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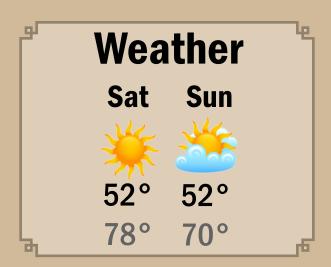
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Nevada Air National Guard Builds Homes, Strengthens Readiness in Wai'anae "Aloha Lives Here" Project

Story and Photos by Tech. Sgt. Albert Valladares | 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs









WAI'ANAE, Hawaii – The Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron (152 CES) strengthened the 152nd Airlift Wing's commitment to readiness and community engagement by taking part in the Innovative Readiness Training "Aloha Lives Here" project during their annual training from July 28 to Aug. 8, 2025.

"The IRT program is about building partnerships and preparing our Airmen for real-world operations," said Maj. Nathaniel Thornton, IRT project lead. "This isn't just training—this is readiness in action. Our Airmen gain hands-on experience, and the community receives lasting infrastructure that will benefit gener-

ations."

The 152 CES was tasked with building permanent housing for residents of Pu'uhonua O Wai'anae, a Hawaiian village known for its resilience and community spirit.

On Oahu's west coast, Pu'uhonua O Wai'anae has become a sanctuary for families who were once without permanent housing. Led by activist Twinkle Borge, the village symbolizes resilience and cultural preservation. In partnership with the state, residents raised nearly \$10 million to purchase land and build sustainable housing, gaining national attention in the process.

To bring their vision to life, the community partnered with the Department of Defense's IRT program, which links military units with local projects that deliver mutual benefits: strengthened military readiness and meaningful public service. For the 152 CES, based in Reno, Nevada, the mission not only reinforced the warrior ethos but also helped restore trust in the military.

"Our Airmen are able to sharpen their skills and apply their technical expertise while giving back to Hawaii's local community," said Capt. Doug Del Porto, engineer officer assigned to the 152 CES. "This project was designed to help reduce the houseless population by five percent. Efforts like this not only strengthen the purpose behind our training but also reflect the heart of our mission- serving people. We hope this initiative lays the foundation for similar projects across the nation."

Throughout the project, the 152 CES deployed heavy equipment operators, operations managers, power production and structural maintenance technicians, engineering assistants, HVAC specialists, and water and fuel systems technicians. Working side by side, they carried out tasks that closely mirror expeditionary missions—site preparation, laying foundations, and assembling modular homes.

"For many of our Airmen, this is more than just a training exercise; we're seeing firsthand how our work changes lives," said Master Sgt. Meagan Castro, first sergeant of the 152nd Mission Support Group. "You

can feel the gratitude from the community, and that motivates us to give our best every day."

A major milestone for the squadron was pouring the concrete foundations that will anchor the village's new housing. They also played a central role in assembling modular and container homes, ensuring the units were built efficiently, safely, and ready for families to move in. Partnering with a local contracting company accelerated progress on the project, bringing the community closer to its vision of sustainable, long-term housing.

"The experience was both a challenge and an opportunity to grow," said Senior Airman Adan Ayala, a structural maintenance specialist, assigned to the 152 CES. "I've worked with metal and structures before, but learning to pour concrete was something entirely new."

The effort directly supports the 152nd Airlift Wing's command priorities of "ready Airmen," "global presence," and "community engagement." By tackling complex construction projects in challenging conditions, the squadron honed the skills essential for worldwide deployments. At the same time, the mission highlighted the Guard's ability to build strong connections both at home and abroad.

"This project showed us that global presence begins with the locals," said Del Porto. "We're proud to be part of something that will last for decades, and we know our team is far more prepared."









Joint Medical Hoist Training Enhances Interoperability Between Nevada Air and Army Guard Units

Story and Photos by Tech. Sgt. Angela Crawford | Nevada National Guard Joint Force Headquarters









STEAD ARMY AVIATION FACILITY, Nev. — Airmen from the 152nd Airlift Wing Medical Group's Detachment-1 Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) teamed up with Soldiers from the Nevada Army National Guard's Medevac unit, known as "Dustoff," for a joint medevac and hoist training event here Aug. 2.

The training, hosted by the Dustoff team at the Nevada Stead Army Aviation Facility, aimed to improve joint response capability between the two units in support of state and federal emergency operations. The event focused on familiarization with the UH-60

Black Hawk helicopter, patient movement, specifically its medical evacuation features and aerial hoist system.

"The opportunity to train side-by-side with the Dustoff crew strengthens our understanding of joint procedures and increases our overall mission readiness," said Master Sgt. Giovanna Libby, CERFP NCO-IC. "This type of training is critical in making sure we're aligned when seconds count."

The day began with a safety and capabilities briefing led by members of the Dustoff team, covering Black Hawk safety zones, in-flight patient care, and coordination procedures between ground and air medical teams.

Following the briefing, CERFP personnel participated in patient loading and unloading drills, practicing the secure and efficient movement of litter-bound patients in and out of the aircraft. The hands-on training concluded with aerial hoist demonstrations using the helicopter's onboard winch system, during which the team practiced guiding and stabilizing the rescue basket during simulated extractions.

"Understanding how to work with an aircraft in a high-stress environment is vital," said Master Sgt. Jay Pascua, CERFP biomedical equipment technician "The better we know each other's roles, the faster and safer we can save lives."

The Nevada Air National Guard CERFP team is trained to respond to domestic emergencies involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive incidents. In a real-world scenario, they may rely on Army medevac assets to transport injured personnel out of contaminated or hard-to-reach areas.

Events like this joint training allow the two units to coordinate procedures and strengthen their working relationships before being called upon for a real-world emergency. "This was an excellent example of how joint operational training can elevate our collective capabilities," said Col. Jon Perlstein, Commander of the 152nd Medical Group. "We're grateful for the support from our Army counterparts and look forward to future joint operations."

The Nevada National Guard continues to prioritize interoperability between Air and Army units, ensuring a unified and rapid response capability in support of local, state and national emergencies.





'Quintessential' Airman Set to Become Nevada's Command Senior Enlisted Leader Saturday

Story by Capt. Emerson Marcus | Nevada National Guard Joint Force Headquarters



CARSON CITY, Nev. – Chief Master Sgt. Joshua Leggett describes his career journey through the lens of personal growth.

His dedication to physical fitness and self-improvement — which includes a two-decade-long sobriety run — along with his well-known healthy eating habits, all encompass an emphasis on mind, body, and spirit, he said.

"As members of the military, we must focus on the key principles of courage, perseverance, honesty and open-mindedness," Leggett said. "These principles have helped me grow personally and professionally."

Last month, Nevada Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. D. Rodger Waters, named Leggett as the Nevada National Guard's sixth command senior enlisted leader (CSEL), replacing Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Pieters, who is set to retire after more than 30 years in the Nevada Air National Guard. A change of responsibility ceremony is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Nevada Air National Guard Base fuel cell hangar in Reno.

"As both the Army and Air National Guard continue to transform, Leggett is the right person at the right time and the Nevada National Guard is fortunate to have him," Waters said. "I have the utmost confidence that Leggett will be very successful in this role."

The CSEL serves as the principal advisor to the adjutant general on enlisted matters influencing the health, morale and professional development of Nevada National Guardsmen and women.

Nevada National Guard CSEL's through the years:

2009 – 2013: Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Sitton

2013 – 2015: Command Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry

2015 – 2020: Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki

2020 – 2022: Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding

2022 - 2025: Command Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Pieters

2025 - present: Command Chief Master Sgt. Josh Leggett

Pieters, who enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1991, has served more than three years as the Nevada National Guard's CSEL. Prior to becoming CSEL he served as the 152nd Operations Group (SEL). He's deployed multiple times overseas as a flight engineer, also serving on the High Rollers' Modular Airborne

Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) team.

"My career has taken me all over the world and provided me so many opportunities to connect with so many members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard," Pieters said. "Chief Master Sgt. Leggett brings a similar career pedigree to the position. The Nevada National Guard enlisted force will be in good hands with his leadership."

"The command senior enlisted leader is a unique leadership role requiring a special partnership with the adjutant general, command chief warrant officer, and other key civilian and military leaders," Waters said. "This partnership requires a trusting, personal relationship and I am grateful to have shared that trust with Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Pieters. Leggett and I have already developed a trusting relationship that is so important to continue building on the work that Pieters, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Steve Nielsen and I started."

Leggett, senior enlisted flight engineer with the 192nd Airlift Squadron and non-commissioned officer in charge of Nevada Counterdrug, knew from an early age that he wanted to join the military. His father, Jan Leggett, served in the 152nd Reconnaissance Group in Reno when the unit flew the F-101 Voodoo. His father also activated for service in South Korea during the Pueblo Crisis following North Korea's seizure of the USS spy ship.

"As a kid, I would wear his uniform," said Leggett, a graduate of Galena High School where he was on the ski team (giant slalom) and ran the 800 and 1600 meter in track. After high school, he attended the University of Nevada, Reno and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. "I saw pictures of (my dad) in Korea and the friends he made, hearing those stories. I initially wanted to join the Marines, and he talked me out of it, thankfully. He told me about the Guard and going to school."

Leggett always had a passion for aviation, saying he flew a Cessna 152 before he could legally drive a car.

"My mom drove me to the airport for my first flight with an instructor pilot," Leggett said with a laugh.

Like many young men and women, Leggett admitted he navigated college with misguided direction.

After briefly moving to southern California, he spoke with now Lt. Col. Alex Kassebaum in 2009 about a full-time position in the operations group in Reno.

"I knew he'd make a great flight engineer," said Kassebaum, chief of wing plans, a United Airlines pilot, and former Reno Police Department officer. "He's a great guy. He deserves all the accolades he gets."

Leggett also committed to a life of sobriety in 2007 and has spent the past two decades promoting physical fitness as a Cross Fit instructor and coach at Reps-4Recovery, a local nonprofit that supports people in substance abuse recovery with access and gym memberships in northern Nevada.

"(Before I got sober) I knew I wasn't living up to my potential," Leggett said. "Everything centered around drinking. I went for years without working out. At times I even began to question whether the world would be a better place without me. I owe everything good in my life to my sobriety."

Today, Leggett is married to his wife, Savina Leggett, a nurse at Renown Hospital in Reno. They have a 3-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl.

His career path includes six deployments, with tours in Africa, Afghanistan, Qatar, Germany and two times to Kuwait.

"You always get stressed about deployments before you leave, but when you are around the ops group, the stress goes away, because I know everyone I am going with," he said. "They are my family. That is one of the coolest things about the Nevada National Guard. It's like a second family."

Leggett looks forward to working with both the Nevada Air and Army National Guard as the CSEL, something he already has experience doing from his work in Nevada Counterdrug for the past decade.

"He has an absolute passion and heart to ensure everything gets done correctly," said Lt. Col. Merridy Young, Nevada Counterdrug coordinator and C-130 navigator. "I never have to worry about questioning his work whatsoever. His work is focused on making everyone better and what makes the organization better. He's the quintessential enlisted Airman."















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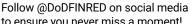
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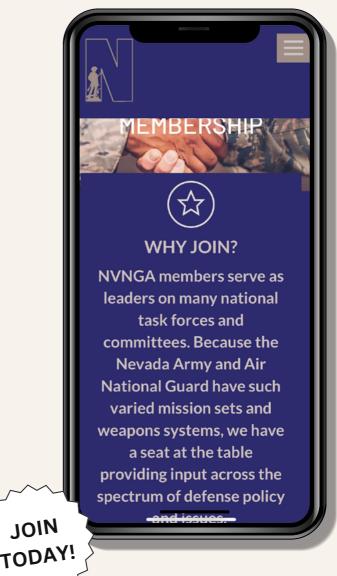


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