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Col. Hammons' NOTAM

NOTAM: September is Suicide Prevention Month

By Col. Jacob Hammons
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High Rollers,
As we close out FY20, please take time out of your busy schedules to remember that September is national Suicide Prevention month. We have made Airmen resilience a cornerstone of our Wing efforts and will continue to do so in FY21 – along with Readiness and Innovation, Resilience is one of our big rocks that I'm focused on because of the emotional toll of COVID-19 and continued social unrest.

Over this month and during drill we have many exciting and supportive services offered. Please read below and participate as able, we want to ensure all Airmen know that you are cared for and have a voice!

1) National Suicide Prevention Month Information Fair: Our Wing Director of Psychological Health, Alison Pratte, will be hosting a suicide prevention awareness booth on the parade lawn Saturday 1000-1400. There will be snacks and refreshments along with resources and a chance to socialize in a physically distanced manner.

2) 2-Minute Tactical Pause: Last month's NOTAM introduced the 2-minute tactical pause. Commanders and Supervisors at all levels will continue conducting the 2-minute tactical pauses during meetings and rolls calls to increase connectedness and encourage constructive dialogue among Airmen.

3) Wing Resilience Team: Our Wing Resilience Team comprised of Mr. Barton, Ms. Pratte, Chaplains Crandell and Gilliam, Maj. Young and Master Sgt. Leggett will be out and about over drill engaging with Airmen and teaching supportive connectedness tips and techniques.

4) CC Talking Points: Commanders will be briefing the SAPR Commander Talking Points to ensure completion of this mandatory and important information regarding suicide prevention and sexual assault/harassment.

5) EO/IG Focus Groups: Starting post-drill with the full-time workforce and extending through October and November drill. The State and Wing EO and State IG team will be conducting Focus Groups. The purpose of these focus groups is for the Wing Command Team to understand what unit climate changes have occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing social unrest. It also allows Airmen an alternative forum to voice opinions on how the Wing is doing with respect to equity and inclusion, group cohesion and trust in leadership. Our last DEOCS and IG Sensing sessions concluded in 2019, and so much has happened and changed since then that I feel it is really important to hear from you and understand what the impact has been to our unit climate. I understand that survey fatigue may be setting in, but these focus groups are designed with you in mind, and the questions are posed to illicit meaningful conversations, so please participate. Details are forthcoming and you will be notified when your small group is meeting.

Lastly, as always, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your amazing efforts on COVID and MAFFS activation. Chief Ash and I could not be prouder of the incredible dedication and passion you have brought to these demanding times. It is only through your job knowledge and care for each other that we have been so successful in our primary domestic missions. Well done, have a great drill and look forward to seein' you around campus.

Livin' High, Flyin' Low,
Roller 1

Suicide Awareness Infographic created by Airman 1st Class Michelle Brooks, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs.

Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

Story by Master Sgt. Adam Willett, Director
152nd Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity Office

The Department of Defense (DoD) is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of World War II by recognizing the contributions and sacrifices made by Service members as well as those who served on the home front. During the anniversary, we pay tribute to those Americans who undauntedly and courageously contributed to the defense of our nation. Often overlooked are the valiant efforts of Hispanic Americans.

The Department of Defense joins the nation in paying tribute to Hispanic Americans who demonstrated selfless service and sacrifice in the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Army Air Forces, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, National Guard, and the home front during World War II.

When war was declared on December 8, 1941, thousands of Latinos were among those that rushed to enlist. They fought in every major battle in the European Theatre in which the U.S. Armed Forces were involved, from North Africa to the Battle of the Bulge, and in the Pacific Theater of Operations, from Bataan to Okinawa.

According to the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Hispanics were not identified as an ethnicity on military records until the Vietnam War — so the exact number who served during WWII is unknown — however, unofficial estimates range between 400,000 and 500,000.

Latinas served in spite of cultural barriers that had in the past prevented them from leaving their families or traveling unaccompanied. As linguists, nurses, and Red Cross aides, and in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, and these women broke through both gender and cultural barriers to serve their country.

On the home front, as the defense industries grew, Hispanics gained entry to jobs that had been closed to them in the past and were able to move away from traditional occupations.

Hispanic Americans played an immeasurable role in the United States' Armed Forces during WWII, serving bravely and with distinction from the initial attack on Pearl Harbor to the last days of the Pacific campaign.

The nation remains forever indebted to WWII veterans, who not only forever changed the course of history but who demonstrated selfless service and sacrifice in defense of global peace and security. We remember the legacy of the "Greatest Generation" by Honoring the Past, Securing the Future.

If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit www.deomi.org or contact the Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Master Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director: adam.willett@us.af.mil

TOP: Firefighters from the Nevada Air National Guard fight a fire at their training June 9 at the Sierra Army Depot, Calif. during a training event.

Nevada Air Guard MAFFS activation extended as western wildfires rage

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Michelle Brooks
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Photo By Airman 1st Class Michelle Brooks | Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System-equipped C-130 planes, MAFFS 2, assigned to 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado and MAFFS 8, assigned to 152nd Airlift Wing, Reno, Nev., are mission-ready at McClellan Airbase, Sacramento, CA July 31, 2020. The MAFFS units were activated to support wildfire suppression efforts in California.

Nevada Air National Guard aircrew equipped with the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS, saw their fire-fighting activation orders extended this week as fires continue to threaten life and property across California.

Members of the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, also known as the "High Rollers," activated July 29, the unit's first fire-fighting activation in two years following a 2019 season that saw little need to request the military as a surge capacity for wildland fire suppression efforts. The situation around the western U.S. is different this year, federal fire-fighting officials say, and the Reno C-130 unit's current extension for assistance is set to last through Sept. 17.

"Our low-level tactical training prepares us for these missions," said Maj. Tom Dorsett, 152nd MAFFS C-130 flight navigator. "Safety and accuracy is the priority. There are lots of factors to consider to get us safely to the fire; the other being air traffic, the terrain involved, our aircrew safety and the safety of the ground crew."

Since arriving at Sacramento McClellan Airport on July 29, the 152nd MAFFS 8 aircraft made 12 drops and flew more than 14 sorties — dropping more than 35,000 gallons of retardant in about 20 hours of flight time. These drops supported suppression efforts of the Stagecoach Fire in Kern County, California and Sires Fire in Colusa County, California. The 152nd is one of four military units in the Air Expeditionary Group. All units have actively participated in firefighting fires this summer.

"We all band together," said Senior Airman McKenzie Burke, flight line crew chief for the 152nd. "It is rewarding seeing the plane go up, knowing it is going to protect lives and property, we had a role in that."

The 152nd prepared for the upcoming fire season during annual training in June 2020, when state and federal wildland firefighting assets came together to train over the Tahoe National Forest.

The coordinated efforts of the aircrew and maintainers, and other federal and state entities, ensure a MAFFS C-130 can safely convert a military transport aircraft into a firefighting airtanker and reach its target to stop a fire from spreading. These military aircraft serve as a surge capacity and enter the fire fight when the commercial airtankers are not readily available.

MAFFS can drop up to 3,000 gallons of fire retardant in less than 10 seconds across a quarter-mile line. The system slides into the back of the military aircraft, and retardant is released through a nozzle on the rear left side.

The 152nd is one of four units in the Department of Defense MAFFS Air Expeditionary Group which also includes the 302nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard and 146th Airlift Wing, California Air National Guard.

Backpacks and school supplies provided for the children of the Nevada National Guard

Courtesy story and photos by Mr. Fred Barton

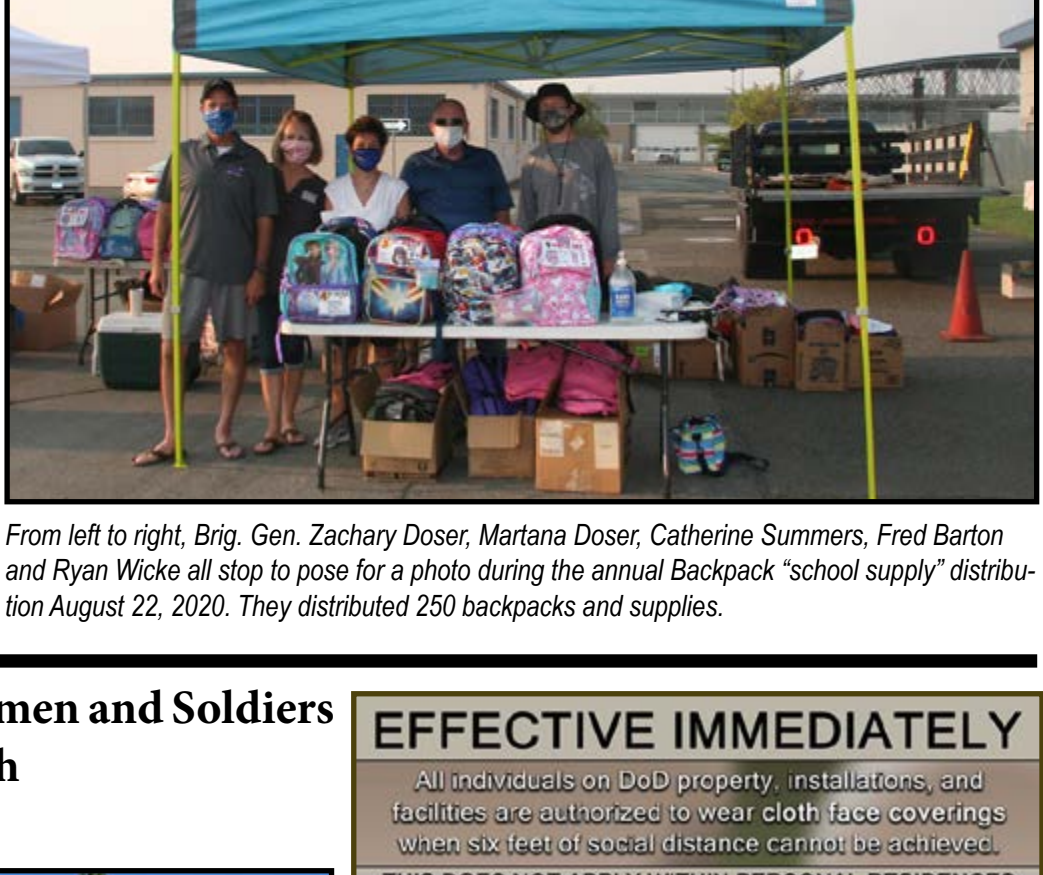
The Nevada Air National Guard Family Programs and Army National Guard Child and Youth coordinator hope to make this school year, virtual or in person, a little easier on National Guard families.

On Saturday, August 22, 2020, Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, his wife Martana Doser and other volunteers distributed 250 backpacks on the Nevada Air National Guard base to Airmen, Soldiers, National Guard Families and retirees with donated school supplies such as: binders, paper, pencils, and pens, and assorted other supplies for the upcoming 2020 - 2021 school year.

The volunteers were on the base from 0800 to noon, observing all social distancing, mask and glove wearing protocols for the safety and well being of the recipients and volunteers. The drive through was a huge success and it was a very positive experience for all—and will likely be the model for future school supply distribution.

Special thanks go to Lorri and Dale Mills, for picking up all the school supplies and Lorri Mills for sorting all the supplies and the Daughters of the American Revolution of Northern Nevada for donating the backpacks and filling all the bags with materials.

Extra supplies will be available in SANGA during September Guard drill weekend.



From left to right, Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, Martana Doser, Catherine Summers, Fred Barton and Ryan Wicke all stop to pose for a photo during the annual Backpack 'school supply' distribution August 22, 2020. They distributed 250 backpacks and supplies.

Northern Nevada USO Staff and Volunteers treat Airmen and Soldiers working the fight against COVID-19 to a FREE lunch

Courtesy story and photo by Mr. Fred Barton



Nevada Air National Guard members and civilians get free lunch!

Even during a global pandemic, the USO is always working side by side with service members around the world, including members of the Nevada National Guard on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19.

Since April 2020, the Northern Nevada USO has been supporting Nevada National Guard Airmen and Soldiers in support of our Governor's mission, with tasty, nutritious, and fulfilling lunches twice a month.

Special thanks goes to the Gary Sinise Foundation "The Lt. Dan Band," for his continued support to the Airmen and Soldiers of the Nevada National Guard, and the USO Staff and Volunteers for supporting this great event for our National Guard members. The Gary Sinise Foundation and the USO are committed to continue providing wholesome meals to our Guard members for the rest of the year, so be looking for a great meal coming your way soon!!

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

All individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities are authorized to wear cloth face coverings when six feet of social distance cannot be maintained.

THIS DOES NOT APPLY WITHIN PERSONAL RESIDENCES

Authorized masks when in uniform:

- Camouflage (matches uniform)
- "Earb" tone/ colors: black, brown, olive green, tan
- Issued Neck Garters
- "Medical type" masks

Note: Cloth masks should be washed daily. Avoid touching an applied mask.

Unauthorized masks:

- N95 - Being in short supply, these masks are prioritized for MEDICAL personnel
- High Altitude Training Masks
- Masks with ANY of the following: printed wording, brand logos, profane/derogatory/racist imagery

Remember!

Wear a mask is NOT to protect you from infection, but to prevent the spread of the virus to others! These measures are meant to alleviate the risk of contamination from ASYMPTOMATIC carriers who may not know their status!

DO YOU HAVE THE "RIGHT STUFF?"

There will be a Hiring Board for C-130 Pilots and Combat Systems Officers November 2-3 of UTA drill. We are looking for highly motivated, hard-charging individuals who want to join the best tactical airlift unit in the country. This comes with the opportunity to excel at Undergraduate Pilot Training or Combat Systems Officer Training and as an Officer in the Nevada Air National Guard. Applications must be received at my desk by 16 September 2019.

Visit the link below and click on the application workbook hyperlink.
<http://www.152aw.ang.af.mil/MEMBERS/Current-Job-Openings>

Requirements:

- Preferred age no older than 33 for Pilot Applications
- Enrolled in your final Bachelor's degree semester
- Flight time preferred
- Competitive AFQT Scores
 - Call our Base Training Office at (775) 788-4511 to schedule test ASAP

For questions contact: usaf.nv.152-og.list.officer-hiring@mail.mil

CHRISTIAN SERVICES SUNDAY IN THE CHAPEL

0830 AND 1400

DRILL WEEKEND

CHILD CARE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Free For Kids K-12
Must Obtain Boys & Girls Club Membership
Breakfast - Lunch - Snack
First Saturdays & Sundays 6:30AM-8:00PM
Programming Begins August 3, 2019

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
BGC TM Pennington Youth Facility
1300 Foster Drive Reno, NV 89509
Contact Sarah Odum to Register 775.340.1671 or sodum@bgcgm.org

DIVERSITY PANEL IN THE WING AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY 9/13 1130-1230

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PT Testing

BASE-WIDE PT TEST
NONE UNTIL OCTOBER 2020

Finance Forum

USE DTS/CTO FOR ALL RESERVATIONS
1. It is mandatory policy that all Uniformed Service Members and DoD civilian employees use an available DTMO contracted CTO ... for all official transportation requirements.
2. The eligible traveler must contact the responsible Service/Agency/DoD Component designated official if there is not an available DTMO contracted CTO ... for the official travel.
3. Payment construction comparisons provided below should in no way be interpreted to suggest that use of other than the DTMO contracted CTO ... is authorized or encouraged.
4. The payment options are provided for situations when the CTO ... cannot be used.

For More Finance Info:
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High Roller Social Media

- @nevadaairguard
- @152AW Public Affairs
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- @152AW

Lodging Information

For the hotel location members can contact Services' billing office at: 775-788-9320 or usaf.nv.152-aw.list.lodging@mail.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 day billing 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. In 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.