

HIGH ROLLER NEWS



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August Drill Outlook

September 2022 Drill High Roller Café

Saturday

Lunch

1100-1230

Menu Items:

Carne Asada Tacos
Chicken Quesadillas
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Peppers and Onions
Elote

Cheeseburgers
Chicken Wraps
French Fries

Additional Items:

Churros
Salad Bar

Sunday

Lunch

1100-1230

Menu Items:

Baked Pollock (Fish)
BBQ Chicken
Mac n Cheese
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli
Peas with Carrots
Dinner Rolls

Cheeseburgers
Chicken Wraps
Corn Dogs
French Fries

Additional Items:

Ice Cream
Salad Bar

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

Weather

Sat



94°

62°

Sun



88°

62°

Upcoming Events

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

Dec. 3-4: December UTA

HIGH ROLLERS



Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems (MAFFS) C-130s requested in Idaho

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

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, RENO, Nev. – The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) has requested two Department of Defense C-130 aircraft equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) to support wildland firefighting operations in support of NIFC in the northwestern United States.

One C-130H from the Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing, Reno, Nev., and one C-130J from the California Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing, Port Hueneme, Calif., and crews are scheduled to arrive at Boise Airport in Idaho Sept. 9 to be ready for flying on behalf of a DoD-approved USDA Forest Service Request.

So far this fire year there have been 49,193 fires reported burning 6,311,144 acres across the nation, according to the NIFC website.

“We’re very proud to be called into action this fire season,” said Col. Evan Kirkwood, 152nd Air Expeditionary Group commander. “As citizen Airmen, we are always honored to help out our community, state and nation. Last year was an unprecedented fire year and I continue to be humbled by the outstanding work showcased by the amazing Airmen I serve with.”

The MAFFS aircraft 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.

NIFC is the nation’s support center for wildland firefighting. Eight different agencies and organizations are part of NIFC, including the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Weather Service, U.S. Fire Administration, National Association of State Foresters, and state emergency response agencies.

For photos and videos of the MAFFS program, visit: www.dvidshub.net/feature/MAFFSAEG



152nd AW Airmen Donate to Veterans in local Community

Story by: Senior Airman Angela Crawford,
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

NEVADA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, RENO, Nev. – Between Aug. 16-23, 2022, Airmen from across the Nevada Air National Guard Base came together to help donate household goods for the Veteran’s Guest House, an organization that helps veterans in the Reno-Sparks local community.

The donation drive was organized and executed by Senior Airman Angela Crawford, with help from the Recruiting and Retention office, where the large donation bins were kept to collect the donations. The main requested items consisted of household products that veterans would need for their homes such as toilet paper, paper plates, silverware and cleaning products. Food, electronic devices as well as cash donations were also accepted.

While members from all across the base donated items, the drive was heavily aided by the 152nd Operations Group and the 152nd Communications Flight who came together and donated a majority of the much needed items.

“I am proud to say that the 152nd Operations Group donated over \$1000 worth of needed items for the Veteran’s Guest House,” said Chief Master Sgt Shawn Plunket, 152nd Operations Group Senior Enlisted Leader. “We are committed to assisting our fellow vet-

erans in need. Especially since the 152nd Operations Group has been in a constant deployment cycle since 9/11, we can especially empathize with these sacrifices.”

By the end of the week, the donation drive had gathered over \$2000 in donations that were directly dropped off to the Veteran’s Guest House.

“I wanted to put together this donation drive because there are a lot of Veterans in our community that just need a little extra help,” explained Crawford. “The High Roller family really showed up for this event and I am so proud of all the items we were able to donate for the veterans.”

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High Roller

Tailgate

Sept.
10th



1500
-
1800

Food & Drinks

Hamburgers, Pulled Pork Sandwiches,
Brisket, Sides

SANGA open at 1500

Bldg 56 Lawn and SANGA

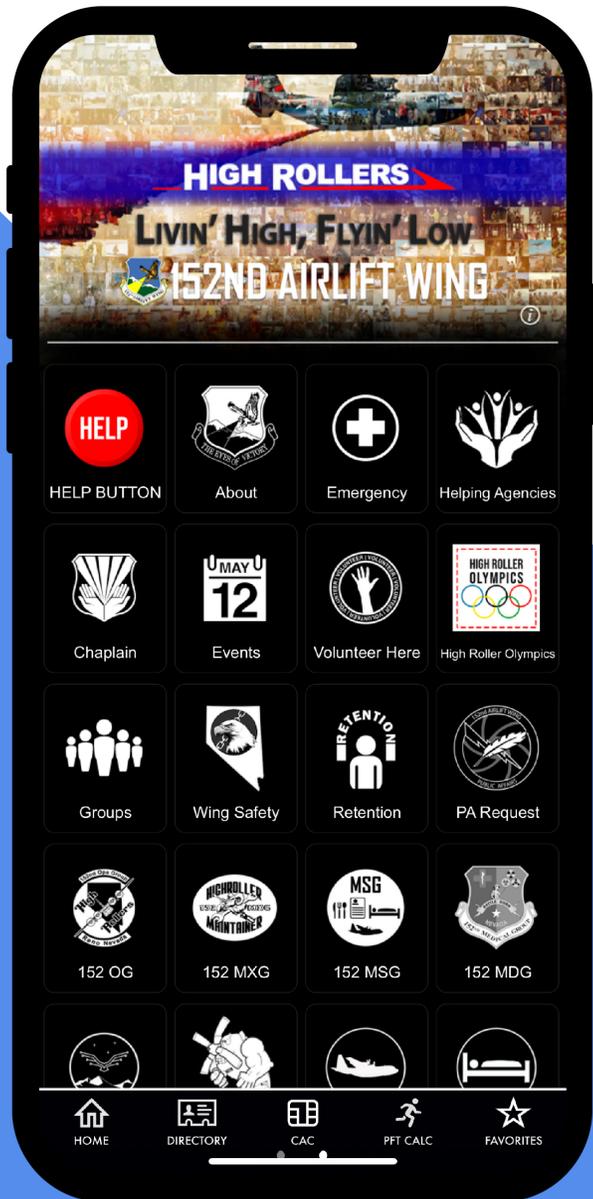
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Senator Catherine Cortez Masto visits Nevada Air National Guard Base, tours facilities and aircraft

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





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Chat with the Command Chief: RESOURCES

Article by: Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton,
152nd Airlift Wing Command Chief

Military service offers some truly unique opportunities. From gaining valuable training, to travel and developmental tours, there are many aspects that make military life special. Something else that benefits our ranks is the assortment of resources at our disposal. There are numerous programs accessible for our service members to take advantage of for a variety of reasons. Need help improving your run time to pass an upcoming fitness assessment? Come by the fitness center and see our fitness trainer Clemente. Struggling with your personal finances? Drop in on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon in building 56 to consider developing a budget with Mr. Spinelli. Are you going through a difficult time right now and just need someone to talk to? From the Director of Psychological Health, or a Chaplain from the 'Hope Center', to your supervisor, First Sergeant, Chief or other leadership, there are outlets for you to turn to.

For those looking to strengthen a marriage, you may be interested in attending an upcoming 'Strong Bonds' couples training in September (see Chaplain Crandell for details). Additionally, Military OneSource is a great website that has a suite of virtual resources that can quickly be accessed. They offer counseling, deployment advice, education and employment infor-

mation, and even tax preparation services to name a few. The best part is that this is offered not only for the service member, but also for military dependents as well.

It's no secret that military life can be difficult, and we are sometimes tasked to do things that require great sacrifice from us and our families. That's why it's important to remember that these resources exist for the purpose of easing some of those burdens and to enable us to focus on the mission. While these resources seem plentiful today, they cannot be taken for granted. With the ever-present threat of a shrinking defense budget, the reality is that some of these programs could be at risk of being reduced or defunded altogether if they are not adequately utilized by our personnel. To prevent this, I implore you to please consider using these valuable programs so they will continue to have a place in our organization to benefit current and future High Rollers.

If you would like more information on the aforementioned resources please talk with your supervisor, 1Sgt, Chief, or consider downloading the AF Connect app where you can link to our unit page and click on the red 'Help' button in the top left corner.



Strong Bonds Couples Training "Speed of Trust"



Sponsored by the 152^d Airlift Wing Chaplain Staff

23-25 September 2022

Registration for this event ends on 9 September 2022



If interested, Please contact
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Or

Fred Barton

fred.barton@us.af.mil

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=673008&k=046641097B5F>

Cut and paste link above into browser for registration

Scan QR Code w/your phone
for registration

Meal's, Lodging and, Training Materials Provided

REGISTER NOW SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 COUPLES



Senior Master Sgt. Leggett throws the first pitch at the Reno Ace's game

Photos by: Senior Airman Thomas Cox



Civilian Spotlight: Military Security Officer wins nationally recognized book writing contest

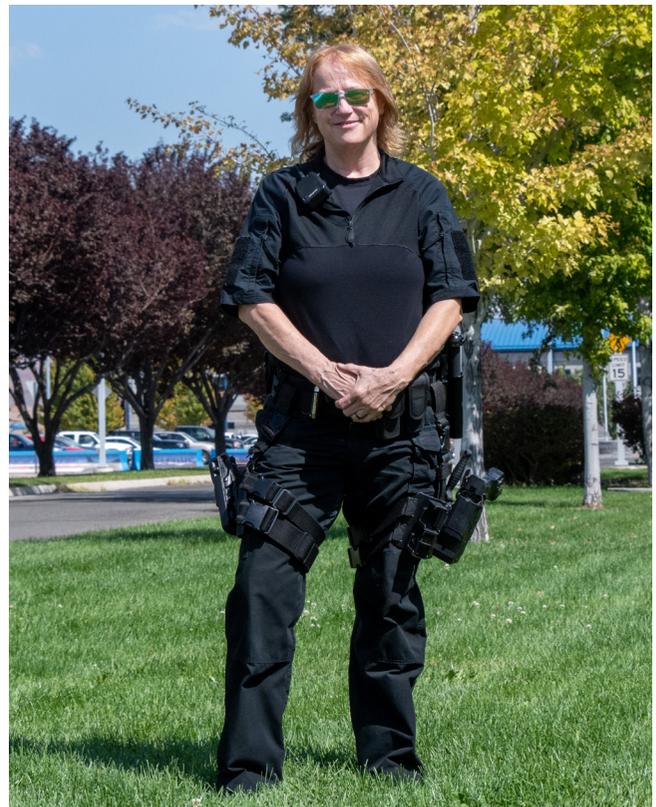
Story by: Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber,
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On July 30, 2022, Teresa M. Shafer, an employee of the State of Nevada, Office of the Military won a nationally recognized book writing contest with her military inspired book called “One Soldier’s Minute”. The prize for winning the contest was a \$150,000 traditional publishing contract with Woodhall Press.

Teresa comes from a long line of combat veterans that can be traced to the Revolutionary War. She has seen firsthand, through her brother who is a combat veteran of Vietnam what deployments into combat zones can do to a person emotionally, physically and psychologically. She has, over the last 20-years witnessed a myriad of reactions to deployments and the stress induced traumas that accompany them. It was within the atmosphere of these witnessed experiences that Ms. Shafer wrote her book, “One Soldier’s Minute”.

Ms. Shafer has been privileged to be the recipient of many stories of military members who were deployed to foreign lands. She was a witness to many soldiers who returned from these deployments as changed individuals and she knew that their stories and the personal price that they had paid needed to be told to the rest of the country. This needed to happen, not to criticize, blame, or condemn, but rather to help others to understand the true sacrifice of our military and how that sacrifice often changes who they are to and in their families.

Teresa, created a character named Steven. Steven could tell these stories with authority and in a manner that anyone could understand. He tells the stories as part of his own life and hits the highs and lows of military life from a traumatic beginning as a teenager to his



final shot as a military sniper.

Steven is a man that seems to ride his life like a rollercoaster, from one traumatic moment to another. He sometimes must do things that he has trouble processing, so he starts seeing a psychologist who helps him work through his trauma. He works his way through his life and as he nears his 25-year retirement he begins to wonder if his home is the place that he wants to return to. A lot of things have been said and done that cannot be unsaid or undone. Still, he has the wife and children that he always wanted and who are waiting for him. But he wonders, if after all that he has done in this life that he has chosen, is he still the husband and father that they need or want. Can he be that man? There is a lot to consider, while he waits for his target to show himself.

“One Soldier’s Minute” is meant to be both an entertaining book, and a subtle self-help, by self-identifying guide. Teresa is currently looking for a psychologist or psychiatrist to help her obtain a current list of resources for veterans seeking help of any kind, and a short encouraging forward from the doctor’s viewpoint. If anyone can help in this quest or has any questions please contact Teresa directly at Teresa.shafer.1@us.af.mil Please follow her on Facebook to receive the latest updates on developments regarding “One Soldier’s Minute” If all goes to plan, “One Soldier’s Minute” should be released in time for the December holidays.

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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>.
- Locate an accredited Personal Financial Manager or Counselor at your installation's Family Center, or search at <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil> or <https://finred.usalearning.gov/pfcMap>.



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