



# HIGH ROLLER NEWS



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# August Drill Outlook

## August 2022 Drill High Roller Café

### Saturday

#### Lunch

1100-1230

#### Main Line Items:

Yakisoba  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Oriental Rice  
Steamed Rice  
Pot Stickers  
Vegetable Stir Fry  
Broccoli

Cheeseburgers  
Chicken Wraps  
Tater Tots

#### Additional Items:

Assorted Pies  
Salad

### Sunday

#### Breakfast

0730-0900

#### Menu Items:

Scrambled Eggs  
Breakfast Potatoes  
Bacon  
French toast  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Oatmeal

#### Additional Items:

Fruit

IF YOU ARE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR), ON ANY KIND OF ORDERS (ANNUAL TRAINING, STATE ACTIVE DUTY, MPA, TITLE 10), OR AN OFFICER YOU MUST PAY.

Lunch Meal Rate \$6.15

Breakfast meal Rate \$3.85

## Weather

Sat



93°

62°

Sun



94°

64°

## Upcoming Events

Aug. 27: Elks Lodge Pool party

Sept. 10-11: September UTA

Sept. 14-18: Reno Air Races

Sept. 23-25: Marriage Retreat

Sept 30: Youth Camp

Oct. 15-16: October UTA

Nov. 5-6: November UTA

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# Col. Jeremy Ford flies final flight before departing for job at the Pentagon

Photos by: Senior Airman Thomas Cox & Senior Airman Michelle Brooks,  
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



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# BLOOD DRIVE

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## Nevada Air National Guard Blood Drive

**Sunday August 14th, 2022**  
**8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

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**1776 National Guard Way**  
**Reno, NV 89502**

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# NGB Joint Surgeon's Office partners with Renown Regional Medical Center

Story by: Staff Sgt. Matthew Greiner,  
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO, Nev. – Personnel from the National Guard Bureau Joint Surgeon's Office (NGB-JSG) toured Renown Regional Medical Center on June 22, 2022. This site visit is a result of Renown Health being selected to develop the first National Guard west coast regional trauma training hub program.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Jill Faris, director NGB-JSG; U.S. Army Col. Tommy Leeper, chief of medical operations NGB-JSG; and U.S. Air Force Col. Jennifer Schmidt, deputy director NGB-JSG, participated in the visit.

This novel program aims to train medical guardsmen from across the nation alongside seasoned trauma-center personnel at one of three future regional training hubs.

"This new program will make it easier for states to keep their Army and Air Force medics trained and maintain a combat-ready force," said Leeper. "We have special allocated congressional funds for medical military service members to maintain their trauma-care readiness."

Currently, outside of the deployed environment, most medical guardsmen don't have the ability to perform trauma care on actual patients.

"Simulators are good, and they are the stepping-stone from classroom training to working with live patients; however, there is no substitute for the intensity and chaotic nature of a real ICU," said Leeper.

Leeper added that when medics work with real peo-

ple, they get feedback from interacting with the patient. Often, the patient is under duress, not feeling well, and dealing with significant health issues – aspects of care which are difficult to simulate. The medic is required to assess health status and perform medical procedures, but also comfort and reassure the patient. This latter experience rounds out the medic's skills.

During the visit, Faris met with The Adjutant General for the state of Nevada, the state of Nevada National Guard executive leadership, the 152nd Airlift Wing executive team, the 152nd Medical Group executive team, Renown Health executive leadership and Renown Regional Medical Center leadership and staff.

"One of my initiatives is to leverage more joint training between the National Guard and our civilian counterparts," said Faris. "The Nevada National Guard's prior partnership with Renown paved the way for this unique nationwide program."

The 152nd Medical Group has worked alongside Renown's medical staff since 2014, when Chief Master Sgt. Jason Farnsworth, the senior enlisted leader and group chief assigned to the 152nd Medical Group, established the relationship. Farnsworth, who as a civilian, is also the Director of Respiratory Care Services for Renown Health, saw an opportunity to expand the effectiveness of the existing affiliation agreement with the Nevada National Guard while also assisting the local community.



This partnership has resulted in Renown Health receiving the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award in 2017. This award is the highest recognition civilian institutions can receive for their dedication to national guard men and women.

In addition, the 152nd Medical Group has been ranked top in the nation in their continuous medical readiness program four times in 2021, and have been consistently ranked in the top 10 nationwide as a result of this partnership.

“The Nevada Air National Guard’s 152nd Medical Group and Renown Health have worked closely together for nearly a decade to support both our citizens and Airmen in the Reno Tahoe community,” said Farnsworth. “I am so very proud of the work we have been able to accomplish together and look forward to what we can accomplish under this new expanded program.”



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# Healthy Communities Coalition and Pyramid Lake High School Staff tour the 152nd Airlift Wing

Photos by: Senior Airman Thomas Cox,  
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# Strong Bonds Couples Training "Speed of Trust"



Sponsored by the 152<sup>d</sup> Airlift Wing Chaplain Staff

23-25 September 2022

Registration for this event ends on 9 September 2022



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# 152nd MDG completes Annual Medical Facility Training in Italy

Story by: Airman First Class Jakob Ivanick,  
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy - The 152nd Medical Group (MDG) from the Nevada Air National Guard completed their Military Facility Annual Training (MFAT) at various Naval Hospital facilities at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Catania, Italy, July 14-29, 2022.

“The 152nd MDG was ranked the number one out of 89 medical groups across the Air National Guard,” said Chief Master Sgt. Sherdean Din, 152nd MDG Senior Enlisted Leader. “This resulted in our selection to complete our MFAT training in Italy.”

About 36 Airmen from the 152nd MDG were involved in this joint effort, including physician assistants, nurses, public health specialists, pharmacists, administrative experts and more.

“This training at NAS Sigonella, was a great opportunity for us to accomplish our two weeks of annual training that we complete for our medics and different health care providers,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Adams, an Airman from the Chemical Biological Environmental Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) unit with the 152nd MDG, Detachment 1. “As traditional guardsmen, this MFAT gives a lot of us the chance to come together and practice our skillsets, specialties and really get that crucial training in a joint, real-world environment.”

Throughout the entire training, the Airmen completed 2,412 clinical hours, 106 provider patient en-

counters, 112 dental images, seven facility inspections and completed 560 hours of required enlisted intensive care unit/ emergency room comprehensive medical readiness program training, according to Din.

“This training was invaluable to ensure our Airmen maintain their training and are ready for the future fight,” said Din. “During the training, best practices were shared amongst joint Department of Defense personnel, including an orthopedic lecture, taught by our full-time provider assistant, Lt. Col. Bruce Gallio.”

“Myself and Lt. Col. Gallio, our orthopedic specialist, actually had a great ‘real-world’ opportunity here,” said Adams. “The hospital here currently has different staff transferring in and out, and with us being here and training, we were able to provide our expertise where needed. Specifically, a patient came into primary care and we were able to see that she had an incorrect previous diagnosis, and diagnosed that she had actually broken her wrist. We were able to put her wrist back into place and it should heal very well for her.”

“The 152nd MDG is thankful for the support from the 152nd Airlift Wing staff for the opportunity to train in a joint environment within a hospital,” said Din. “We recognize this trip would not have been possible without the numerous support agencies assisting our group.”



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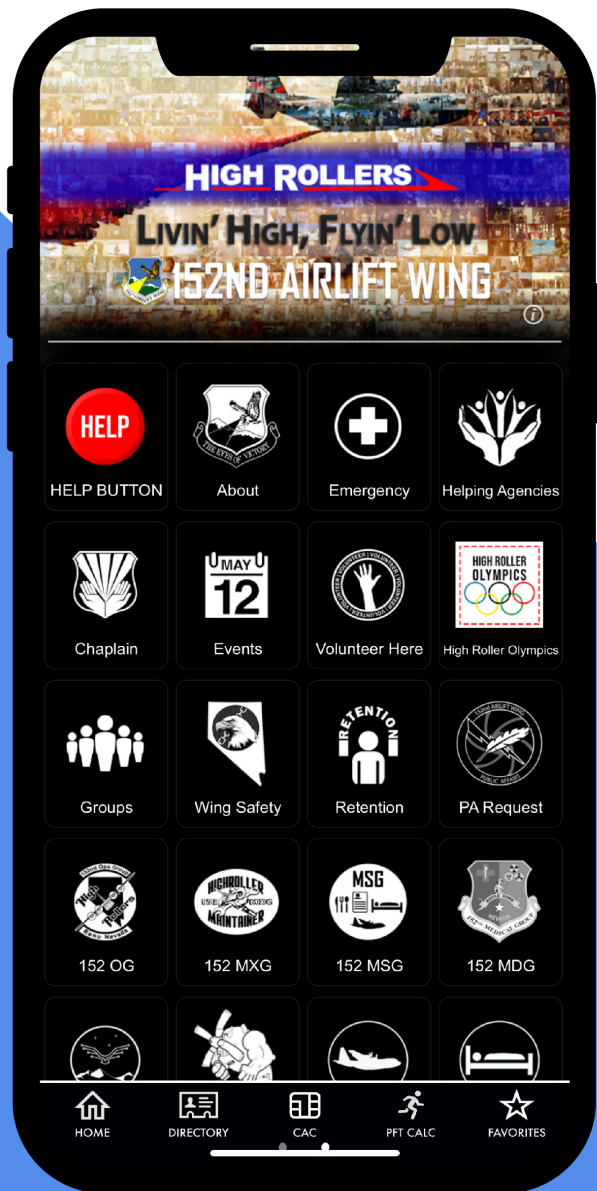
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# The Blended Retirement System

## Continuation Pay



The National Defense Authorization Act in 2016 created the Blended Retirement System, or BRS. Service members covered under the BRS may be eligible to receive a one-time, midcareer bonus payment in exchange for an agreement to perform additional obligated service. This one-time bonus payment is in addition to any other career field-specific incentives or retention bonuses.

### Continuation Pay Basics

Continuation pay is a direct cash payout, like a bonus, available to service members covered under the BRS. It is targeted at the midcareer mark, payable between completion of eight years of service, but before completion of 12 years of service (calculated from a service member's Pay Entry Base Date). Most service members under BRS will be eligible for continuation pay, but each service determines the timing and the amount. This pay is in exchange for a commitment of a minimum of three additional years of service. If a service member receives continuation pay and does not fulfill the service agreement then some of the continuation pay may have to be given back or refunded.

### Key Considerations



**Eligibility.** This one-time payout is available to active-duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members covered under the BRS with between eight and 12 years of service who are able to enter into an agreement to perform additional obligated service.



**Amount.** Active-duty service members (including AGR/FTS personnel) may be eligible for a continuation pay multiplier of 2.5 to 13 times their monthly basic pay. Members of the National Guard or Reserves in drilling status may be eligible to receive a multiplier of 0.5 to 6 times their monthly basic pay (as if serving on active duty).



**Pay rates.** Pay-rate multipliers may be based on service-specific retention needs, specialty skills and hard-to-fill positions, similar to career field incentives and re-enlistment bonuses. Each service will determine and publish its own guidance on continuation pay.



**Investing.** Continuation pay, along with other specialty pays, bonuses and incentives, can be invested into your Thrift Savings Plan, or TSP, account, up to the annual maximum allowed by the IRS, <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/plan-participant-employee/retirement-topics-401k-and-profit-sharing-plan-contribution-limits>. Note, if you hit the maximum too quickly, you could lose out on government automatic and matching contributions.

### Resources

- Learn more about the BRS at <http://militarypay.defense.gov/BlendedRetirement>.
- Project your retirement benefits using the Blended Retirement System calculator at <https://militarypay.defense.gov/Calculators/Blended-Retirement-System-Standalone-Calculator/>.
- Explore Military OneSource and other financial resources at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>.
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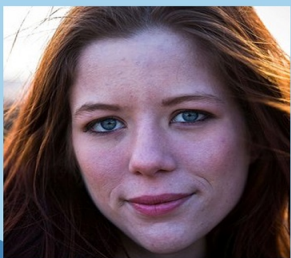


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**Force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person to provide labor, services, or commercial sex.**

**Victims come from all backgrounds and can be women, men, and children.**

**Any minor (under 18 years of age) involved in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.**

## **Recognize SIGNS**

**Physical/Environmental Indicators include signs of abuse, no identification, confined to worksite.**

**Psychological/Behavioral Indicators include submissive, anxious, lack of free will.**

## **REPORT IT**

**Chain of Command**

**Local Law Enforcement**

**DoD Inspector General Hotline**

**1-800-424-9098 or visit <http://www.dodig.mil/hotline>**

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**1-888-373-7888.**



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