTAG Auditorium 2460 Fairview Dr, Carson City, NV 89701

4 May 2023 | 0900-1000 WCA Classroom 20000 Army Aviation Dr, Reno, NV 89506

5 May 2023 1000-1100 LVRC Auditorium (Henderson Armory personnel) 4500 W. Silverado Ranch Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89139

5 May 2023

4 May 2023 | 1300

Reno Air Base Wing Auditorium (with PLA personnel)

1776 National Guard Way, Reno, NV 89052

NLVRC Auditorium (with CCA and Speedway personnel) 6400 N. Range Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89165

1400-1500



# a Nevada National Guard initiative WARFIGHTER FITNESS

# What are the benefits?

Cognitive Improvements

 Improved focus, reasoning, innovation and processing speeds, increased productivity and enriched strategic thinking.

**Psychological Health Improvements** 

- Increased emotional regulations and resilience.
- Statistically and clinically significant reductions in depression, anxiety and stress.
- Continued benefits up to 4 months of training.

Time Commitment

 15-20 minutes a day, 5 days a week for the first 6 months, at the participant's convenience.

Program POC: CPT Hopkinson | (702) 856-4829 Armory Brain Gauge POC List

Speedway | SSG Jorgensen | (725) 229-7902

NLVRC | SGT Placentia | (702) 694-4412

CCA | SFC May | (702) 632-0542

LVRC | SSG Beattie | (702-856-4827)

Henderson | SSG Nunez | (702) 632-0574



## Medics preparing for the next conflict

Story and Photos by: 2nd Lt. Matthew Lee Greiner 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



RENO, Nev. (April 7, 2023) -

Help! We need a medic over here! Sgt. Rebollar is down, she's taken a bullet to the left leg. Medic, we need a medic over here!

This scene is common on the battlefield. War is not pretty, it has no discrimination, and leaves a trail of wounded, maimed, scarred, and sometimes dead. The tears that follow are from battle buddies, family, and friends.

The National Guard Bureau Joint Surgeon's Office (NGB-JSG), Renown Regional Medical Center and the Nevada Air National Guard 152nd Medical Group (152MDG) are preparing for this inevitable situation by training National Guard Airmen and Soldier medics in real life trauma medical situations.

"At the end of the day, if we do not get our medics ready people will die of survivable injuries," said Col. Tania Gardner, deputy director, NGB-JSG. "Our next conflict is going to be down and dirty and bad. This partnership is going to train our medics to save people's lives. That is our number one mission – to save people's lives so we can keep fighting the fight."

The NGB-JSG, Renown, and the 152MDG recognized the first Readiness – Trauma Education and Medical Sustainment (R-TEAMS) graduating cohort on April 7, 2023. The two graduates went through a two-week rigorous course that includes classroom learning, simulators and real-world emergency room and trauma units.

Chief Master Sgt. Jason Farnsworth, the group chief assigned to the 152nd Mission Support Group said, "Today we are recognizing the first inaugural cohort completion of the Renown Health R-TEAMS training program."

Farnsworth said there are two tracks a military member can take in R-TEAMS: one is an emergency room track, and the other is an intensive care unit track. While doing both tracks, members will experience life support systems, turning (ensuring tubes and cords are in place), documentation procedures, accessing medical records, medication records, gunshot wounds, ski accidents, documenting procedures and much more.

"The difference between this program and other medical training programs out there, is this

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one, military members will participate in all areas of care delivery and documentation," said Farnsworth. "Clinical documentation is 80% of healthcare; if we have medical members doing the work but not documenting their work, they are not helping the care team."

"Having trained and ready medics is part of the National Defense Strategy tactics," said Gardner. "To be successful we need this type of hands-on training, that is why we are here, why we wear this uniform, and the National Guard is ready to answer the nations call."

"The classroom learning and being able to tie that into the real-world application was invaluable," said Senior Airman, Ronald Sannes, immunization technician, assigned to 129th Medical Group, Moffett Field, California. "I feel this training has made me a more rounded medic. I learned a lot of new skills which are perishable, getting this hands experience reinforces that critical knowledge."

"The intent of R-TEAMS is to provide military medics and nurses with the opportunity to provide care to patients in emergency or intensive care unit departments," said Farnsworth. "The focus here is to put military medical members in front of very sick or critically injured patients."

"This is about saving lives, being in alignment with taking care of our members, their families, and making sure we have a ready force," said Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, the Adjutant General for the Nevada National Guard.

"This is one of the most noble things you can do, pouring into those that will pour into those that are serving on the frontline protecting this nation," said Berry. "There is nothing more noble than that. This is a game changer for the Nevada National Guard, this partnership with Renown will give our Airmen and Soldiers the skills and confidence they need when performing critical care so they and others can do the nation's great work."

"Anytime we can offer our National Guard members real-life work experience it's a win," said Chief Master Sgt. Cameron M. Pieters, Senior Enlisted Leader, Nevada National Guard. "This partnership with Renown is going to increase our readiness and be a force multiplier for the wartime fighter."

Farnsworth said as a military medic this type of training is not readily available. We are not at war currently. Most patients in military hospitals are not very sick when compared to their civilian counterparts.

Farnsworth said there are 60 applicants for the R-TEAMS course this calendar year, with hundreds more on a waiting list. The intent is to have 24 classes in a calendar year, with a class starting every two weeks. Each class will have 10 students.

Farnsworth continued, "This program gives our military medical members the opportunity to hone their clinical skills; the same clinical skills that will be utilized on our service members during the future fight to prevent death."

# JOINT INTORSHIP PROGRAM

## WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

This program's goal is to continue to develop and enhance force development by providing opportunities for leadership and personal development.

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM?

As a mentor, you can help another person to grow and develop as well as share experience and knowledge.

As a mentee, you acquire additional skills, knowledge or abilities and improve networking/access to influential people!

## WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Applications for Mentor and Mentee Deadline: 15 April

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Mentor and Mentee Pairing: 28 April

Training for Mentors: 01 May

Pairing Ceremony Beginning of May

**Mentorship Duration: May - December** 

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR?



<u>CLICK/SCAN HERE</u>

INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTEE?



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#### **DoD STARBASE Training Takes Flight at STARBASE High Sierra**

Story and Photos by: Staff Sgt. Thomas Cox 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Numerous instructors from over 10 Department of Defense (DoD) STARBASE participate in PTC Onshape training at STARBASE High Sierra in Reno, Nevada. "Our goal was to share our new STARBASE High Sierra site, collaborate with other teachers across the country, and make our site available for hosting a training that would build the capacity of other programs," said Tiffany Young, STARBASE High Sierra Program Director.

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, RENO, Nev.—This week, numerous instructors from over 10 Department of Defense (DoD) STARBASE sites came to Reno to participate in PTC Onshape training at STARBASE High Sierra.

"Our goal was to share our new STARBASE High Sierra site, collaborate with other teachers across the country, and make our site available for hosting a training that would build the capacity of other programs," said Tiffany Young, STARBASE High Sierra Program Director.

The PTC Onshape training is a major Computer Aided Design (CAD) component that is taught to the students at STARBASE.

Created in 1991, STARBASE's primary focus is to foster a passion of learning in the field of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in fifth graders attending Title 1 schools. The students participate in a five-day curriculum with 25 hours of academic instruction and multiple challenging "hands-on, minds-on" STEM activities. The students also get the opportunity to interact

with military personnel to explore different career paths and observe STEM being applied first-hand.

The STARBASE sites that were involved with this training consisted of the following:

STARBASE Robins

STARBASE Kansas City

STARBASE Battle Creek

STARBASE Great Falls

STARBASE Pelican State

STARBASE Swamp Fox

STARBASE Jackson Barracks

STARBASE Guam

STARBASE Fort Drum

STARBASE Nellis

STARBASE Fort Polk

There are now 85 DoD STARBASE sites located across all 54 states and territories. For more information on DoD STARBASE, visit www.dod-starbase.org.



# Strong Bonds Resiliency Training "Speed of Trust" Sponsored by the 152d Airlift Wing Chaplain Staff



This resilience training is open, and available to all Nevada Air National Guard members and significant others If interested, or have questions,
Please contact
Chaplain Crandell

donald.crandell@us.af.mil

Or

**Fred Barton** 

fred.barton@us.af.mil

1. 7 May 2023, 1700 - 2100 - "3 Key's to Success" RSVP by 30 April 23

2. 25 June 2023, 1700-2100, "What does Commitment look like" RSVP by 20 June 23

3. 27 August 2023, 1700 – 2100, "Dealing with Anger and Stress" RSVP by 21 August 23

Meal and Training Materials will be Provided

https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/rsvp.cfm?i=752589&k=0564400C735E

Cut and paste link above into browser for registration for all training events

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REGISTER NOW SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 ATTENDEES ONLY

#### Nevada Air Guard celebrates 75 years of service for state, nation

Story by: Capt. Emerson Marcus NV State Headquarters Public Affairs Photos by: Staff Sgt. Thomas Cox 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



The Nevada Air National Guard celebrated its 75th Anniversary at the Nevada Air National Guard Base on April 12, 2023. The Nevada Air National Guard was created on April 12, 1948, and has served various missions ranging from bombers to reconnaissance aircraft to most recently the tactical airlift and delivery capabilities of the C-130 Hercules as well as various humanitarian activations. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Cox)

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, RENO, Nev.—For many in Northern Nevada, the common way to catch a glimpse of the Nevada Air National Guard includes an airplane window view of parked aircraft at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport or the occasional ground view of C-130s soaring over the Truckee Meadows.

For the past two decades, the large, gray C-130 Hercules aircraft have called Reno home.

Before that, reconnaissance jets, and even before that, P-51 Mustang fighters.

This week marks the 75th anniversary of the Nevada Air Guard, a history that dates to April 12, 1948, when the 192nd Fighter Squadron passed federal inspection and entered the U.S. Air Force.

Through several mission sets, airframes, deployments and call-ups for state assistance, the Nevada Air Guard remains today Reno's most visible military, first as a Cold War-Era reserve unit

for readiness and today with missions around the globe and emergency response at home.

#### Fighters at birth

The Nevada Air Guard started as a fighter squadron at the Reno Army Air Base in present-day Stead with World War II-era P-51 Mustangs — single seat, long-range aerial fighters. Each P-51 included six 50-caliber machine guns, six 2.75-inch rockets and a complement of bombs.

U.S. Sen. Patrick McCarran of Nevada led the effort in Washington, D.C., for a Nevada Guard air squadron after Congress and President Harry S. Truman passed the 1947 National Security Act that created a new branch of the military: the U.S. Air Force. According to McCarran, "The people of Nevada are air-minded, and it is altogether fitting that Nevada should have one of the finest air units in the country."

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Early domestic support included humanitarian aid missions in the winter of 1949, dropping supplies to stranded farmers and miners following western U.S. snowstorms — publicized in Life Magazine and through Hollywood accounts in the 1950 film, "Operation Haylift."

During the Korean War, the Nevada Air Guard federalized and many of its members served as pilots or support personnel for the conflict, including Lt. Frank Salazar, who was shot down during an air interdiction mission on the north side of the 38th Parallel and remains today the only Nevada Air Guard combat fatality.

#### 'Recces' over Reno

With its entrance into the jet age to replace the aging P-51s in the mid-1950s, the Nevada Air Guard moved from its home at the old Reno Army Air Base in Stead to the Reno Airport.

As President John F. Kennedy took office and the nation found itself locked in a Cold War stalemate, the Nevada Air Guard converted to an aerial reconnaissance mission with the RB-57 Canberra jet.

The new mission included a callup by President Lyndon Johnson of about 600 members Northern Nevada unit on one-day notice of the to support South Korea following the North Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo.

The Nevada Guard's air reconnaissance, or "recce," era lasted the next three decades with the F-101 Voodoo (1965-1975) and the RF-4C Phantom (1975-1995).

Throughout the Cold War, the reconnaissance group entered competitions that saw the Nevada Air Guard claim numerous international recce championships.

In 1978, Nevada Airmen competed in "Best Focus," a NATO sponsored reconnaissance competition in Rygge, Norway, which included nations such as West Germany, England, Canada, Denmark, and Norway. Also, that year, aircrew trained in Sola, Norway, "to familiarize with European air traffic and terrain."

This was a Cold War reconnaissance team built for readiness at a moment's notice.

With aircrew operating jets, support teams processed pinpoint aerial photography in record time. The unit's commander in the late 1970s, longtime Reno resident Col. Wayne Adams, said,

"We need to be ready to deploy on short notice ... We consider the unit a frontline outfit."

Airman Magazine declared the "High Rollers of Reno" as "best at what they do," aerial reconnaissance. The "High Rollers" moniker stuck, embraced today with the nickname splashed on the tail of each aircraft.

In August 1991, following the Iraqi invasion of oil-rich Kuwait, President George H.W. Bush mobilized the military, including 12,000 Air Guardsmen. This included 150 Nevada Air Guardsmen deploying to Sheik Isa Air Base in Bahrain, among the first aircrew to fly reconnaissance missions over Iraq and Kuwait during the war. Nevada Air Guard crews dodged anti-aircraft artillery and obtained photos of burning wellheads dumping oil into the Persian Gulf.

#### **New Herculean mission**

In the 1990s, as new technology and unmanned aircraft for tactical reconnaissance emerged, the demand for manned reconnaissance missions diminished. Eventually the Reno unit kept an Air Guard flying mission with C-130 Hercules cargo and personnel transport. The C-130, known as the workhorse of the military, first began production through Lockheed Martin in the early 1950s and remains in production today.

In the Post-9/11 Era, the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing also saw its operations tempo increase under "Total Force" integration, supporting the federal government's war efforts in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. The Total Force Concept, first established during President Richard Nixon's administration, brought the Guard and Reserves into federal callups for deployments to avoid future use of a draft.

Global War on Terrorism deployment cycles have increasingly become routine for the Nevada Air Guard. For Reno's 152nd Airlift Wing aircrew, maintainers and support elements, these deployments occur in what the Air Force calls Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment rotations every three years. Over the course of the past two decades, the AEF deployments have typically sent Nevada Air Guardsmen to the U.S. Central Area of Command or CENTCOM. The most recent AEF deployment saw Nevada Air Guardsmen deployed to the Horn of Africa in 2021 and 2022.

In addition to its overseas contingencies, the National Guard Bureau announced in April 2016

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that the 152nd Airlift Wing would replace the 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard, as one of four military C-130 units nationwide flying the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) in support of the U.S. Forest Service. The U.S. Forest Service's large MAFFS equipment — rolled into the back of a C-130 aircraft — can drop up to 3,000 gallons of water or fire retardant in six seconds through a nozzle on the rear left side of the plane.

In the record-setting fire season of 2021, the Nevada Air Guard flew 331 sorties and dropped more than 8 million pounds of fire retardant in support of the Forest Service.

#### Nevada Air Guard at 75

Today, the Nevada Air Guard continues the National Guard's Minuteman tradition with about 75 percent of its 1,200 Airmen serving part-time as traditional Air Guardsmen for training one weekend a month plus two weeks of annual training

each year. These members can be called for state or federal service at any time.

Most Airmen fall under the 152nd Airlift Wing in Reno operating and supporting the C-130 flying mission.

Other elements of the Nevada Air National Guard include the State Headquarters office in Carson City, the 152nd Intelligence Squadron (established 1994) in Reno and the 232nd Combat Training Squadron (2007) at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

"The Nevada Air Guard has time and time again fulfilled its motto of always ready, always there in support of the state and nation," said Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada's adjutant general, who first entered the Nevada Air Guard in 1986. "The history of this organization, now spanning three quarters of a century, is inextricably linked with this state and nation."







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#### **Nevada Air National Guard plants trees for Earth Day 2023**

Story and Photos by: Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



The Nevada Air National Guard partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) by planting trees and spreading mulch at Mira Loma Park on Friday, April 21, 2023.

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, RENO, Nev.—On April 21st, approximately fifty Nevada Air National Guard members partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) to plant 30 trees and spread approximately 80 yards mulch at Mira Loma Park in Reno, Nev.

"One of our State Strategic Priorities is "Community," 152nd Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton said, "And what better way to support the community than to get out here and support our Parks & Rec. Department and do something great out here at Mira Loma."

KTMB is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to creating a more sustainable and beautiful region through waste reduction, education and active community involvement since 1989.

This was the Nevada Air National Guard's second annual Earth Day community participation event. Last year they helped clean up along the Truckee River in Reno.

For information on volunteering next year, reach out to the Base Environmental Manager, Yvonne Downs at 775-788-4558 or look for a poster next March.



# **Spectrum of Resilience**

Supporting Airmen and their Families to help them thrive

#### **SELF**

Stress Management Physical Fitness Mental Fitness Spiritual Fitness Financial Services Wellness



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We encourage Airmen and their Families to seek out the help needed at any level, and to be a support, help or bridge for others across the full Spectrum of Resilience.

Visit https://www.resilience.af.mil/

for more information on resources available to you and your family.

\*Available resources may vary by installation.



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14	3 mins	4 years	64k years	750k years	16m years
15	32 mins	100 years	3m years	46m years	1bn years
16	5 hours	3k years	173m years	3bn years	92bn years
17	2 days	69k years	9bn years	179bn years	7tn years
18	3 weeks	2m years	467bn years	11tn years	438tn years



# 2023 NVANG MHAM Events



The NVNG J9 is hosting various events, activities, and resources this Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM) for Soldiers, Airmen, family members, and NVNG civilian staff to participate in. Some events are shown below, and others are on the virtual calendar that can be accessed by scanning the QR code. #ConnectToCare this May by going to one or all of the events!

# **Upcoming Events**

Mobile Vet Center on 2-3 June from 0800 to 1700 @ the parking lot across from BLDG 56

VA's S.A.V.E. on 2 June from 1000 to 1130 & 1300 to 1430 @ TBA

safeTALK on 3 June from TBA @ TBA

**Therapy Dogs** on 3 June from 0800 to 1700 @ the Air Base









If you have over 20 years military service and would like to be included on the new "High Roller Board" on the TV at the entrance of Building 56--make sure your Official Photo (Blues photo) is up-to-date and current. Let Public Affairs know and we will include your photo.



## COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



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IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: https://CTIP.defense.gov



# Handwashing at Home, at Play, and Out and About



Germs are everywhere! They can get onto your hands and items you touch throughout the day. Washing hands at key times with soap and water is one of the most important steps you can take to get rid of germs and avoid spreading germs to those around you.

#### How can washing your hands keep you healthy?

Germs can get into the body through our eyes, nose, and mouth and make us sick. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands and helps prevent sickness. Studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

# Handwashing helps prevent infections for these reasons:



People often touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without realizing it, introducing germs into their bodies.





Germs from unwashed hands may get into foods and drinks when people prepare or consume them. Germs can grow in some types of foods or drinks and make people sick.



Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, such as door knobs, tables, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.

#### What is the right way to wash your hands?

- 1. Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- 2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
- 3. Scrub all surfaces of your hands, including the palms, backs, fingers, between your fingers, and under your nails. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
- 4. Rinse your hands under clean, running water.
- 5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

#### When should you wash your hands?

Handwashing at any time of the day can help get rid of germs, but there are key times when it's most important to wash your hands.

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- · Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- · Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers, or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal feces (poop)
- After touching garbage
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy

#### What type of soap should you use?





You can use bar soap or liquid soap to wash your hands. Many public places provide liquid soap because it's easier and cleaner to share with others. Studies have not found any added health benefit from using soaps containing antibacterial ingredients when compared with plain soap. Both are equally effective in getting rid of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

# How does handwashing help fight antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria resist the effects of an antibiotic – that is, germs are not killed and they continue to grow. Sicknesses caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria can be harder to treat. Simply using antibiotics creates resistance, so avoiding infections in the first place reduces the amount of antibiotics that have to be used and reduces the likelihood that resistance will develop during treatment. Handwashing helps prevent many sicknesses, meaning less use of antibiotics.

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For more information and a video demonstration of how to wash your hands, visit the CDC handwashing website: