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By 2nd Lt. Emerson Marcus 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Brig. Gen. Ondra L. Berry, a 32-year veteran of the Nevada Air National Guard, longtime Reno police officer and most recently a senior vice president in MGM Resorts International human resources office, has been named by Gov. Steve Sisolak as Nevada's 30th adjutant general and the first African American to hold the position in the state's 154-year history.

"Brigadier General Berry has served the State of Nevada and his country with distinction as a member and leader of the Nevada Air National Guard," Governor Sisolak said. "Beyond his exemplary experience in the military, Brig. Gen. Berry's diverse background in senior leadership roles in local law enforcement and business gives him an invaluable perspective on the qualities and skills necessary to succeed at the highest levels."

ing more than 4,200 Nevada Army and Air Guardsmen. "I am honored and humbled to be selected to lead such a fine organization" said

The adjutant general serves as the state's highest ranking military officer oversee-

Berry. "I live by the moto that, 'to whom much is given, much will be required' and

I am ready to deliver." Berry is set to replace retiring Brig. Gen. William Burks on Sept. 1. Burks was appointed adjutant general in 2009 and is the sixth-longest tenured adjutant general

in Nevada history. "I know the governor had a very difficult decision to make," Burks said. "Ondra will do an outstanding job and will take the organization to new heights."

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Berry, 60, of Sparks, Nevada, enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard in 1986.

port Flight. He was named the assistant adjutant general, Nevada Air National Guard, in 2015. Berry spearheaded numerous initiatives advocating community policing and

He commissioned in 1990. In 2001, he took command of the 152nd Mission Sup-

diversity throughout his career in law enforcement and the military. In the early 2000s, Berry founded Guardian Quest, a diversity and inclusion training company. After leaving RPD in 2005, Berry took a full-time position as the senior vice president of diversity and inclusion at MGM Resorts in Las Vegas. In 2008, Berry began work as the director of the office of cultural transformation at the National Guard Bureau, his first of several positions working as an advisor to the chief of NGB. Berry was awarded the National Guard Diversity Award in 2008 and the Outstanding Diversity Award by the NAACP in 2012. Berry, who served 25 years in the Reno Police Department, was named deputy

chief of police in 1995. He retired from the department in 2005 as the assistant police chief.

He has worked on various commissions and boards throughout his career, including United Way and the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club. In 1990, along with now-Washoe County School Board Trustee Angie Taylor, Berry founded the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society. A native of Evansville, Indiana, Berry moved to Nevada in 1980.

He has a Bachelor's of Arts, secondary education, from University of Evansville

in Indiana where he played running back for the Purple Aces. Berry also has a Masters of Arts, public administration, from the University of Nevada, Reno. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College. Berry is married to his wife, Margo. They have three children: son, Jarel; daugh-

ters Zivy and Dulcenea. A change of command ceremony is set for 10 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Nevada Air

National Guard Base in Reno, 1776 National Guard Way. For information, please contact Lt. Col. Mickey Kirschenbaum at 775-287-5592 or email mikol.kirschenbaum.mil@mail.mil. CLICK HERE FOR OTHER NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD NEWS!

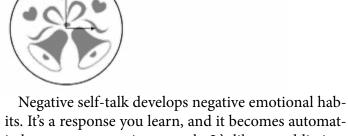
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**Nellis News** 

#### Corps officer Marine begins Nev. Air Guard job at Nellis By Lt. Col. Mikol Kirschenbaum **Nev. Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs**

LAS VEGAS – Judging by his Marine Corps aviation resume, it's a safe bet the new Deputy Director of the Virtual Test and Training Center Maj. Geoffrey

Franks will thrive in the Nevada Air Guard. Franks, whose call sign name is "El Gato," officially joined the Nevada Air Guard Wednesday during a swearing in ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base. Franks, an F-35 pilot in the Marine Corps, is replacing Lt. Col. Jacob Hammons. Hammons is now the vice wing commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing in Reno. Franks will continue to fly the F-35 with the 6th

Weapons Squadron. "This is an unbelievable opportunity," Franks said. "The Virtual Test and Training Center is an incubator where we can make things happen." Franks, 39, a native of Portland, Ore., joined the mil-

itary in 2003 after graduation from the University of CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY Idaho. He served at bases across the country including in Florida, Texas, South Carolina and Arizona before landing in Nevada. Early in his career, he flew the F/A-18C Hornet and was a Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WIT) before cal training in Okinawa

transitioning to the F-35 in 2016. While flying the By Senior Airman Matthew L. Greiner F-18, Franks recorded deployments to Iraq (2008-2009), Afghanistan (2012) and the western Pacific. He graduated from TOPGUN in Fallon in 2010 as a Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor (SFTI). After converting to the F-35, Franks moved to Nellis **CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY** 

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

and Capt. Megan Curry

**152nd Operations Group** 



took place Aug. 22-23 in Washington, D.C. The 152nd Michael Moore - the tallest Airman in the Nevada Airlift Wing sent 10 women to represent the High My two cents: Think only positive thoughts about Rollers and bring back lessons learned. With over 1,000 attendees, women and men, officers and enlisted, active duty, retired, and everything

ever received. With speakers like former Secretary of to the rifle team, where he earned three varsity letters, the Air Force, Deborah Lee James, a panel of international officers from Australia, Sweden, and Denmark, High match scoring record. His early exposure to and multiple General Officers, the guest list alone was marksmanship led to a lifelong passion for the sport extraordinary. Semper Guard: Former out sessions that members could attend based on their manship Match overall title in August at the Hawparticular interests. Some topics included: leadership

and the pursuit of confidence, mentorship, under-

standing PTSD in women, uniform fit/function con-

in empowering women, dual military/civilian couples concerns, and many more valuable topics. The symposium ended with an inspirational panel with four outstanding airmen who shared their stories of assault, survival, and resilience. Capt. Megan Curry from the 152nd Operations Group attended and also co-wrote this article, said it

"Women have unique experiences that differ from

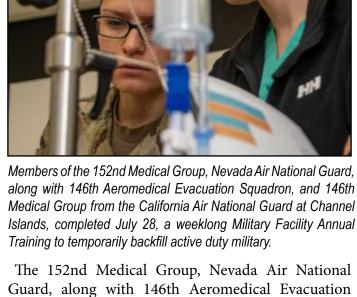
our male counterparts' and therefore bring unique

was a valuable experience.

perspectives," Curry said. "Each one of us 10 women who were able to attend the symposium were grateful for the opportunity and feel inspired after such an experience. One of the major themes of the symposium was the importance of competency in your job and the role it plays in developing confident women in the military. Once a woman feels confident and subsequently empowered, she is then able to mentor

the next generation and begin a cycle of success. The **Medical News** Nevada Air Guard conducts medi-

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Squadron, and 146th Medical Group from the California Air National Guard at Channel Islands, completed Monday a weeklong Military Facility Annual Training to temporarily backfill active duty military. The MFAT took place during the permanent change **Check** of station time frame, which temporarily left the hos-

pital short staffed and presented a need for the Air National Guard to provide temporary medical support. "This is the first time that the Air National Guard has

entered into Okinawa to do any form of medical train-

ing in this country," said Chief Master Sgt. Jason Farnsworth, 152nd Medical Group superintendent. The medical personnel worked at 15 different medimembers that join Boys & Girls Club - sign cal units and operated at five separate locations during the exercise. "The MFAT is a fantastic opportunity for the Air

National Guard, both for Reno and Channel Islands,"

said Lt. Col. Jim Vogus, flight physician, 152nd Medical Group. "It gives real world training and facilitates a

joint operation experience. We benefit from real world

training, they benefit from extra man power." More than 30 airmen were involved in the exercise working a variety of professions: clinical specialties, including family medicine, pediatrics, aerospace medicine, laboratory services, dental hygiene, emergency medicine, critical care, hospital medical surgi-

cal inpatient care, optometry care, inpatient mental health, pain management, flight medicine, sports medicine and post anesthesia care. "The Air National Guard is able to fill some critical gaps during our PCS season," said Lt. Jesse Pendergrass, administrative officer, U.S. Naval Hospital in Okinawa Japan.

The cost savings to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa was about \$200,000, said Maj. Jasmin Quiocson, chief nurse, 146th Medical Group. CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY

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#### Tallest Airman makes short work of marksmanship match field Photo and Story by Sgt. 1st Class Studenicka

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Rita MIddleton, Capt. Jessica Sarradet, Capt. Megan Curry, Capt. Nevada Guard Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match where Merridy Young, Tech. Sgt. Melanie Pearmain, and Tech. Sgt. Re- he accumulated 566 points to take first place. HAWTHORNE - At first glance, most people would The 2019 Joint Women's Leadership symposium feel confident guessing which sport Master Sgt.

Guard at 6 feet 10 inches tall – excelled in while attending Reno's Hug High in the early 2000s. But the answer of basketball is wrong. Despite dabbling in hoops his freshman year for the in between, it was the largest turnout the group has Hawks, Moore (Class of 2003) found himself drawn

was named second-team All-State, and set a Hug and laid the foundation for the skills that earned The two days consisted of multiple panels and break- Moore, 34, of Reno, the Adjutant General's Marksthorne Army Depot. "Shooting is definitely the one activity I put the most time and energy into, whether I'm in uniform or not,"

cerns, breaking barriers, various roles that men play said Moore, who has maintained his shooting passion CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY

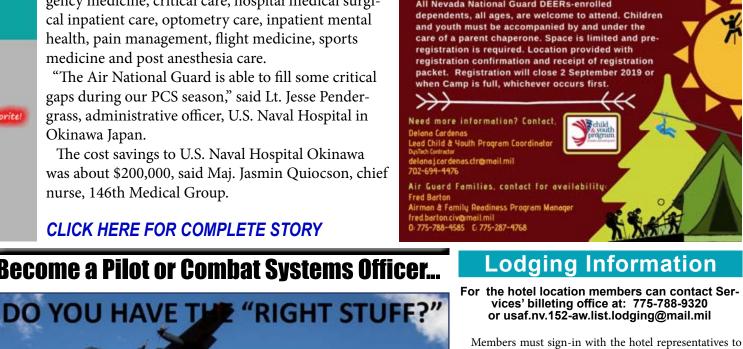
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