

HIGH ROLLER NEWS



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June Drill Outlook

June 2021 Drill High Roller Café

Thursday

1100 - 1230

Menu Items:

Chicken Strips
Chicken Fried Steak
Rice
Peas & Carrots

Friday

1100 - 1230

Menu Items:

Shrimp Alfredo
3 Cheese Tortellini w/
Marinara Sauce
Garlic Breadsticks
Broccoli
Mixed Veggies

Snack Line

Burgers
Chicken Wraps
Chicken Sandwich
Fries
Tater Tots

Saturday HOLIDAY

MEAL

1100 - 1230

Menu Items:

BBQ Ribs
BBQ Chicken
Hot Italian Sausage
Mac & Cheese
Twice-Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Corn on the Cob

Salad Bar





Desserts

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

Saturday Holiday Meal Rate \$10.05

Weather

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			
92°	90°	89°	89°
56°	56°	55°	52°

Upcoming Events

June 26: Family Day

July 4: Independence Day

August 13-14: August UTA

Sept. 10-11: September UTA

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SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR TONY WHITEHEAD

GUEST



SPEAKER

**SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR TO
THE CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU**

**Sunday, June 26 @ 0800
152nd Airlift Wing, Fuel Cell Hangar**

**and will be streamed via
Facebook Live on Nevada National Guard page**



Project ChalleNGe Grad to be Air Force Chief Master Sergeant

Story by: Sgt. William Marsh,
106th Public Affairs Detachment

RENO, Nev. – Thanks in large part to the National Guard’s Project ChalleNGe program, a sputtering start to Jeanie Beck’s early education won’t deter her from attaining the highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Air Force: chief master sergeant

Beck, the chief enlisted manager for 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, is to be promoted to chief master sergeant June 25.

According to Nevada Air Guard records, Beck will become the 154th Nevada Guard Airman to attain the rank of chief master sergeant and the 13th female chief master sergeant in the organization’s history. Beck’s father is Pat Morrison, who was chief master sergeant No. 68 in the Nevada Air Guard.

Beck attributes much of her career success to Project ChalleNGe, the Nevada National Guard’s 1990s-era youth program for teenage students not on track to graduate on time from public high school.

The Nevada Guard currently sponsors a similar program, the Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy, in Carlin. Today’s BBYCA enables 16- to 18-year-old students to recover lost credits and learn life and leadership skills in a structured residential environment. The second class of BBYCA students graduates June 17.

“I would not be where I’m at today if not for Project ChalleNGe,” said Beck, who plans to travel to Carlin for the BBYCA graduation ceremony. “As cheesy as it

sounds, it was a turning point in my life.”

Beck passed her GED tests at Project ChalleNGe to earn her GED diploma. Since then, she has earned an Associate of Science degree in applied logistics and is working toward a bachelor’s degree in logistics operations.

Growing up, Beck enjoyed elementary and middle school and experienced academic success. But she dropped out of Carson High School during her junior year in 1997.

“I spent most of my time partying and hanging out with my friends,” Beck said. “The more time I spent not focused on school, the worse the situation became.”

Beck said her high school experience began to snowball into a seemingly hopeless situation.

“I let a few assignments slip by. Before I knew it, I was failing most of my classes,” she said. “I felt like there was no way I could get back on track. It seemed pretty hopeless.”

Beck was out of school for about one year before she decided to apply for Project ChalleNGe in 1999. At the time, Nevada did not have a program, and Nevada teens traveled to Queen Creek, Arizona, to attend the cooperative Arizona-Nevada Project ChalleNGe program.

“I was extremely nervous. Project ChalleNGe was my last resort. I felt like I had no hope for a career and was afraid I would get stuck at some dead-end job,” Beck said.

She spent her first week of the program attending pre-Challenge at the Plumb Lane Armory in Reno. The applicants had to prove they could make it in Arizona because the spots for students were limited. After the week in Reno, the Nevada Guard flew the students to Arizona to begin the five-month program.

Beck said she began to appreciate the program about two months after her arrival. Surprisingly, she discovered she enjoyed the regimented atmosphere of Project ChalleNGe.

“I found it was easy to keep my belongings orderly and figure out what the standards were,” Beck said.

Beck developed friendships in Arizona and remains in contact with many classmates.

Beck said two cadre staff, ChalleNGe instructors Nunez and Bigg, proved to be the most memorable individuals from Project ChalleNGe.

“I remember C.I. Nunez would hang a punching bag for the female students and just let us go at it,” Beck said. “Nunez understood what we needed.”

Beck said C.I. Bigg was an instructor with impossibly high standards who would punish minor mistakes – but also take the time to ask individuals how they were and genuinely listen.

“Those two instructors were impactful on my experience and showed me what I was capable of,” Beck said.

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Nevada National Guard receives Spirit of Unity Award from UNR

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

RENO, Nev. – Lt. Col. Catherine Grush, 152nd Mission Support Group commander, accepted the Spirit of Unity Award at the University of Nevada Reno’s School of Public Health hooding ceremony May 13, 2022. The Spirit of Unity award recognizes an agency in the community that builds bridges to public health. Grush was the Deputy of Joint Staff Operations in charge of all domestic operations for the Military Department for the State of Nevada, located in the Joint Operations Center in Carson City. There, she coordinated federal, state, county and local requests to ensure emergent needs were met and also accomplished planning for the long-term requirements of supporting operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our School of Public Health is committed to providing high-quality education and research opportunities to public health students,” said Dr. Muge Akpınar-Elci, Dean of the School of Public Health. “The COVID-19 pandemic showed the value of partnership between different organizations to create a more equitable and inclusive world. Congratulations to the Nevada National Guard! On behalf of the School of Public Health, I would like to thank you for your dedication to our school and community.”

More than 1,400 guardsmen of the Nevada National Guard were activated for 715 days to provide significant support to the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They performed 833,298 COVID-19 tests,

administered 819,330 COVID-19 vaccinations, delivered 8.9 million pounds of personal protective equipment and distributed more than 2.8 million meals to the many geographically diverse populations across the state of Nevada, to include tribal communities.

“The Soldiers and Airmen do this job day-in-and-day-out without hesitation,” Grush said, “We greatly appreciate the recognition from all of our partners during this time. The pandemic response showed how necessary it is to create and maintain the excellent relationships we have across so many different levels and avenues within our state. We appreciate the award and what it means.”

Retired Lt. Col. Kim Neiman, who served as the Chief Nurse of the Nevada Air National Guard for twelve years from 1992-2005, nominated the Nevada National Guard for this prestigious award.

“I know the value, first hand, of the Guard’s mission,” Neiman said, “In the early months of the pandemic and as an employee of Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, I worked with the guard, together we conducted testing of hundreds of Reno-Sparks tribal members and members of the Reno community. Not just once but several times. Later I was involved on a regular basis conducting testing and picking up or delivering testing kits to the guard members working with the Nevada State Public Health Lab.”

The guardsmen supported 62 mobile sites, seven warehouse/logistic distribution centers, five food distribution operations, 23 stationary vaccination operations, two mobile vaccination operations and they sanitized four alternate care facilities.

Neiman added, “Without the Nevada Guard, our state’s efforts at controlling this pandemic would have been severely compromised.”





‘Mammoth’ exercise trains High Rollers for Agile Combat Employment

Story by: Senior Airman Michelle Brooks,
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Aircrew from the 192nd Airlift Squadron were joined by 152nd Communications Flight Airmen with communications assets to participate in the Mountain Flag exercise at Mammoth Yosemite Airport, Mammoth Lakes, California May 26, 2022.

Mountain Flag is a three-day exercise designed to help prepare Airmen for Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concept—an Air Force concept which enables Airmen from a variety of career fields to conduct operations from distributed locations at higher and faster levels of complexity.

“We packed up everything we needed to exercise our mission planning and communication capabilities”, said Capt. Ryan Leigh, pilot with the 192nd Airlift Squadron. “We flew it down here and set it up as a proof of concept so that we can, in the future, operate at austere locations that have virtually no support.”

Throughout the exercise, the 192nd Airlift Squadron flew sorties with multiple C-130 Hercules aircraft. Crews were able to utilize the radar at Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon’s Electronic Warfare Training Range as well as the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif. to simulate operating in a contested environment. They were also able to work with Marines on the ground to practice on-call airdrop, a skill that will be essential in an ACE environment.

“Integrating with our neighbors in the area provides a unique training opportunity to develop the

skills that ACE embodies,” said Maj. David Lynn, pilot with the 192nd Airlift Squadron and lead planner for the Mountain Flag Exercise. “This type of joint training ensures that not only are we prepared for future contingency operations, but that we understand how to integrate with the other services.”

The 152nd Communications Flight established high frequency ground to air communications at the airport for 24 sorties. Also, they established very high frequency radio communications with the airport’s frequency to receive communications.

The exercise provided Airmen experience working with communications equipment in a simulated expeditionary environment. In addition, Airmen were able to broaden their skill sets by performing duties outside of their Air Force Specialty Codes, a new priority for the Air Force. For example, communications Airmen marshaled a C-130 after landing during the exercise, a job typically done by a maintenance crew chief.

“This exercise is a great opportunity to join efforts within our own base,” said Tech. Sgt. David Almada, radio frequency transmissions systems operator with the 152nd Communications Flight. “In the past we have been on separate missions, such as MAFFS [Modular Airborne Firefighting System] or JISCC [Joint Incident Site Communications Capability], but the new ACE mentality is helping all the units work together.”



152nd Airmen train for Agile Combat Employment (ACE) at Mountain Flag Exercise

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



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HOT SHOT: 152nd SFS maintains proficiency and practices new skills in Hawthorne

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

HAWTHORNE, Nev. – Airmen from the 152nd Security Forces Squadron (SFS), Nevada Air National Guard, spent five days training various weapons techniques and procedures at the Hawthorne Army Depot Freedom Ranges, Hawthorne, Nevada, June 15-19, 2022.

The Airmen fired over 60,600 rounds of ammunition during the various training events and scenarios over the five days. All of which were designed to work on and improve the Airmen's skills, proficiency and techniques when handling the weapons in various locations both stateside as well as when they are deployed overseas.

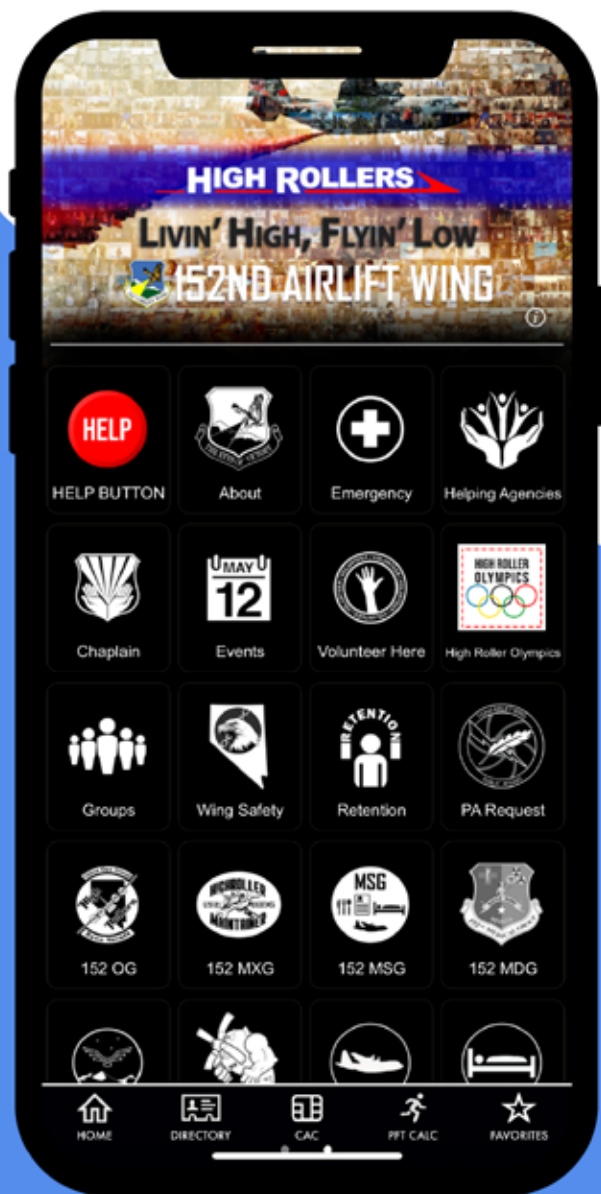
The first three days consisted of individual fire and movement utilizing the M-4 carbine rifle and M9 handgun as well as firing the M249 machine gun. These trainings included switching between the M-4 and M9 while stationary and while on the move at various targets.

The fourth day of training included more M-4 training as well as a night shoot with the M249 to build upon the Airmen's skills to be able to operate in any environment. During this, the Airmen also practiced utilizing flares while firing in a near pitch-black environment.

The fifth and last day wrapped up the training with demonstrations of simulation frag grenades, flash bangs, sting ball grenades as well as colored smoke

bombs. The Airmen also practiced various skills against each other with a force-on-force training scenario of teams practicing clearing a "shoot house" while having to actively press forward against a live-enemy team while using simulation paint rounds.





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Joint Professional Development Training takes place in Hawaii

Story by: Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Brun,
Nevada State Command Chief Master Sgt.

OAHU, Hawaii – Soldiers and Airmen from the Nevada National Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard joined together for a joint professional development training event at the historic Ford Island Naval Facility from June 6-10, 2022.

The course was developed by the Nevada Air National Guard to provide junior noncommissioned officers (NCOs) Soldiers and Airmen the leadership skills that are needed to increase their warfighting capacity. This professional development opportunity offered courses and practical application opportunities in critical thinking, team building, emotional intelligence, the Agile Combat Employment concept and Purple Resolve.

The location of the program was chosen to provide the students an understanding of the historical significance of the previous World War II fight in the Pacific Theater. With the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial's somber presence nearby, it served as a constant reminder to the NCOs in attendance of the need to shift our planning and thinking for a future fight.

The classroom session portions of the course were coupled with briefings from leaders at the United States Indo-Pacific Air Forces (INDOPACOM), The United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) and the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) major commands as well as the State Partnership Program.

As a final cultivating event, the Soldiers and Air-

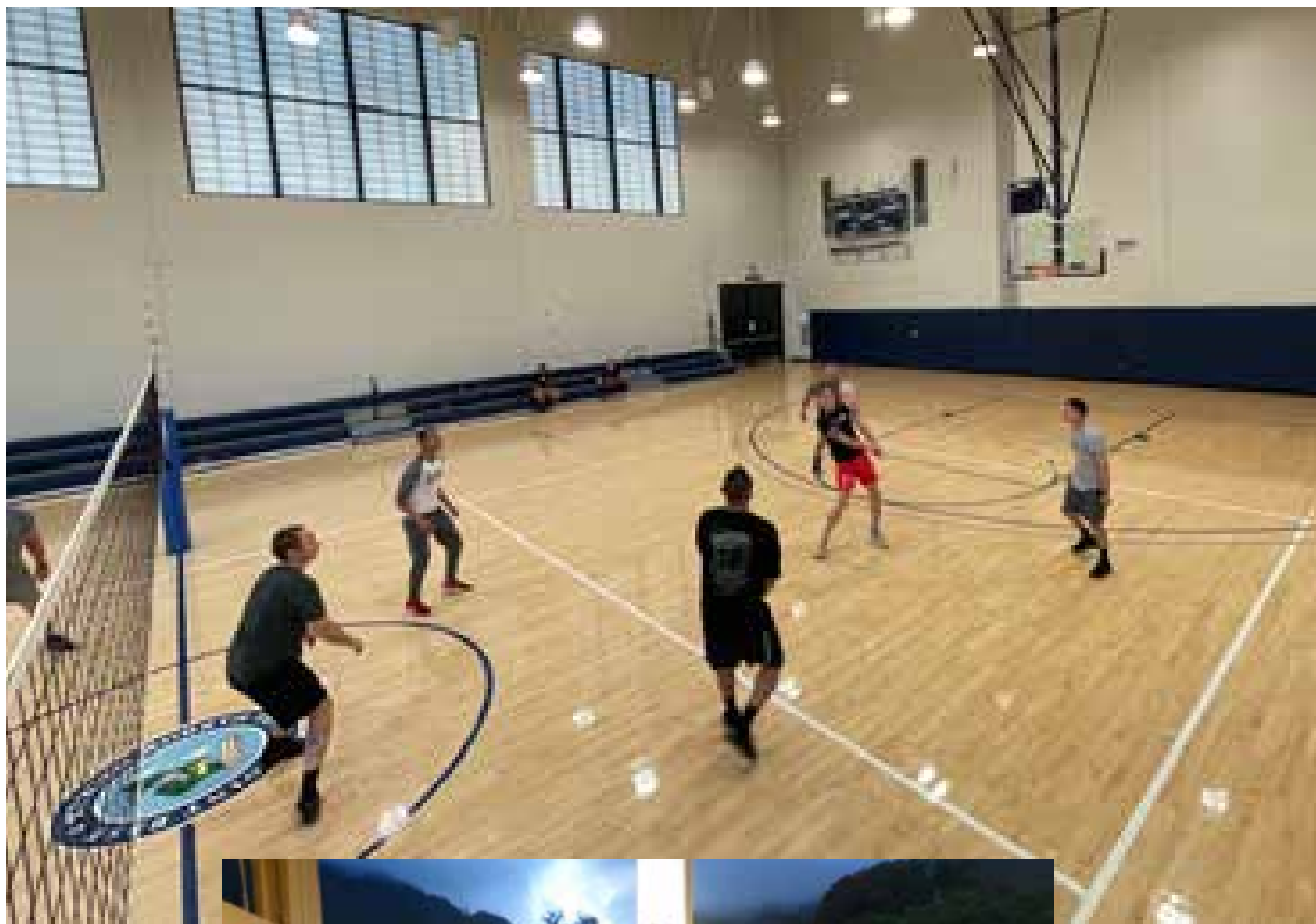
men were divided into joint teams to provide a capstone project presentation that addressed areas aligned with the state's strategic priorities and where they can be improved upon. This allowed the members from different states, different military services and different backgrounds to forge relationships in order to develop cohesive units.

Among the NCOs who were participating in the course there was also a select group of senior noncommissioned officers (SNCOs) from both the Army and air guard to provide mentorship. The addition of these leaders provided them with valuable experience in guiding diverse the teams of Soldiers and Airmen. This method of leadership development lays the foundation that will be required of the Multi-Capable Airmen and the Multi-Domain Soldiers for the future fight.

This joint professional development event was the result of over a year of planning, curriculum development, coordination as well as improving upon the Nevada Air National Guard's professional development program that was held at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base last year.

This year's program was sponsored by the senior leadership from the Nevada Joint Force Headquarters (NV JFHQ) and endorsed by Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada's Adjutant General. The project team consisted of Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Brun, Nevada State Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Joe Puertos, Master Sgt.

Joe Babb, Senior Master Sgt. Jordan Clark and was ultimately spearheaded by Senior Master Sgt. Javier Sosa, the 152nd Airlift Wing's First Sgt.. Also worth mentioning for their hard work include Master Sgt. Aguilera, First Sgt. Risi, First Sgt. Ochoa, Master Sgt. Hanson, First Sgt. Ruiz and Master Sgt. Quiroga. Their long hours, passion for greatness and forward thinking were instrumental to the successful delivery of the novel training course.



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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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