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# **NOTAM: Welcome to Fiscal Year 2021**

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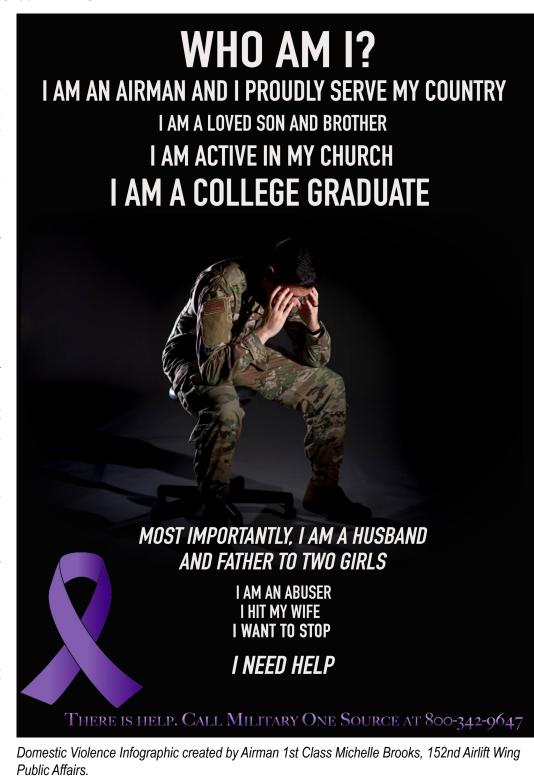
High Rollers,

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 elec-

tion 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 stress-

ors 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



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, Roller 1

approved USDA Forest Service Request.

## Largest-ever firefighting activation for Nevada Air National Guard continues; unit conducts DoD mission Rollers having their longest activation to date since beginning the MAFFS Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Michelle Brooks mission in 2016. The 152nd is flying on behalf of a Secretary of Defense-152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



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

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 Command-

ers. When requested, the flight crew responds to the fire using the air tanker CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE STORY **Celebrating Disability Employment Awareness Month** 

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



environment.

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

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which

dates back to the end of World War II. An estimated 3 million Ameri-

cans 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

portunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Master Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director, adam.willett@us.af.mil.

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 Op-

### To continue minimizing close contact among "This is an unprecedented situation and we've 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

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

cludes fire, flood, hurricanes, said Meacham. "By habilitation and recovery.

people that have lost their home after a disaster." ery events and Project Hero HUB Community

American Red Cross was her experience as a mili- and reduce drug-based therapies. The organiza-

Official physical fitness assessments across the with abdominal circumference exemptions, will Department of the Air Force will resume Jan. 1, receive maximum points for the AC component

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,

"We know people are staying fit regardless, but and we know it's been more challenging to main-Brown, Jr.

weight measurements.

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --

2021, officials announced Sept. 16.

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

can Red Cross of Northern Nevada, on May 19.

providing mass care, food, shelter and funding for

the American Red Cross.

her, said Meacham.

position component (abdominal circumference),

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 have more time to implement additional COVID Beginning Jan. 1, uniformed members are ex- precautions." "We're also aware our resumption occurs right pected to test on the 1.5 mile run, 1 minute of

until further notice. All members, including those

as part of their official score.

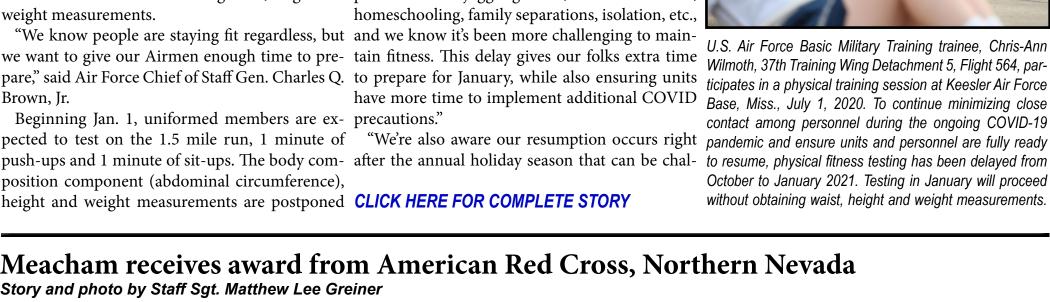
Veterans and First Responders affected by post-"The American Red Cross has a mission to re-traumatic stress disorder 'PTSD', traumatic brain

Project Hero programs including Ride 2 Recov-

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

RENO, Nevada - (Sept. 22, 2020) Col. JoAnn made significant contributions to the organiza-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 perfor-Project Hero was founded in 2008, as a nationmance as a volunteer board member of the Ameri- al non-profit organization dedicated to helping lieve suffering in the face of disaster, which in- injury 'TBI'; by helping the individual achieve re-

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



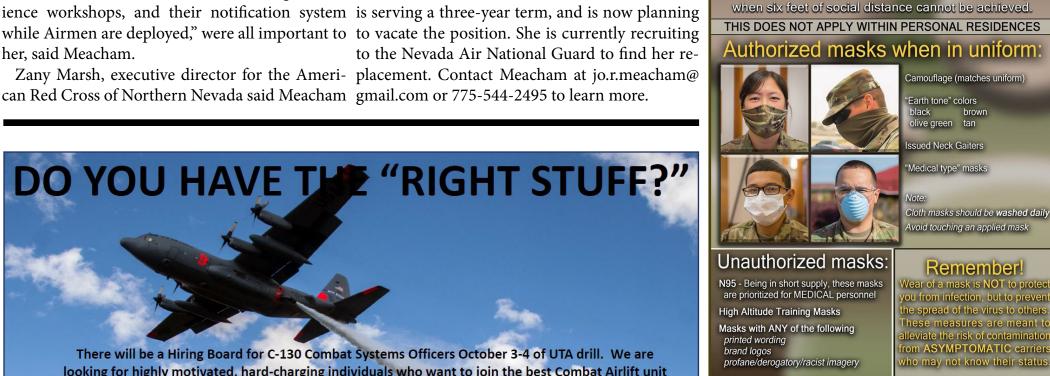
### tary member and the benefits she received from tion also builds and provides adaptive bikes to **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** physically-challenged and injured Veterans and "The services I have received when deployed, First Responders. All individuals on DoD property, installations, and Yellow Ribbon, reconnections workshops, resil-Meacham was elected to the board in 2019. She facilities are authorized to wear cloth face coverings

DO YOU HAVE THE "RIGHT STUFF?"

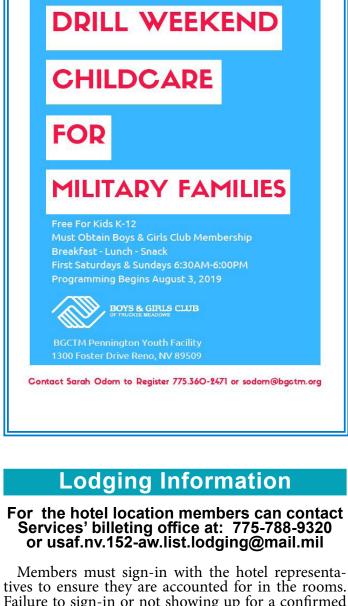
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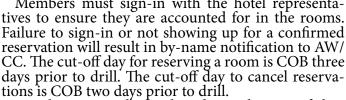


There will be a Hiring Board for C-130 Combat Systems Officers October 3-4 of UTA drill. We are



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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 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.

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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 of-

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 en-

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