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Col. Hammons' NOTAM

NOTAM: Welcome to Fiscal Year 2021

By Col. Jacob Hammons Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing

High Rollers,

Welcome to Fiscal Year 2021 – the year of violent execution for the 152nd Airlift Wing. This year, we will prioritize readiness, resilience and innovation as we move out on our Wing Strategic Plan. We start the year at a high OPTEMPO, with MAFFS winding down, COVID response ongoing, and final preparations for our two major inspections -- AFMAA in November and UEI CAPSTONE in December.

While the Wing is busier than ever focusing on Readiness, I want to ensure our focus is not diverted by societal issues that could negatively impact our force. With that in mind, I would like to highlight two potential pitfalls, 1) election season and 2) domestic violence.

1) Election Season and Political Activities. This is a presidential election year and tensions are high due to the damaging effects of COVID-19 and ongoing social unrest across the nation. While we are all entitled to our opinions as citizens, there are specific prohibitions against military members participating in political activities, especially while in uniform. A military branch is also not allowed to give the impression of supporting one political candidate over another. While there are many details and nuances involved with this matter, I will simply give you my technique regarding political matters. I don't go there. I won't post anything on social media regarding political matters, I won't engage in "water cooler talk" about the debates or merits of one candidate over another, and I won't give the impression that my political affiliation lies with any specific party. In fact, success for me would be that I leave this job without any of you knowing my political affiliation. I feel duty-bound to be apolitical, because as a military member I am subordinate to my duly elected officials, and one of the cornerstones of our democracy is an armed forces that is apolitical in nature and only focuses on supporting and defending the Constitution, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Arguing over politics, whether on social media or in the workplace, diverts focus from our priorities and is counterproductive to building connectedness and resilience. As I said, there are many facets to this issue, so if you are in doubt, consult with your supervisor or JAG over what is appropriate in our out of uniform.

2) October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month. COVID-19 stressors have also increased the risk of domestic violence across our force. It can be frustrating to disheartening to lose a job, be in lock-down, or have schools cancelled. We need to stand united in speaking out against domestic violence in all forms. Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status. Quite simply, domestic violence does not comport with the values of the High Rollers. We treat other as we would like to be treated, we treat each other like family and we hold our families dear and sacred and should never abuse our families, physically, verbally or otherwise. This is about being good Wingmen – watching out for each other, and if there are concerns

WHO AM I? I AM AN AIRMAN AND I PROUDLY SERVE MY COUNTRY I AM A LOVED SON AND BROTHER I AM ACTIVE IN MY CHURCH I AM A COLLEGE GRADUATE



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

or indications of domestic violence, speak up and get your Wingman the help he/she deserves. We have services across the base, from the SARC, DPH, and Chaplains that are trained and have resources to assist. This is one way we build resilient Airmen, and it's the right thing to do.

I start Fiscal Year 2021 full of hope and inspiration for what we can accomplish when we unite around a shared vision for this Wing. Together, we will achieve the goal of becoming the #1 ANG C-130 Wing. This year can be our proudest moment, and the work we do this year can leave a legacy for generations of High Rollers. Let's shock the world.

Livin' High, Flyin' Low,

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Largest-ever firefighting activation for Nevada Air National Guard continues; unit conducts DoD mission

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



Soldiers and Airmen with the Nevada National Guard pose for a photo with Modular Airborne Firefighting System (MAFFS) supporting personnel at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, CA August 31, 2020. Nevada National Guard members have been supporting wildfire suppression efforts in California.

Over one million gallons of fire retardant have been dropped this fire season by military aerial firefighting units such as the "High Rollers" of the Nevada Air National Guard and the support continues

"It's very rewarding knowing you are helping so many people," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Teska, a MAFFS flight engineer with the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard. Teska is also a former wildland firefighter. "I remember being on the ground, looking up, and seeing the planes dropping retardant. Being a part of the machine that is MAFFS, and just firefighting in general, is a great feeling."

C-130 aircraft equipped with USDA Forest Service-provided Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems activated in late July for firefighting efforts in California. The devastating 2020 fire season has resulted in the High Rollers having their longest activation to date since beginning the MAFFS mission in 2016. The 152nd is flying on behalf of a Secretary of Defenseapproved USDA Forest Service Request.

During this record-setting fire season, the 152nd MAFFS unit has made 109 drops and flew more than 110 sorties, dropping more than 300,000 gallons of retardant on fires across California. These numbers will continue to grow as the unit is still helping to suppress wildland fires.

"We are grateful of the High Rollers' dedication to our nation during a time of great need," said Lt. Gen. Kirk Pierce, commander, First Air Force, Air Forces Northern. "They are performing a highly-complex mission having to fly very low to the ground in mountainous terrain while dealing with poor visibility from smoke and flames. Their specialized training prepares them for such challenges."

Air Forces Northern, U.S. Northern Command's Air Component Command, is the DoD operational lead for the mission.

In addition to training, relationships are key to the total team effort.

"All the support partners keep the mission strong and moving forward to include the Forest Service, CAL Fire, and the MAFFS units," said Lt. Col. Erik Brown, 152nd Maintenance Group deputy commander and evaluator pilot with the 152nd Operations Group. "The support from these entities, and all the groups in the Nevada Air Guard, is instrumental to making the mission happen."

MAFFS-equipped C-130 aircraft units are employed as surge support for firefighting when civilian firefighting assets are at capacity. When deployed to support wildland firefighting efforts, MAFFS units stand by for a call from dispatch centers based on requests from civilian Incident Commanders. When requested, the flight crew responds to the fire using the air tanker

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Celebrating Disability Employment Awareness Month

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



National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is an opportunity to reaffirm the Department of Defense's (DoD) commitment to recruit, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities throughout our workforce.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which dates back to the end of World War II. An estimated 3 million Americans with disabilities supported the war effort during World War II. The return of service members with disabilities sparked public interest in employing injured combat veterans back into the workplace. It is a time

to recognize the undeniable contributions disabled veterans and other people with disabilities make every day across the nation. Each person brings unique skills and abilities to a job. Equity, dignity, respect, and cooperation among all individuals are essential values in the DoD work environment.

If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit www.deomi.org or contact the 152 Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Master Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director, adam.willett@us.af.mil.

Department of the Air Force pushes fitness testing to Jan. 1

Courtesy story and photo by Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Published September 16, 2020

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --

Department of the Air Force will resume Jan. 1, receive maximum points for the AC component 2021, officials announced Sept. 16.

To continue minimizing close contact among personnel during the ongoing COVID-19 pan- put a lot of work into assessing how and when demic and ensure units and personnel are fully we could safely resume fitness testing across the ready to resume, testing has been delayed from force," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, deputy chief of October to January, and testing in January will staff for manpower, personnel and services. "Peomove forward without obtaining waist, height and ple have been juggling work, child-care issues, weight measurements.

we want to give our Airmen enough time to pre- tain fitness. This delay gives our folks extra time pare," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. to prepare for January, while also ensuring units Brown, Jr.

Beginning Jan. 1, uniformed members are ex- precautions." pected to test on the 1.5 mile run, 1 minute of push-ups and 1 minute of sit-ups. The body com- after the annual holiday season that can be chalposition component (abdominal circumference),

until further notice. All members, including those Official physical fitness assessments across the with abdominal circumference exemptions, will as part of their official score.

"This is an unprecedented situation and we've homeschooling, family separations, isolation, etc., "We know people are staying fit regardless, but and we know it's been more challenging to mainhave more time to implement additional COVID

"We're also aware our resumption occurs right



U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training trainee, Chris-Ann Wilmoth, 37th Training Wing Detachment 5, Flight 564, participates in a physical training session at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., July 1, 2020. To continue minimizing close contact among personnel during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and ensure units and personnel are fully ready to resume, physical fitness testing has been delayed from October to January 2021. Testing in January will proceed without obtaining waist, height and weight measurements.

height and weight measurements are postponed **CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY**

Meacham receives award from American Red Cross, Northern Nevada Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lee Greiner 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Meacham, Director of Logistics assigned to State tion, specifically with Project Hero and the Ne-Headquarters for the Nevada Air Guard, received vada Air National Guard. special recognition for her outstanding performance as a volunteer board member of the Ameri- al non-profit organization dedicated to helping can Red Cross of Northern Nevada, on May 19.

lieve suffering in the face of disaster, which in- injury 'TBI'; by helping the individual achieve recludes fire, flood, hurricanes, said Meacham. "By habilitation and recovery. providing mass care, food, shelter and funding for people that have lost their home after a disaster." ery events and Project Hero HUB Community She said what drew her into volunteering for the Centers produce positive outcomes at lower costs Col. JoAnn Meacham during her audio interview with the American Red Cross was her experience as a mili- and reduce drug-based therapies. The organizatary member and the benefits she received from tion also builds and provides adaptive bikes to the American Red Cross.

"The services I have received when deployed, First Responders. Yellow Ribbon, reconnections workshops, resilience workshops, and their notification system is serving a three-year term, and is now planning while Airmen are deployed," were all important to to vacate the position. She is currently recruiting her, said Meacham.

can Red Cross of Northern Nevada said Meacham gmail.com or 775-544-2495 to learn more.

RENO, Nevada - (Sept. 22, 2020) Col. JoAnn made significant contributions to the organiza-

Project Hero was founded in 2008, as a nation-Veterans and First Responders affected by post-"The American Red Cross has a mission to re- traumatic stress disorder 'PTSD', traumatic brain

> Project Hero programs including Ride 2 Recovphysically-challenged and injured Veterans and

Meacham was elected to the board in 2019. She to the Nevada Air National Guard to find her re-Zany Marsh, executive director for the Ameri- placement. Contact Meacham at jo.r.meacham@



152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office.



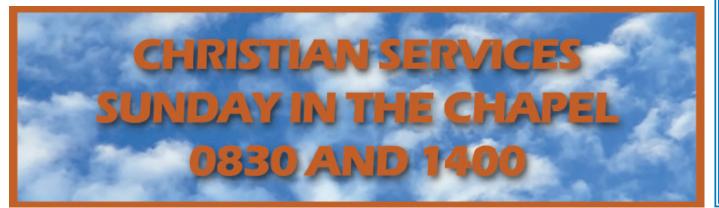
DO YOU HAVE THE "RIGHT STUFF?"

There will be a Hiring Board for C-130 Combat Systems Officers October 3-4 of UTA drill. We are looking for highly motivated, hard-charging individuals who want to join the best Combat Airlift unit in the country. This comes with the opportunity to excel at Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training and as an Officer in the Nevada Air National Guard. Applications (hard copy and electronic) must be received by 30 August 2020.

Requirements: •

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

For questions contact: 152.OG.Officer.Hiring@us.af.mil





Avoid touching an applied mask Remember! Wear of a mask is NOT to protec ou from infection, but to prevent he 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



PT Testing



BASE-WIDE PT TEST SEE ARTICLE ABOVE

Finance Forum

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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.

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4. The payment options are provided for situations when the CTO ... cannot be used.

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Lodging Information

For the hotel location members can contact Services' billeting 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 base billeting 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. If 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 mem-ber 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.

