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Nevada Guard 'High Rollers' launch AFWERX spark cell

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they face in the daily conduct of flying, fighting and winning our nation's wars."



The 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, became the first unit to develop an AFWERX spark cell with the creation of 'Silver State Spark' in February 2020.

RENO, Nev. - About 70 innovation spark cells launched around the world since the U.S. Air Force debuted AFWERX in 2017, with a majority in the active-duty realm.

Maj. Greg Green, the 152nd Airlift Wing's spark team facilitator, was among about 100 military and civilian members of the Department of Defense who attended a three-day spark cell training Feb. 19-21 at the AFWERX hub in Las Vegas.

Earlier this month, the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, also known as the "High Rollers," became the newest Guard unit to participate with the creation of "Silver State Spark."

"A spark cell is a grassroots innovation program that empowers Airmen to bring tomorrow's tools to the warfighter today," said Maj. Tony Perez, AFWERX spark director, who organized the training in Las Vegas.

"For more than a decade we've seen the private sector, particularly the tech sector, move in this direction toward promoting new ideas and entrepreneurship as a bottom-up approach," said Col. Jacob Hammons, 152nd Airlift Wing commander, who began planning for the creation of a spark cell shortly after he took command in November.

Each spark cell is different, mainly because units receive autonomy in the development of their own program.

"A spark cell shortly after he took command in November. A spark cell gives Airmen of all ranks the opportunity to think creatively toward new and innovative solutions to the challenges

Green's program will give Airmen - with commander approval - up to five days during technician work hours or annual training days to research and plan their proposal. An Airman can then present the proposal to their commander

for approval. "Airmen are already approaching us with interesting ideas," Green said. "There's no doubt a demand for improving the way we do business."

Based largely on the startup model, spark cells

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Col. Hammons' NOTAM

Meet the new High Roller motto

By Col. Jacob Hammons Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing

Last Friday, Feb. 28th, 45 members from the 152nd Airlift Wing (152 AW) met for a day-long strategic planning on-site, held at our excellent Dining Facility. The purpose of this retreat was to bring together diverse thinkers, leadership and influencers to define our three-year Wing strategic plan.



Our goal for the day was to determine how to lead the 152 AW to become the #1 Air National Guard (ANG) C-130 Wing by 2023.

altitude environment - the Reno-Tahoe area boasts some of the most beautiful, varied alpine landscapes in our great nation and also provides some of the best opportunities for mountain flying training. It also refers to our unit's commitment to carry on the legacy of the High Rollers, embrace the Air Force Core Values and produce and demand Airmen of high character and high competency.

The last part of the day we spent coming up with a new Wing motto. The intent for this motto is to have a simple graphical representation that encapsulates our mission, vision and strategic priorities.

Lastly, "Flyin' Low" firmly emphasizes our organization's focus on primary mission execution. First, it captures the C-130's unique ability to cover that "last tactical mile" in our federal missions to deliver critical personnel and supplies to our front-line warfighters through either delivery into austere airfields or by air drop. This often means penetrating into threat environments at low altitude. Secondly, it captures the es-

I am extremely proud of the work that went into creating this motto, and I think it's important that we all understand what it means. To begin with, the picture is a mosaic of High Roller Airmen performing in their various mission areas. This captures my overall approach of "People First, Mission Always." The mosaic makes up a picture of a 152 AW C-130 dropping fire retardant during a MAFFS mission, our primary domestic mission.

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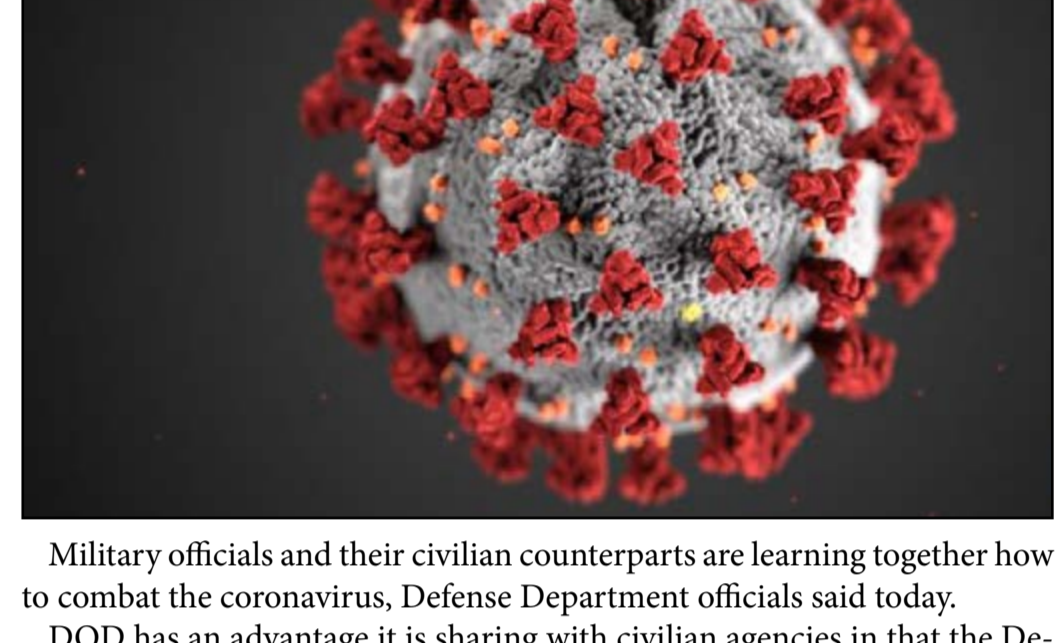
In the middle of the picture is our moniker, "High Rollers," with an arrow underlining the words and moving forward. Many of you may not know the historical significance of how we came to be known as the "High Rollers." As an RF-4 unit, we earned international esteem after winning multiple aerial reconnaissance competitions in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1980, an Airman Magazine article dubbed the then 152nd Reconnaissance Group the "High Rollers of Reno." Paired with our incredible performance during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the reputation of the High Rollers was solidified. Our motto pays homage to this tradition of excellence and carries that into our current and future missions.

Beneath the High Rollers verbiage is the motto, "Livin' High, Flyin' Low." "Livin' High" refers to our enviable geographic location and high-

From DoD News Website

DOD Outlines Priorities in Combating Coronavirus

By Jim Garamone, DoD News



Military officials and their civilian counterparts are learning together how to combat the coronavirus, Defense Department officials said today.

DOD mission capabilities or readiness. Additionally, the department must continue to work in support of partners, Salesses said.

DOD has an advantage it is sharing with civilian agencies in that the Defense Department has been doing pandemic planning for more than 20 years, said Robert G. Salesses, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense.

DOD also has to contemplate logistics support inside and outside the department.

In addition, DOD conducts rigorous after-action reviews of real-world operations and situations, such as the ones against severe acute respiratory syndrome - SARS - first discovered in 2003. DOD also examined the response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014.

Air Force Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Friedrichs, the Joint Staff Surgeon, said the process started in mid- to late-January. "There's still a lot that we're learning," he said.

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper's priorities are the protection of service members, their families, and the DOD workforce - and to safeguard

First reports called the virus "novel coronavirus" meaning new virus. As the department has learned more it put out guidance on health protection. Friedrichs stressed that everything DOD has put out has been aligned with and derived from the guidance that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has put out.

But DOD does adapt the CDC guidance. "Our policy has to cover the soldier in Africa as much as it does the sailor who's on a ship somewhere in the Pacific, or the family member or retiree who's here in the continental United States," Friedrichs said. "So, we start with whatever the federal guidance is, and then we add additional guidance to help clarify what the standards are and how we're going to minimize the risk of force across the world."

DOD provides the broad guidance and then encourages geographic combatant commanders to provide additional guidance specific to where they are located.

The department has also been involved in discussions about medical countermeasures and vaccines. "For years, [we] have had a very robust research and development program looking at viral illnesses," Friedrichs said. "Our labs have been working on vaccines, and we are partnering with [Health and Human Services] and CDC on developing vaccine candidates."

The department also has international connections, and research benefits

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COVID-19 STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS. Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

COVID-19 What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)? Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19? COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in China, and limited spread among close contacts has been detected in some countries outside China, including the United States. At this time, however, this virus is NOT currently spreading in communities in the United States. Risk of infection is highest for people in China or people who have traveled to China. Risk of infection is dependent on exposure. Close contacts of people who are infected are at greater risk of exposure, for example health care workers and close contacts of people who are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation. Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.? Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/cases-in-us.html. How does COVID-19 spread? The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but now it seems to be spreading from person to person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some diseases are highly contagious (like measles), while other diseases are less so. At this time, it's unclear how easily or routinely the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading between people. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/about/2019-nCoV-transmission.html. What are the symptoms of COVID-19? Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. What are severe complications from this virus? Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs. How can I help protect myself? The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should: Stay home when you are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick? If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others. Is there a vaccine? There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. Is there a treatment? There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms. For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

We Can Do It... and She DID WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. HONORING THE PAST, SECURING THE FUTURE! Includes image of a female pilot and the USO logo.

Celebrating Women's History Month. 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. We pay tribute to the women who undauntedly and courageously contributed to the defense of our nation. Between 1940 and 1945, the female percentage of the U.S. workforce increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent, and by 1945 nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home. The aviation industry saw the greatest increase in female workers. By 1943, 310,000 women worked in the aircraft industry, representing 65 percent of the industry's total workforce. In addition to home front jobs, some 350,000 women joined the Armed Services, serving at home and abroad. The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WACs) worked in more than 200 non-combatant jobs stateside and in every theater of the war. By 1945, there were more than 100,000 WACs and 6,000 female officers. In the Navy, members of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) provided support stateside. The Coast Guard and Marine Corps soon followed suit. One of the lesser-known roles women played in the war was provided by the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) who were the first women to fly American military aircraft. More than 1,000 WASPs served, and 38 of them lost their lives during the war. In the image is Maggie Gee. She is a member of the WASPs, and a pilot for B-17 Flying Fortress bombers used to qualify male pilots and to stage mock dogfights for training bomber gunners. This month, the DoD pays tribute to the women who not only forever changed the course of history but also redefined the United States military. If you would like more information on how to celebrate diversity in your work area please visit www.deoml.org or contact the 152 Equal Opportunity Office in BLDG 56 Room 9B, call 788-4649, or email Tech. Sgt. Adam Willett, EO Director, adam.willetteml@mail.mil.

POSTPONED. LIVE CONCERT. Location of this event: Nevada Air National Guard Base, 176 National Guard Way, Reno, NV (Fuel Cell Hangar BLDG 130) Date: Sunday, 22 March 2020 From: 2:00PM - 4:00PM. Please visit the following link: https://civiltations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=499415&k=0668480D7A52. Military support and refreshments will be provided by the Northern Nevada United Service Organization (USO).

March Drill. SATURDAY 7 March 2020 LUNCH 1100-1230. Main Line: Corned Beef, Bourbon Style Chicken, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Cabbage, Dinner Rolls, Soup - Loaded Potato Soup, Assorted Desserts. Short Order Line: Chicken Wraps, French Fries, Nachos and Cheese, Chili, Burgers. SUNDAY 8 March 2020 BREAKFAST 0700-0830. Main Line: Scrambled Eggs, Mixed Scrambled Eggs, Hash Brown Patties, Bacon, Sausage Patties, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy.

PT Testing. BASE-WIDE PT TEST NONE THIS WEEKEND SEE YOUR UPFM.

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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. The member then will be reimbursed with the receipt.

Become a Pilot or Combat Systems Officer... 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 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.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 requirements, Competitive AFQT scores, Call your Base Training Office at (775) 788-4511 to schedule test ASAP. For questions contact: usaf.nv.152-aw.list.officer-hiring@mail.mil

MSGT KENNY DUPRE II. Please join us for a Retirement Party Honoring. Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 6:00 pm NV Air Guard Base, Dining Facility, 1776 National Guard Way, Reno, NV 89502. RSVP: SMSgt Torry Thompson @ 775-788-4520 by March 1, 2020. Dinner: \$15 for adults & \$10 for children. Don't forget to wear your island attire!

SAFETY CHAIN. Includes a diagram of a safety chain and various safety instructions.