



Nevada National Guard **Biennial Report** 2025

A comprehensive look at the Nevada National Guard in 2023 and 2024

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Cover photo: A Nevada Air National Guard C-130 Hercules flies over Pyramid Lake, Nevada during a civic leader flight April 4, 2024. Civic leader flights are designed to encourage the community about the mission of the Air National Guard and highlight the importance of the role the community plays in supporting the lives of Airmen and their families (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Brooks).

Table of contents: Brig. Gen. D. Rodger "Dan" Waters greets Maj. Gen. Duke Pirak, Director, Air National Guard, during a visit to the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno, Oct. 23, 2024. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Capt. Emerson Marcus).

Back page: A Nevada Army Guard UH-72 Lakota helicopter is parked in Las Vegas at dawn on March 2, 2023. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Adrienne Lopez).

Letter from the Adjutant General



The Honorable Joe Lombardo
Governor of Nevada



Brig. Gen. D. Rodger "Dan" Waters
The Adjutant General

The Honorable Joe Lombardo
Governor of Nevada
Nevada Capitol
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Dear Gov. Lombardo,

Pursuant to N.R.S 412.052(2), I am pleased to present you with the Nevada Office of the Military's 2025 Biennial Report with information on fiscal years 2023 and 2024. This report chronicles the primary activities and achievements of the Nevada Guard during the past two years and provides an update on the recent missions involving the state's Army and Air Guard units. The report also includes the Nevada Guard's fiscal accounting for 2023 and 2024.

The Nevada National Guard remains always ready, always there in defense of Nevada residents here in the homeland, supportive of our nation's call during overseas contingency operations and dedicated to our growing State Partnership Program.

Taking Care of People is our No. 1 priority.

Over the course of the past two years, the Nevada Guard's accomplishments would not be possible without the support of your office. Gov. Lombardo, we are honored to work for you, our commander-in-chief, the residents of Nevada and our nation. Our state elected leaders in Carson City along with our Congressional delegation representing us in Washington, D.C., also provided exceptional leadership and support over the course of the past biennium. Additionally, our community partners proved integral to the mission over the past two years. Craig Rauchle, of Incline Village, the father of Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle (deceased) created PTSD NOW!, an organization dedicated to the health and wellbeing of our service members with trained mental health professionals. His philanthropic efforts paved the way for Purple Resolve, a resiliency training started in Nevada and now used around the nation (see page 28). We've also worked the past two years to expand our youth education programs here in Nevada, which include the Battle Born Youth Challenge Academy and STARBASE (page 33).

The past two years included multiple deployments, including more than 200 Soldiers of the 17th Sustainment Brigade now working federal overseas missions in support of U.S. Central Command. Please know that Nevada Guard leadership and the entire Nevada Guard family are constantly thinking about the wellbeing of our deployers as we look forward to their safe return summer of 2025. By the grace of God, we welcomed the return of dozens of other Nevada Army Guard deployers this biennium, including the 137th Military Police Detachment. Others returned home from deployments supporting California Army Guard units stationed overseas and dozens more from the Nevada Air Guard returned from individual deployments around the world.

Our domestic response missions covered the full spectrum of operations from historic Hurricane Hilary in southern Nevada to the Davis Fire in Northern Nevada. Our Soldiers and Airmen also activated on numerous occasions to support local law enforcement and first responders during large-scale events in the Entertainment Capital of the World and around Nevada. These events included the annual New Year's Eve Celebration, Super Bowl LVIII and the inaugural Formula 1 Vegas Grand Prix. The Nevada Guard includes members of our community who respond at a moment's notice to save life and property and ensure safety in the Silver State.

This is the nature of the National Guard's dual mission that dates to the Colonial Period and continues into the 21st Century. The National Guard of the 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia are always ready, always there.

Battle Born! Battle Tested! Battle Ready!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Waters".

D. Rodger "Dan" Waters, Brigadier General
The Adjutant General, Nevada Office of the Military

National Guard Overview

The National Guard does three things extraordinarily well: fight and win America's wars, protect the homeland, and build global and domestic partnerships. At the same time, the Guard provides localized emergency response to natural and civil upheavals.

National Guard soldiers and airmen are dedicated to readiness and service. Their innovative civilian skills complement military training in operations both overseas and at home. This unique combination of civilian and military experience along with close ties to our communities pays dividends for American taxpayers.

Fighting and Winning America's Wars

For nearly two decades of combat, the Guard has demonstrated its reliability, accessibility and cost-effectiveness. Today's National Guard members clearly understand the likelihood they will be deployed in service to their country.

As the nature of warfare evolves over time, the National Guard will remain adaptable as it plans and prepares to operate seamlessly alongside active-duty Army and Air Force service members. The organization also enables experienced soldiers and airmen who separate from active duty to continue to contribute their skills in service to the nation and state.

Protecting the Homeland

When it comes to responding to domestic emergencies, the Guard — operating under the command of the governor — provides unique, time-tested expertise.

Before natural or man-made incidents strike, National Guard soldiers and airmen work closely with civic and private industry leaders in their local communities to forge relationships.

When the scope of an incident is beyond the capacity of local and state responders, the Guard's dual status as both state militia and federal reserve of the Army and Air Force helps ensure seamless integration of federal personnel and resources in support of civilian incident leaders.

The National Guard also supports U.S. Northern Command, protecting the skies over America and providing immediate response to attacks involving weapons of mass destruction.



PHOTO BY SGT. ADRIANNE LOPEZ

Nevada Army Guard Soldiers march during the annual Veterans Day Parade in Las Vegas on Nov. 11, 2023.

Building Global and Domestic Partnerships

Daily, the National Guard strengthens its partnerships with civilian communities at home and military allies around the world. The State Partnership Program, or SPP, builds personal relationships between Americans and leaders in

developing nations that support the goals of our combatant commanders and the State Department. The Nevada Guard is teamed with the Kingdom of Tonga, Fiji and, as of 2023, Samoa.

Today, there are 96 state partnerships with 106 nations. Since 2003, more than a dozen nations have co-deployed with U.S. National Guard forces to Iraq and Af-



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JAKOB IVANICK

Soldiers from the Republic of Fiji Military Forces and His Majesty's Armed Forces participated in a weapons subject matter exchange in Las Vegas, Nev. with Soldiers and Airmen from the Nevada National Guard's State Partnership Program April 8, 2024. Weapons proficiency is just one skill that these soldiers are sharpening ahead of the competition, which takes place over the coming weeks.



A Nevada Army Guard UH-60 Black Hawk picks up water in Washoe Lake to help fight the Davis Fire, Sept. 9, 2024.

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ghanistan. Additional benefits of the SPP include economic expansion, agricultural development and educational exchanges. National Guard expertise in areas such as engineering, infrastructure and reconstruction are in great demand with nations eager to partner with America.

In the previous biennium, the Nevada National Guard's State Partnership took on a more visible role, given its work in the Indo-Pacific Command. With the rise of influence from the Chinese Communist Party, the Nevada National Guard plays a more integral role in international affairs than it ever has previously in its history.

Accountability

At home, the National Guard is part of the DNA of every community. Guard service members serve in the same communities in which they live and work. This makes Guard soldiers and airmen personally invested in the communities in which they serve.

As the National Guard fights America's wars, protects the homeland and builds partnerships, it does so as an affordable and accountable force.

Today's unprecedented National Guard readiness posture under the Total Force Concept offers options to preserve both

capability and capacity rather than choose between them. The National Guard is a cost-effective, proven military force capable of rapidly generating troops and quickly returning them to inactive status.

The National Guard has a long-standing reputation for exceptional performance in the eyes of the American public, and because of that the force recruits the best and brightest Americans. Guard soldiers and airmen are held to the highest personal and professional standards.

Summary

The National Guard performs three critical defense duties for America: fight and win America's wars, protect the homeland and build global and domestic partnerships. After two decades of fighting abroad, side-by-side, the Guard integrates seamlessly with the active Army and Air Force, more of an operational force than its traditional use as a strategic reserve. The Guard is more ready and more accessible than at any other time in its history.

Now, more than ever, the National Guard remains "Always Ready, Always There." That's why investing in the Nevada National Guard is a win-win for American security and the Nevada taxpayers

Nevada National Guard at a Glance

The National Guard of the United States encompasses the Army and Air National Guard from the 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia.

The history of the National Guard has evolved over the course of four centuries from local militia in Massachusetts in 1636 to a force with a dual federal and state mission. But one factor remains: service.

The birth of the Nevada militia coincided with the American Civil War. Nevada was “Battle Born” in 1864. The first known Nevada militia unit, the “Union Blues,” organized after Nevada gained territorial status in 1861 to “overawe outbreaks of secessionists” and the “maintenance of our present, political life.”

During the early 20th century, Congress passed laws — the Militia Act (1903) and the National Defense Act (1916) — increasing federal standards of each National Guard and giving the president authority to mobilize the National Guard in time of war. In 1973, the Total Force Policy was enacted, requiring that all active-duty and reserve components be treated as an integrated fighting force.

The Nevada Guard expanded in the post-World War II era with the creation of the Nevada Air Guard in 1948 — originally as a fighter squadron that deployed during the Korean War — along with several mission evolutions of the Nevada Army Guard, from anti-aircraft defense to a tank force and into



PHOTO BY SGT. ADRIANNE LOPEZ

Pfc. Class Jayven Mariscal (left) and Spc. Javier Flores (right), Soldiers in the 72nd Military Police Company, pose for a photo at McCullough Hills in Henderson, Nevada, March 23, 2023. Mariscal and Flores were finding points on a map during their land navigation course during the 72nd MP's annual training.

today's focus on military sustainment.

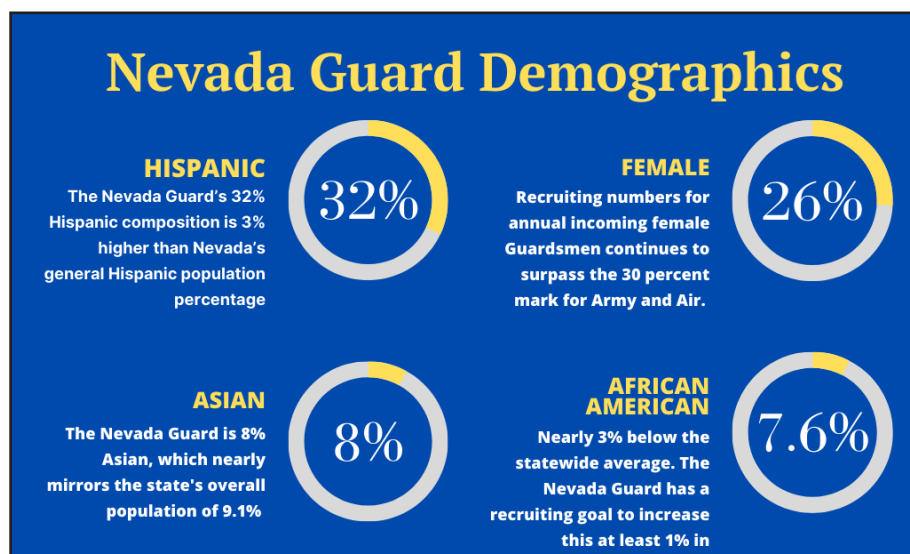
The Nevada Office of the Military, headquartered today at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City, provides military organization, guidance and overall administration for the Nevada Guard. Nevada's governor is the commander-in-chief for the state and may order the Nevada Guard into action during natural disasters

or in times of potential unrest when the safety of its citizens is at risk. Brig. Gen. D. Rodger Waters replaced Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry on Oct. 19, 2024. Berry had served as Nevada's adjutant general since September of 2019. The adjutant general is the governor's advisor on all military matters concerning the Nevada Guard and is responsible for oversight of all Nevada Guard activities and personnel. Brig. Gen. David Chauvin is the commander of the Nevada Air Guard and Brig. Gen. Randy Lau is the commander of the Nevada Army Guard.

The 2024 total of 4,443 uniformed personnel in the Nevada Guard was a slight decrease from the 2022 force of 4,516, and nearly on par with 2020 force of 4,478.

At the end of the 2024 fiscal year, the Nevada Army Guard included 3,336 Soldiers. Of the Soldiers, 2,926 were enlisted; 321 officers; 89 warrant officers. Of the 1,106 members of the Nevada Air Guard, 919 were enlisted, 187 were officers. The state's Guardsmen commit to participate in military training one weekend a month and 15 days each year in their respective military occupations and career fields.

As of September 2024, the Nevada Guard employed 455 full-time technicians and 563 Active Guard and Reserve, or AGR, full-time personnel stationed throughout the state, supporting traditional Guardsmen and the Nevada



During the previous biennium, the Nevada National Guard continued to put an increased emphasis on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The Nevada Guard's Equal Opportunity and Compliance office tracks diversity and equity in the force and makes suggestions for recruiters on potential under-recruited communities in the state.

Guard's military equipment. The Nevada Guard is the most visible military entity in Nevada with armories and facilities in five of the state's 16 counties and state capital with nine primary bases, armories and readiness centers.

In addition to headquarters' soldiers, the Nevada Army Guard includes the 17th Sustainment Brigade; the Aviation Troop Command; 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry; the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; the 421st Regional Training Institute; a Recruiting and Retention Battalion and a Medical Detachment.

The Nevada Air Guard is composed of the 152nd Airlift Wing along with the 152nd Intelligence Squadron in Reno and the 232nd Combat Training Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. Most work at the 64-acre base on the southwest corner of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport supporting tactical airlift missions with C-130 aircraft and at the 152nd Intelligence Squadron facility. About 60 airmen work in southern Nevada at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

The organization remains ready and prepared to expand as needed to meet Nevada's future military requirements.



Nevada National Guard Focus Areas

- 1 Taking Care of our People**
We recognize the service and sacrifice of our Soldiers, Airmen, Civilians, and their families, and dedicate resources, services, policies, and programs to support the more than 4,800 uniformed service members and Civilians of the Nevada National Guard and their family members.
- 2 Drive Readiness**
We employ a multi-stage approach aimed to institutionalize collective and individual readiness efforts across the Nevada National Guard with both a short-term and long-term focus.
- 3 Foster and Build on a Culture of Excellence**
We focus on building Great People, Great Leaders, and Great Teams, with the knowledge that this is the best way to prepare for success across the spectrum of operations and continue to build on a legacy of excellence that dates back more than 160 years in the Nevada National Guard.
- 4 Strengthen Our Profession**
We strengthen our organization from top to bottom by enhancing individual and unit expertise; building a culture of trust, connectedness, belonging, and inclusiveness; constructing cohesive and disciplined teams; and training our Soldiers, Airmen, and Civilians.

Mission

The Nevada National Guard provides ready organizations and individuals to perform state and federal missions, globally and domestically

Vision

Soldiers, Airmen, and Civilians providing hope and service to our communities, state, and nation with safety, unity and integrity



Nevadans Around the Globe

The Nevada National Guard's dual mission in support of deployments overseas and emergency response in the homeland occurred in a variety of ways during the previous biennium with a large unit deployment for the Nevada Army National Guard and, domestically, with an increase in support of civilian authorities in Las Vegas.

About 250 Soldiers of the 17th Sustainment Brigade, Nevada Army Guard, deployed under Operation Spartan Shield in U.S. Central Command. The 17th provides command and control for sustainment of functional logistics in joint (both Army and Air) environments.

The Nevada Guard also supported multiple responses for domestic emergencies in the U.S. and Nevada. This included wildland fires in western states along with search and rescue efforts here in Nevada and California.

Additionally, the Nevada Guard supported civilian authorities for multiple large-scale events in Las Vegas, including the inaugural Formula 1 Vegas Grand Prix in 2023 and Super Bowl LVIII at Allegiant Stadium in 2024. As they have done each year since 2000, the Nevada National Guard also activated in support of civilian authorities for the New Year's Eve celebration on The Strip.

Army Guard Deployments

In the previous biennium, there were two Nevada Army Guard units and one contingent supplemented the 40th Infantry Division, deploying on two continents during the biennium: Asia and Europe.

The **17th Sustainment Brigade**, the largest Nevada Army Guard brigade element, left for mobilization at Fort Cavazos, Texas at the beginning of this biennium. For operational security reasons, specifics surrounding the deployment will not be publicly released until all Nevada Army National Guardsmen have returned home. The return is set for late summer 2025.

About 40 **137th Military Police Detachment** Soldiers, headquartered in Carson City, returned from deployment to Romania supporting European Command in the summer of 2023. The military police unit performed law and order missions and helped patrol Army garrison at a NATO air base near the Black Sea.



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Soldiers with the 17th Sustainment Brigade enter formation during the unit's deployment mobilization ceremony at Sierra Vista High School on Sept. 21, 2024. One of the largest Nevada Army Guard unit mobilizations in the past decade, the 17th Sustainment Brigade deployed this fall in support of U.S. Central Command and will provide logistics support to joint operations around the Middle East.

Additionally, about **25 Nevada Army Guardsmen** deployed July 2023 to April 2024 in support of the 40th Infantry Division, California Army Guard. Stationed in Kuwait, Nevada Guardsmen provided communication support for units deployed to various countries in the Middle East.

Air Guard Deployments

The Nevada Air Guard's Air Expeditionary Force deploys with its C-130 aircraft on a rotational basis every three years to various locations around the world. A Nevada Air Guard AEF deployment did not occur in the previous biennium (the last being a deployment to the Horn of Africa in 2022), but many Nevada Air Guardsmen entered individual deployments in support of the U.S. Air Force. In all, 92 personnel attend the Silver Arrow Exercise in Germany; four

members deployed for U.S. Africa Command to Djibouti and Niger; 17 members deployed to Kuwait; 39 to Qatar; 25 were home station deployed in support of overseas theater operations; seven were deployed to Iraq; 19 to Jordan; 14 to Antarctica; two members deployed to Peru and one to the Philippines.

Domestic Activations

Since the Y2K scare of 2000, the Nevada Guard has supported civilian authorities in Las Vegas during the annual New Year's Eve celebration. In 2024, about 200 Nevada Guardsmen were on duty to **assist local and federal law enforcement agencies** to ensure safety, assist with crowd control and provide medical support.

Through the partnership with Clark County Emergency Management and the

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the Nevada National Guard has entered an integral support role for various events.

In addition to its annual support during New Year's Eve, the Nevada National Guard supported two new events in the valley this past biennium: the Formula 1 Vegas Grand Prix and Super Bowl LVIII.

Among the missions: military police oversee entry control points (ECP); Nevada Guard specialists provide chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear response teams; and medical triage support at local hospitals in case of a large casualty event experienced during the October 1 shooting in 2017.

The Nevada National Guard also remained active in **aerial firefighting** — especially in the summer of 2024.

Operating with the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS, a roll-on, roll-off system that enters the back of the C-130 H, which turns military aircraft into airtankers for firefighting. They can discharge up to 3,000 gallons of fire retardant in less than five seconds, covering an area one-quarter of a mile long by 100-feet wide.

The U.S. Forest Service has worked with the Department of Defense for firefighting since 1972. The Nevada Air Guard unit was named the most recent member of the four-unit firefighting group in 2016.

In 2024, the Nevada Air Guard activated on July 18 and remained in support of federal aerial firefighters into September, operating out of Channel Islands Air National Guard Base in California. The unit dropped about two million pounds of retardant on land mostly in the Golden State, from as far south as Bakersfield and north along the Oregon border.

The Nevada Army Guard also entered the firefight in 2024 for about one week — its first firefighting activation since 2021 when the **Caldor Fire** threatened homes near South Lake Tahoe. The Nevada Army National Guard's Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters can support fire suppression efforts with Bambi buckets that pickup water — from either natural or man-made sources — and drop on fires. These helicopters are also called for search and rescue efforts, such as when a 70-year-old man went missing in the Tahoe wilderness for five days in July 2024. The man was eventually found and

reunited with his family.

The Nevada Guard also activated Aug. 18, 2023, with 100 personnel and equipment to help transport residents and supplies for those stranded near Mount Charleston in the aftermath of **Hurricane Hilary**. The uncommon natural disaster event for southern Nevada threatened the entire valley, but missed more heavily populated regions near the Las Vegas metropolitan area. This was not the case for residents near Mount Charleston in desperate need of assistance in the aftermath of the hurricane.

The Nevada National Guard also activates for other domestic response efforts with its Civil Support Team and CERFP package. For more information on these teams, see page 29 of this report.

Additionally, the Nevada Guard continued to grow its **State Partnership Program** as an active player in the South Pacific. Already partnered with the Kingdom of Tonga (2014) and the Republic of Fiji (2019), the Nevada National Guard entered a partnership with Samoa in the 2023. For more information on the Nevada Guard's SPP, see page 32.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Helming

A Nevada Air National Guard C-130 Hercules seen here during a flight for exercise Air Defender 2023 (AD23) near Wunstorf Air Base, Germany, June 15, 2023. Exercise Air Defender 23 integrated both U.S. and allied air-power to defend shared values, while leveraging and strengthening vital partnerships to deter aggression around the world

State Expenditures

Under the direction of two state employees — the governor and the adjutant general — the Nevada Office of the Military oversees and manages the Nevada Guard's missions, facilities and training. State of Nevada employees provide administrative, accounting, personnel, fire-fighting, security, range operations, family services program assistance, environmental, project management, psychological health services, cyber security, operating and maintenance support for all facilities assigned to the Nevada Office of the Military. The agency also has three Youth Programs under National Guard Bureau: Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe in Carlin, Sierra Starbase in Reno, and Starbase Henderson in Southern Nevada. Not all funds used to pay personnel come from state coffers; in fact, about 76 percent of expenditures for state employees are from federal funds.

The state administrative section maintains and manages the master cooperative agreement that dictates the Nevada Office of the Military's federal budget. The administrative section maintains and secures the department's facilities and resources and provides information to pertinent parties regarding aspects of the master cooperative agreement.

The state expenditures include the following:

Command and Control

The adjutant general is responsible for command, control and supervision of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard. In 2023, the Nevada Office of the Military expended \$167,136 on command and control; in 2024, the department spent \$185,773.

Facility Management

The Nevada Guard maintains day-to-day operations at eight primary bases, armories and readiness centers managed by the state of Nevada. As reserve components of the Army and Air Force, the Nevada Army and Air Guard fall under the auspice of the Department of Defense. Given this relationship between National Guards and the Department of Defense, the federal government relies on master cooperative agreements with each state to build and maintain the facilities necessary for effective military operations. Expenditures for state active-duty events, as well as admin-



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Officials of the Nevada Army National Guard, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections and the Clark County Commission break ground on the Nevada Army National Guard Record Firing Range in North Las Vegas, April 25, 2024. For Nevada Army National Guard Soldiers, the construction of the range means an end to long travel days that eat up precious training time to meet U.S. Army marksmanship standards.

istrative expenses, are included within the activity.

Management of the Nevada Guard's facilities is funded from two main accounts: the general fund and federal assistance. During the state's 2023 fiscal year, the general fund provided \$4,943,288. The federal government supplied the remaining \$29,943,561 (86 percent of overall facilities management expenditures).

In fiscal year 2024, general funds provided \$6,152,168 and federal monies accounted for \$33,531,038 (85 percent).

Recruitment, Retention and Education Incentives

Recruiting, training and retaining soldiers and airmen for the Nevada Guard are crucial to the organization's success. The state provides tuition assistance for Guardsmen who are enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education. In the 2023 school year,

the tuition waiver program — which covers 100 percent of a student's tuition — waived \$4,045,393 of tuition costs for Nevada Guardsmen. In 2024, the program waived \$3,528,691 in tuition costs.

The tuition waiver program is not used for summer credit hours, but excess monies allocated from the general fund for the Guard are used for students to go to school during the summer. Of this money, the state paid \$57,818 in summer tuition reimbursement on behalf of Guardsmen in 2023 and \$53,555 in 2024.

Additionally, the Patriot Relief Act was established in 2005 as a special account in the state general fund for reimbursement of textbook costs, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and monetary relief from economic hardship.

The account expended \$47,648 in state fiscal year 2023 and \$57,926 in state fiscal year 2024.

Federal Expenditures

Nevada Air Guard Appropriated Federal Funds Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

Military Personnel and Payroll	2023	2024
Pay and Allowances*	\$50,729,439.68	\$50,498,736.33
Enlisted Uniforms	\$18,708.64	\$40,932.30
Subsistence Dining Hall	\$48,300.00	\$56,500.00
Military Personnel Travel	\$2,442,564.90	\$2,276,844.92
State Partnership Program Travel	\$32,203.59	\$48,755.05
Counterdrug Travel	\$39,039.30	\$32,879.31
Total Military Personnel and Payroll	\$53,310,256.11	\$52,954,647.91

Operational Expenses

Civilian Payroll	\$14,859,003.57	\$17,399,811.60
Base Operating Costs	\$827,956.30	\$839,211.96
Base Operating Costs, Travel	\$229,241.25	\$392,062.28
Military Intelligence Program	\$1,120,232.75	\$598,735.44
Counterdrug	\$9,537.23	\$8,193.27
State Partnership Program	\$126,489.63	\$185,742.43
Recruiting and Advertising	\$105,768.55	\$231,109.64
Other Emergency/Special Programs (ESP coded expenditures)	\$2,893,270.82	\$2,164,351.00
Active Duty MAJCOM Support	\$604,293.21	\$245,342.01
Total Operational Expenses	\$20,775,793.31	\$22,064,559.63

Total Nevada Air National Guard Expenses	\$74,086,049.42	\$75,019,207.54
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In 2024, the Department of Defense was allocated \$850 billion for its funding. Of that total, \$7.4 billion went toward the operations and maintenance of the Air National Guard with additional funding going toward payroll of Airmen.

The entire Air National Guard includes 107,700 Airmen; in comparison, the active-duty Air Force has 320,000 Airmen and the Air Reserve has 67,000 Airmen. Air Guardsmen comprise 22 percent of the total U.S. Air Force personnel.

With its 1,106 Airmen, the Nevada Air Guard makes up slightly more than 1 percent of all the nation's Air Guardsmen.

The Nevada Air Guard's expenditure of \$75,019,207.54 in 2024 was only slightly more than the expenditure totals recorded in 2023 (\$74,086,049.42).

In the face of a national recruitment shortfall, the Nevada Air National Guard continued to meet expectations and outpace other organizations across the force. In federal fiscal year 2024, the Nevada Air National Guard accessioned 129 new recruits, exceeding the Department of Defense goal of 110.

The No. 1 goal of the Nevada Air National Guard remains upgrading its fleet of C-130 aircraft from aging H models to J models. The National Guard Association of the United

States continues to present a recommendation to Congress for designating at least eight new C-130J aircraft to the Air National Guard within defense appropriations legislation. The Nevada Air National Guard leadership appreciates the work of its Congressional delegation, the National Guard Bureau and NGAUS for their support in encouraging this legislation. The Air National Guard C-130 Hercules fleet requires continued funding for modernization and recapitalization to ensure its aircraft can successfully engage in overseas contingency operations and respond to homeland emergencies well into the future.

Source: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Nevada Army Guard Federal Appropriated Funds, Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

	2023	2024
Pay and Allowance	\$32,245,900	\$29,368,572
Subsistence	\$1,390,000	\$1,248,000
Service Schools & Training	\$27,066,800	\$28,702,800
Counterdrug Program	\$648,000	\$1,175,900
Recruiting Activities	\$1,698,700	\$987,700
Medical Care, Hospitalization and INCAP Pay	\$1,018,900	\$1,040,000
Military Uniforms	\$680,900	\$321,200
Travel Costs	\$5,745,200	\$9,264,828
Repair Parts	\$6,472,970	\$5,324,229
Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants	\$4,149,130	\$3,448,112
Transportation Costs	\$768,720	\$1,388,176
Safety and Industrial Hygiene Program	\$123,300	\$96,000
Environmental Related Costs	\$564,100	\$285,000
Real Property Operations and Maintenance	\$13,879,900	\$12,163,586
Logistical Supplies and Services	\$1,116,280	\$971,324
Training Site Support	\$411,600	\$299,400
Data Processing Systems	\$1,582,700	\$1,873,000
Administrative Services	\$117,000	\$90,300
Family Assistance Program	\$2,019,136	\$2,177,332
Security and Civil Support Programs	\$4,586,400	\$4,273,500
Mobilization Expenses	\$97,000	\$1,750,400
State Partnership Program	\$461,000	\$652,600
Total Nevada Army National Guard Expenses	\$106,843,636	\$106,901,959

In 2024, the Department of Defense was allocated \$850 billion for its funding. Of that total, \$8.6 billion went toward the operations and maintenance of the Army National Guard with additional funding going toward payroll of Soldiers.

The entire Army National Guard includes about 325,000 Soldiers; in comparison, the active-duty Army has 442,300 Soldiers and the Army Reserve has 175,800 Soldiers. Army Guard Soldiers comprise 34 percent of the total U.S. Army personnel.

The Nevada Army Guard's expenditure of \$106,901,959 in 2024 was only slightly more than the expenditure totals recorded in 2023 (\$106,843,636).

With its 3,336 Soldiers, the Nevada Army Guard has just less than 1 percent of all the nation's Army Guard Soldiers. From the end of federal fiscal year 2022 to end of 2024, the Nevada Army Guard total number of Soldiers dropped by about 73 Soldiers, or less than 1 percent. Even with the slight drop, the Nevada Army Guard met its recruiting goals in fiscal year 2024 and is ready to grow in the upcoming biennium.

In the face of a national recruitment shortfall, the Nevada Army National Guard continued to exceed expectations. The Nevada Army National Guard met its Department of Defense-mandated enlistment goal of 345 incoming recruitments during the previous fiscal year with 354 new Soldiers (102.6 percent

of goal). This was good for 15th overall out of 54 states, territories and District of Columbia in the nation and fourth best in the "small state" category. The National Guard Bureau rankings of each state place Nevada as seventh out of 54 for "Health of the Force."

The Nevada Army National Guard is well-positioned for growth and is seeking new mission sets along with a move from a designated "small state" to a "medium state." Its state population is more comparable to medium sized states. For instance, Mississippi, with a similar state population as Nevada, more than triples Nevada in the size of its National Guard.

Source: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

Construction & Maintenance

Ongoing construction at the Washoe County Armory's Harry Reid Readiness Training Center and the Nevada Air National Guard's ramp extension highlight this biennium's construction projects.

The Washoe County Armory began design construction in 2021 to expand the footprint of the existing Washoe County Readiness center by providing a 55,000-square foot facility with the capacity to house 586 Soldiers. The \$46 million expansion — with a combination of state and federal matching dollars — will also house a new auditorium, new gym facility, large-capacity-military-gear storage that provides space for soldiers to prepare when called, and office spaces that provide the mission requirements for both full-time staff and drill weekend soldiers. Completion is set for Fall of 2025.

The Nevada Air National Guard took a

big step forward in accommodating new C-130 J models with guarantee of state money to begin design construction. This means the need for another parking spot on the ramp, according to Department of Defense guidelines. Design construction began in the past biennium with \$850,000 from the state. The project is expected to near \$10 million with the remaining funds coming entirely from the federal government.

The Nevada Army Guard secured a total of \$8.4 million dollars of both federal and state funding to design and construct a 16,355 square foot storage hangar for the UH-60 Black Hawks located at Harry Reid Training Complex. With this structure the Nevada Army Guard can store up to three Black Hawk airframes in the new facility in addition to the maintenance hangar located at the Army Aviation Support Facility.

Design construction of this project began in October of 2021 and is set to be completed July of 2025.

Between 2021 and 2022 the Nevada Army Guard received support from U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen, D-Nev., in securing the funding for the Hawthorne Range at the Hawthorne Army Depot. Over the past two years the Nevada Army Guard has diligently worked with strict and aggressive timelines to move this project from a concept to actualized construction project. This project has the design completed with the anticipated construction ground breaking in January 2025 with the range operational by May 2026.

Source: The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the Nevada Army Guard Construction Maintenance Facility Office.

Major Construction Dollars Spent in 2023-2024

Army Economic Impact by County	Federal 2023-24	State 2023-24	Total 2023-24
Carson City	\$1,693,965.29	\$0	\$1,693,965.29
Clark County	\$5,542,439.42	\$971,439.76	\$6,513,879.18
Elko County	\$0	\$44,131.00	\$44,131.00
Washoe County (Army)	\$25,129,071.24	\$7,318,869.26	\$32,447,940.50
Mineral County	\$1,536,286.24	\$0	\$1,536,286.24
Dispersed statewide funds	\$1,371,974.68	\$0	\$1,371,974.68
Statewide total	\$35,269,521	\$8,303,272.15	\$43,572,793.15

Nevada Air Guard Construction Projects at NVANG Air Base	Federal 2023-24	State 2023-24	Total 2023-24
Ramp Extension	\$0	\$850,000	\$850,000
STARBASE remodel	\$963,000	\$0	\$4,481,505
Building 76 roof repair	\$440,000	\$0	\$8,684,485
Building 500 Backup Power System Install	\$325,000	\$0	\$5,155,278
Apron Stripping and Aircraft Tiedown	\$275,000	\$0	\$2,989,817
Monaco Base Fire Alarm System	\$240,000	\$0	\$3,288,070

*Total ANG projects completed past biennium, \$1.6 mil; \$3.6 mil in ongoing projects. Design construction for ramp extension is only ANG construction project supported with state funds; more than 90% expected in federal funds for entire project to create more space to accommodate C-130 J conversion.

Nevada Army Guard Overview



Nevada Army Guardsmen march during the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Las Vegas, Nov. 11, 2023. (Photo by Sgt. Adrienne Lopez)

The Nevada Army Guard traces its origin to June 8, 1861, when a group of territorial residents on the Comstock formed a militia unit, “Union Blues,” to “overawe outbreaks of secessionists” and maintain “our present, political life.”

In the subsequent 163 years, the Nevada Army Guard has expanded to 3,337 Soldiers serving across Nevada. A full-time force of about 602 Soldiers, technicians and Department of Defense civilians maintain the daily requirements of the organization. The majority of the Nevada Army Guard Soldiers are “traditional” Guardsmen who report to their assigned unit one weekend per month. Soldiers also usually complete one extended training period annually, usually in the summer months.

The Nevada Army Guard includes its Joint Force Headquarters; the 17th Sustainment Brigade; the Aviation Troop Command; 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry; the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; the 421st Regional Training Institute; a Recruiting and Retention Battalion and a Medical Detachment.

Joint Force Headquarters



The Nevada Army Guard's Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) is located at the Office of the Adjutant General complex, 2460 Fairview Drive, in Carson City. Its mission is to provide personnel, logistical and training support to the state's Soldiers, especially those set to deploy.

The headquarters' personnel staff conducts multiple Soldier readiness program events each year to ensure deploying units and individuals are prepared for service abroad. The unit also provides trained, knowledgeable Soldiers to the Joint Force Headquarters Senior directorate staff.

Subordinate organizations under headquarters oversight include the Small Arms Readiness Training Section and the 3600th Senior Trial Defense unit.

Commander: Capt. Bryan Hernandez

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Annual training: JFHQ annually provides year-round assistance to Army units, including mobilization assistance, Soldier readiness preparation and the Command Inspection Program.

17th Sustainment Brigade



The 17th Sustainment Brigade maintains the administrative and mission control over two thirds of the Nevada Army National Guard, including the 17th Special troops Battalion, the

757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and all their subordinate companies and detachments. The brigade staff's mission is to provide planning, guidance and support to forces in each area of operation. Staff monitors the movement and distribution of supplies that a fighting force will need to operate. The assets often include food, water, fuel, postal services, ammunition, maintenance parts and weaponry.

The National Guard Bureau designated the unit to serve under the US Army Central Command (CENTCOM), getting the call early 2024. With hundreds of soldiers involved in the mobilization, the 17th Sus-

tainment Brigade worked diligently during the previous biennium in preparation for the deployment call.

The Sustainment Brigade is equipped with a joint capability that enhances the Army's ability to manage military logistics. This capability is crucial not only for the Army but also for providing essential logistical support to other military branches. Key supplies managed by the brigade include fuel, standard ammunition, medical supplies, and repair parts for wheeled vehicles, among others, ensuring that operational forces are well-equipped and supported.

Commander: Col. Joseph Claros

Headquarters: Speedway Readiness Center, North Las Vegas

Annual training 2023: Command Post Exercise (CPX) at Camp Williams, Utah, further enhancing their operational readiness.

Annual training 2024: Deployment preparation.

17th Special Troops Battalion

The 17th Special Troops Battalion and its Headquarters Company provide administrative support for the **72nd Military Police Company**, the **100th Quartermaster Company**, the **593rd Medium Transportation Company**, the **1864th Transportation Company**, the **3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company**, and the **240th and 777th Engineers**.

The battalion also oversees the 17th Sustainment Brigade headquarters company, which is responsible for brigade administrative and logistical support. For annual training in 2021, 17th STB Soldiers joined elements of the 17th Sustainment Brigade in Australia and participated in Exercise Talisman Saber.

Commander: Lt. Col. Jon Minnich

Headquarters: Speedway Readiness Center, North Las Vegas

Annual training 2023: STAFFEX and weapons range qualification at Camp Williams, Utah

Annual training 2024: Homebase training out of Speedway Readiness Center. Completed weapons range qualification, STAFFEX, and pre-deployment training

72nd Military Police Company

The 72nd Military Police Company is a combat support unit designed to pro-

vide support for logistical and engineering assets in the combat environment. A versatile asset, the 72nd Military Police Company can fully integrate within infantry components and provide specialized combat support in urban operational environments. The 72nd Military Police Company has often been utilized for domestic operations mostly centered around Defense Support of Civil Authorities. In the past two years, the unit has provided support to local law enforcement for New Year's celebrations, the inaugural Formula One Las Vegas Grand Prix, and Super Bowl LVIII. Additionally, Soldiers of the 72nd assisted emergency management personnel in response to Hurricane Hilary, evacuating civilians while providing both food and clean water to the residents of Mount Charleston in the days following extensive flooding.

Commander: Capt. Blake Stamps

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2023: Training in small unit tactics and completed individual weapons qualification at Camp Navajo, Arizona

Annual Training 2024: Squad-based CQC training, MAT-V driver's training, and individual weapons qualification at National Training Center (NTC) - Fort Irwin, California. Took part in cooperative Helicopter reenlistment ceremony with NTC MEDEVAC detachment

100th Quartermaster Company

The mission of the 100th Quartermaster Company is to produce, store and distribute potable water to supported units within a designated area of operation. An invaluable asset, the 100th Quartermaster Company can be utilized not only for support of military partners but also can be deployed to disaster relief and humanitarian missions. During the biennium the 100th Quartermaster Company participated in water purification and distribution training at Floyd Edsall Training Center.

Commander: Capt. Leonardo Navarro

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2023 and 2024: North Las Vegas Readiness Center, Nellis SAR D2, and Floyd Edsall Training Center. Water purification, distribution and storage, equipment operator and weapons training

593rd Medium Transportation Company

The mission of the 593rd Medium



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Spc. Caleb Lewis, an M249 Squad Automatic Rifle gunner with the 609th Engineer Company, instructs Australian soldiers on the functions of his weapon during Exercise Cartwheel 2024 in Fiji's Nausori Highlands, Sept. 12, 2024.

Transportation Company is to provide transport for bulk petroleum products. The unit works both line-haul and local-haul operations through direct haul, shuttle, relay and intermodal operations. Continuing the tradition of Nevada Army National Guard excellence, the 593rd MTC won the prestigious Silver Nozel Award during its 2023 Annual Training. The unit earned this award for being among the highest performing units in the Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise (QLLE) held at Camp Pendleton, California. QLLLE is the Army's dedicated training exercise on petroleum and water equipment for wartime missions in support of large-scaled operations.

Commander: Capt. Jeremy Johnson
Headquarters: Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2023: Traveled to Camp Pendleton, California and participated in QLLLE

Annual Training 2024: Traveled to Fort Irwin, California where they conducted Individual Weapon Qualification. The unit also conducted complex Convoy Operations out of the Las Vegas Readiness Center

240th and 777th Engineers

The Nevada Army National Guard's engineer tandem is headed by the 240th Engineer Company and supplemented by the 777th Engineer Detachment. The 240th and 777th Engineers play a critical role in the Nevada Army National Guard, providing both vertical and horizontal construction capabilities. The 777th Engineers supplement these capabilities by offering concrete construction capability and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) search and extraction. During both their 2023 and 2024 Annual Training's the 240th and 777th Engineers completed a series of construction projects in Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Commander: Capt. Matthew Hornbeck
Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2023: Completed construction projects at both Camp Navajo, Arizona and Gallup, New Mexico; operations included concrete work, fire road construction and improvement, and construction of low-income housing in cooperation with the U.S. Navy SeaBees

Annual Training 2024: Completed various construction projects and improvements for Hawthorne Army Depot. Projects

included road maintenance including clearing, improving service roads and upgrading drainage. The mission also encompassed weapons range improvements including upgrading target frames, berm improvements, and range cleanup.

1864th Medium Transportation Company

The 1864th Medium Transportation Company provides movement of containerized, non-containerized, palletized, dry and refrigerated cargo including bulk water products. The unit employs both line-haul and local-haul operations. Hauling methods include direct haul, shuttle, relay, and intermodal operations. The 1864th MTC's Soldiers serve as subject matter experts on key disaster-response skills, including the complicated setup and operation of decontamination sites for victims of catastrophe.

Commander: Capt. Kristopher Hayman
Headquarters: Las Vegas Readiness Center

Annual Training 2023: Home station training including local convoy missions and CERFP ExVal Prep

Annual Training 2024: Individual weapons qualification and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) response training at

Camp Navajo, Arizona

3665th EOD Company

The 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company acts as the Nevada Army Guard's premier force in the locating, identifying, disarming, and disposing of explosive hazards. Hazards include improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction and unexploded ordnance. The 3665th EOD Company can work alongside front line combat elements in theater and is trained to the same standard. During the unit's 2024 Annual Training they traveled to Camp Roberts, California to participate in a cooperative training event alongside the Michigan National Guard's 745th EOD Company. Alongside their partners from Michigan, the 3665th Ordnance Company completed a series of training events culminating in a full simulated night operation.

Commander: Capt. Arthur Randolph

Headquarters: Speedway Readiness Center, North Las Vegas

Annual Training 2023: Traveled to Camp Williams, Utah to complete individual weapon qualification, a four-day simulated training exercise, and demolition training.

Annual Training 2024: Traveling to Camp Roberts, California, the 3665th EOD worked alongside the Michigan Army National Guard's 745th EOD Company. This training exercise encompassed several days of Situational Tactical Exercise lanes. The culminating event of the exercise was a night operation involving room clearing and potential explosive threat assessment assisted by night vision goggles.

757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion



The 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion headquarters staff is based at the Harry Reid Readiness Center, 19980 Army Aviation Drive, in Reno.

The headquarters element provides mission command for the **137th Military Police Detachment**, the **150th Maintenance Company**, the **609th Engineer Company**, the **106th Public Affairs Detachment** and the **1859th Transportation Company**. The battalion headquarters element also includes the **121st Quartermaster Field Feeding Unit**.

Commander: Lt. Col. Nicholas Agle

Headquarters: Harry Reid Readiness

Center, Reno

Annual Training 2023: Battalion Soldiers supported subordinate unit-annual training periods using skills particular to their military occupations.

Annual Training 2024: Weapons qualification on the new "Dot 40" Army marksmanship test at Camp Williams, Utah, followed by a Military Decision Making Process exercise at Washoe County Armory.

137th Military Police Detachment

The 137th Military Police is an Investigative unit, dealing with Law-and-Order Operations, Military Police Investigations, Traffic Investigations and serves as the Northern Nevada National Guard Response Force.

Members of the 137th Military Police were activated during the Davis Creek fire in September of 2024. The 137th Military police worked with first responders to ensure the safety of communities affected by the fire, setting up checkpoints and protecting evacuated homes.

The unit returned from deployment to Romania supporting European Command in the summer of 2023. The military police unit performed law and order missions and helped patrol Army garrison at a NATO air base near the Black Sea.

Commander: 1st Lt. Jacob Martin

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Annual Training 2023: Military police law and order operations training at Hawthorne Army Depot and OTAG

Annual Training 2024: ExEvals in preparation for deployment to Europe at Hawthorne Army Depot

150th Maintenance Company

Serves as the primary maintenance unit for all assets of the 17th Sustainment Brigade. The unit maintains all small arms, electronics, and wheeled vehicles of the 72nd Military Police Company, 100th Quartermaster Company, 593rd Transportation Company, 1864th MTC, 3665th Ordnance Company (EOD), and the 240th and 777th Engineers. The 150th Support Maintenance Company holds immense responsibility and is key to the continued day-to-day operation of the Nevada Army National Guard. During Annual Training 2024, The 150th SMC supported both Active Duty and Reserve components in Operation "Toto's Revenge."

Commander: Capt. Wei Wen

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Annual Training 2023: Training included individual weapon qualification, convoy operations, and company-scale Forward Operations Base (FOB) defense at Ft. Hunter-Liggett, California.

Annual Training 2024: Took part in Operation "Toto's Revenge" supporting the 1-189th HIMARS Battalion on their MOBEX-3 at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

609th Engineer Company

The 609th Combat Engineer Company provides mobility, counter mobility and survivability support for brigade combat teams and infantry assets. The company also supports state missions with equipment and Soldiers for natural disaster relief and civil disturbances. The 609th Combat Engineer Company specializes in the construction of defensive and offensive fighting positions. The company also constructs obstacles, places and detonates explosives, and conducts breaching operations.

Commander: Capt. Phillip Roen

Headquarters: Fallon Armory, 895 E. Richards St.

Annual Training 2023: Construction operations and simulated missions in Hawthorne Army Depot

Annual Training 2024: Traveled to Fiji to participate in Exercise Cartwheel 2024

1859th Transportation Company

The 1859th Transportation Company provides the transport of bulk cargo, containers, and personnel. The unit continued to prioritize its training on tactical convoy operations; tasks included defending convoy elements, reacting to improvised explosive devices and treating casualties. Can support logistical operations in a variety of environmental mission domains.

Commander: Capt. Alecia Chandler

Headquarters: Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno

Annual Training 2023: Mobilization exercise (MOBEX) conducted at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Annual Training 2024: Convoy operations between Washoe County armory (WCA) and Hawthorn.

106th Public Affairs Detachment

The 106th Public Affairs Detachment delivers pertinent news and messages concerning Nevada Army National Guard to both internal and external audiences.

The detachment includes Army journalists skilled in photography, video, writing, social media management, graphic arts, and investigative research. For annual training 2023/2024, the detachment traveled to a variety of locations including Orchard Idaho to the Nausori Highlands in Fiji.

Commander: Capt. Sean Dinnell

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Annual Training 2023: Conducted AT throughout the year, covering missions in Orchard Idaho, Camp Williams Utah, and the Nausori Highlands in Fiji

Annual Training 2024: Conducted AT throughout the year, covering missions in Hawthorne Nevada, Camp Williams Utah, Ft. Riley Kansas, and participated in Operation Cartwheel in Fiji.

991st Aviation Troop Command

The 991st Aviation Troop Command provides support for a wide variety of operations both stateside and worldwide. The Headquarters company, commanded by Capt. Sierra Leonard, provided command support to five subordinate companies in domestic and foreign



operations. During 2023 and 2024, The 991st Aviation Troop Command directly contributed to the success of training exercises, Operation Sage Eagle at Fort Bliss, TX, a rotation to Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Johnson, LA, a deployment to the southern border at the end of 2024 and Davis Fire response. The unit also supports the Operational Support Airlift Detachment 45, which successfully completed the Alaska Flying Course in Wasilla, AK.

The Aviation Troop Command is headquartered at the Army Aviation Support Facility at Reno-Stead Airport. The battalion includes five units: **Detachment 3, B Co, 2-641st Aviation Regiment; Detachment 1, B Company, 3/140th Aviation** (Security/Support) and **Detachment 1, B and D Company, 3/140th Security and Support; Detachment 1, G Company, 2/238th General Support Aviation Battalion** (MEDEVAC); and **B Company, 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalion**.

Commander: Lt. Col. Dillon Sauer

Headquarters: Army Aviation Support



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A Nevada UH-72 Lakota helicopter flies through Red Rock Canyon west of Las Vegas during a training flight in 2023.

Facility and Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno

Detachment 3, B Company, 2-641st Aviation Regiment (C-12 fixed wing)

Detachment 3, Company B, 2-641st Aviation is the Nevada Army National Guard's only fixed-wing aviation unit. It maintains and operates the twin-engine, turboprop C-12 Huron.

The Unit's mission focuses on the transportation of military personnel and cargo along with wartime surveillance and reconnaissance missions. In training years 2023 and 2024 Detachment 3, Company B, 2-641st Aviation participated in the Austere Mountain Flying Course in Alaska. In 2023, they also received exceptional marks on the Aviation Resource Manage Survey (ARMS), receiving perfect scores in multiple functional areas.

Commander: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Casey Akins

Headquarters: C-12 Support Building, Army Aviation Support Facility, Reno

Annual training 2023 and 2024: Austere Flying Course, Wasilla, Alaska

Detachment 1, B Company and Detachment 1, D Company, 3/140th Security and Support (UH-72 Lakota helicopters)

Both elements of the 3-140th Aviation operate and maintain the state's fleet of UH-72A/B Lakota helicopters. They are based out of the Nevada Army Aviation Support Facility at the North Las Vegas

Airport.

The 3-140th Aviation deploy their Lakota helicopters in a variety of missions including search-and-rescue, anti-terrorism operations, medical evacuations, counterdrug missions, and provide aerial support for damage assessment.

Commander: Capt. Jacob Pestana

Headquarters: Cheyenne Air Center, North Las Vegas

Annual training 2023: Individual weapon qualification, flight progressions, sourced to deploy to the southern border, Battalion wide collective training at Camp Roberts/Camp SLO, California.

Annual training 2024: Live hoist training with working canines, individual weapons qualification, AWTs, and flight progressions at Camp Navajo, Arizona.

B Company, 1/189th General Support Aviation Battalion (CH-47F Chinook helicopters)

B Co 1-189th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), performs air assault, air movement, domestic aerial firefighting, and national disaster relief operations with CH-47F Chinook Helicopters.

The unit has 3 detachments that provide maintenance, logistical support, and flight operation coordination. During the biennium, the 1-189th participated in an aerial gunnery range at Orchard Combat Training Center (OCTC), Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation, cooperative training with the 19th Special Forces Group in Utah, and conducted multiple helicopter

recovery missions throughout the Western United States.

Commander: Maj. Christopher Sandin

Headquarters: Army Aviation Support Facility, Reno.

Annual training 2023: Individual weapons qualification and aerial gunnery range at OCTC, Idaho

Annual training 2024: Various training operations at JRTC, Ft. Johnson Louisiana

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A Nevada Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook drops water on the Davis Fire in September of 2024.

Detachment 1, Company G, 2/238th Aviation (UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters)

Detachment 1, Company G, 2-238th Aviation's primary operations include medical evacuation (MEDVAC), search and rescue operations, and firefighting operations with UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters. The unit has two detachment elements that provide maintenance and logistical support to the unit's Black Hawk helicopter fleet. During the biennium, the 2-238 participated in hoist operations at the Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) in California. 2-38th Aviation also participated in cross-branch and cross-component training with the United States Marine Corps.

Commander: Capt. Tyler Redden

Headquarters: Army Aviation Support Facility, Reno.

Annual training 2023: Home station

flight training, including service member spouse flights and hoist operation training

Annual training 2024: Cooperative MEDVAC support training with Special Forces in Ft. Bliss, Texas

1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry



1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry, has been Nevada's premier armored reconnaissance unit since the late 1960s.

Its primary mission is to conduct reconnaissance and security in order to improve the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team's situational awareness and knowledge of its area of operations. Squadron operations allow the brigade to anticipate, delay and dominate threats to ensure brigade mission accomplishment through decisive action and freedom of maneuver.

Nevada's cavalry unit is the most lethal in the Nevada Army Guard arsenal. The unit also provides integral manpower for state domestic responses. The squadron is an element of the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team headquartered at Gowen Field near Boise, Idaho.

Commander: Lt. Col. Michael Moya

Headquarters: Floyd Edsall Training Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, and 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team Headquarters, Boise, Idaho

Annual training 2023: Individual weapons qualification and gunnery range at Orchard Combat Training Center (OCTC) in Idaho as well as participating in Operation Cartwheel in Fiji.

Annual training 2024: Individual weapons qualification in Hawthorne Army Depot as well as Troops and Squadron gunnery range and Command Post Exercise at OCTC

422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion



The 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion-Enhanced (ESB-E) serves a crucial role in providing secure and reliable communication and network support to command-and-control elements.

They are responsible for the installation,

operation, and maintenance of various communication systems and networks, thus ensuring the seamless flow of voice, data, and video services. The 422d ESB-E's mission is to support strategic, operational, and tactical operations by facilitating effective communication, situational awareness, and decision-making.

Additionally, this battalion offers these capabilities in NIPR, SIPR, and coalition network enclaves. The 422d ESB-E is a versatile and invaluable component of the Nevada Army National Guard, providing emergency communication and C2 capabilities for civil authorities in DSCA situations. On the cutting edge of modern military communications, the 422d ESB-E is one of only two ESB-E capable units across the entire Army National Guard.

Commander: Lt. Col. Jason Rapp

Headquarters: Harry Reid Readiness Center, Reno

Annual training 2023: First time deployment of new equipment including Scalable Network Nodes (SNNs) with enhanced SATCOM platforms and peripherals. Annual training also saw the official reorganization of 422d from an ESB to an ESB-E.

Annual training 2024: Stress-test of new equipment and newly trained operators. Teams conducted independent jump missions to locations spanning all of Northern Nevada.

421st Regiment Training Institute



The 421st Regiment, Regional Training Institute, is one of seven regional training institutes teaching the 25 series of military occupation transition and primary military education courses across the nation. Nevada's RTI has distinguished itself as the premier military learning institution in the western United States for instruction in information technology (military occupation 25B Army Information Technology Specialist) and signal support (25U Signal Support Systems Specialist).

The RTI, located at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center, recorded a score of more than 96 percent during its Army Enterprise Accreditation Standards (AEAS) conducted by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and the Cyber Center of Excellence. The institute's current accreditation is valid until 2027. Thirty-four



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Vegas Golden Knights owner Bill Foley, fifth from left, was named an honorary commander of the Nevada Army National Guard in a ceremony at the Las Vegas Readiness Center, Nov. 3, 2023.

Soldiers are currently assigned to the 421st.

In addition to information technology and signal course, the RTI also conducts Common Faculty Development Instructor Courses, Modern Army Combatives courses, and Casualty Notification Officer/Casualty Assistance Officer certification courses.

The 421st attended the Region VII Total Army School System Advisory Council with a Soldier serving as vice chair during the biennium. The region includes: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Utah, Guam and Nevada. Another unit Soldier served on the Signal Proponent's Critical Task Site Selection Board.

Additionally, the regiment provides training support to other Nevada Army Guard units when requested. This support ranges from administering fitness tests to providing hands-on signal instruction prior to a major field training exercise.

Signal Courses:

Information Technology Specialist Military Occupational Specialty Transition (25B MOS-T): 80 graduates in 2023 and 41 enrolled in 2024.

Signal Support Specialist Military Occupational Specialty Transition (25U MOS-T): 96 graduates in 2023 and 96 enrolled in 2024.

25B/U Advanced Leader Course: 252 graduates in 2023 and 243 enrolled in 2024.

25B/U Senior Leader Course: 111 graduates in 2023 and 183 enrolled for 2024.

Commander: Lt. Col. Denisse Ramos

Headquarters: North Las Vegas Readiness Center, North Las Vegas

Medical Detachment

The Nevada Army Guard's Medical Detachment provides and sustains health force protection and medical and dental support to meet the operational, training and mobilization medical readiness requirements for the state's unit and soldiers.

The Medical Detachment has one platoon in Reno and one in Las Vegas. Each platoon includes physicians, nurses, dentists, dental and preventative medical technicians, combat medics, behavior health personnel and administrative staff.

Commander: Capt. Jessica Hoover

Headquarters: Plumb Lane Armory, Reno

Annual Training: The Medical Detachment conducts Annual Training throughout the year, during this biennium they partnered with the Idaho National Guard to provide medical care to the Paiute tribes at the Duck Valley Reservation. Medics also provided support to other units for weapons qualification ranges and spent time at school maintaining their medical licenses

Recruiting and Retention Battalion

The Nevada Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion's mission is to recruit and execute strength maintenance operations of accessions, retention and attrition management throughout

the Nevada Army National Guard. There are 60 full time Soldiers in the battalion stationed across the state. During the biennium, Nevada's Recruiting and Retention Battalion Recruit Sustainment Program was ranked in the top tier of such programs from across the nation with a 94% ship rate and 94% training pipeline success rate. Despite a nationwide recruit shortage, the Recruiting and Retention Battalion continues to meet their recruiting, retention, and attrition mission, placing 4th of the nations small states. The excellence of Nevada's Recruiting and Retention Battalion earned the unit the Governor's Outstanding Unit Award in 2023. The Battalion also continued its community relations mission creating new partnerships with College of Southern Nevada, Vegas Thrill Volleyball, and the Reno Tahoe Odyssey.



Commander: Maj. Ricky Gilbert

Headquarters: Office of the Adjutant General, Carson City

Nevada Air Guard Overview

The Nevada Air Guard celebrated its 75th anniversary during the previous biennium. Known as the “High Rollers,” the organization traces its lineage to 1948 when it was established at the Reno Army Air Base in the vicinity of today’s Reno-Stead Airport as the 192nd Fighter Squadron with 88 Airmen flying and maintaining P-51 Mustangs. Throughout its run over the course of the past 75 years, in the Korean War and Cold War reconnaissance missions to today with the “Workhorse of the Military,” the C-130 Hercules, the Nevada Air National Guard remains always ready, always there in support of Nevada and the nation.

Today, the Nevada Air Guard includes more than 1,100 Airmen supporting an airlift wing and intelligence squadron in northern Nevada and a combat training squadron in southern Nevada. The majority are traditional Guardsmen who perform military service with their respective units one weekend a month and two weeks annually while holding civilian jobs.

*The Nevada Air Guard State Headquarters office is located at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. The state headquarters office provides oversight to the **152nd Airlift Wing**, which also oversees the **152nd Intelligence Squadron** in Reno and the **232nd Combat Training Squadron** at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.*

The overarching mission of the Nevada Air Guard is to provide world-class tactical air delivery, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), and trained and prepared Airmen for federal and state missions.

Nevada National Guardsmen and their families greet Santa Claus as he arrives onboard of a C-130 Hercules aircraft at the Nevada Air National Guard Base, Reno, Nevada. Mr. Claus visits the Nevada Air National Guard Base to spread holiday greetings and cheer with Nevada Air and Army National Guard members and their families. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Thomas Cox)



A C-130 H3 with the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, soars over the Truckee Meadows with Reno and the Sierra Nevada mountains in the backdrop.

152nd Airlift Wing

COMMANDER

Col. Catherine Grush



The 152nd Airlift Wing includes four groups, eight squadrons and three flights. Groups include the **152nd Operations Group**, the **152nd Maintenance Group**, the **152nd Mission Support Group** and the **152nd Medical Group**. The airlift wing's missions include: rapid global mobility airlift, fire suppression in support of the U.S. Forest Service and expeditionary mission support.

152nd Operations Group

COMMANDERS

152nd Operations Group

Col. Erik Brown

152nd Operations Support Squadron

Lt. Col. Matthew Schwegel

192nd Airlift Squadron

Lt. Col. Patrick Sargent

152nd Intelligence Squadron

Maj. Carly Schlottmann

232nd Combat Training Squadron

Lt. Col. Jay Baer

The 152nd Operations Group continued to deploy and prepare for future domestic and international missions during the biennium. During the past two years, the Group participated in multiple joint-multinational exercises around the globe, while continuing to prepare for its wartime mission and upcoming deployment. In late 2023 the 152nd Operations Group gained two additional squadrons, the **152nd Intelligence Squadron** and **232nd Combat Training Squadron**, over doubling in size with over 340 personnel.

In June of 2023, the **192nd Airlift Squadron** (192nd AS) and **152nd Operational Support Squadron** (152nd OSS) participated in EX AIR DEFENDER, the largest NATO air exercise in the history of the alliance. It encompassed 25 countries, 250 aircraft and more than 10,000 participants. The squadrons sent one C-130, with two crews, mission planning, tactics, and current operations cell, as well as life support personnel to Wunstorf Air Force Base, Germany. The participating crew members partnered with German and Romanian airlifters, as well as

nine other Air National Guard C-130 squadrons, to deliver 1.3 million pounds of cargo and 1,800 passengers to Combat Air Forces. The 152nd Operations Group gained a new understanding of large-scale multinational coordination and is postured for future interoperability with our NATO allies.

The 192nd AS and 152nd OSS also deployed C-130s to Europe an additional two times for EX SILVER ARROW, an augmentation mission, providing theater support to U.S. and NATO forces across the continent. In both 2023 and 2024, the squadrons launched two C-130s in support of this mission and totaled 201.6 flying hours with myriad of passengers and cargo delivered to 12 different NATO countries.

The 152nd Operations Group's aerial fire-fighting mission had a single deployment to Klamath Falls, OR in 2023. One C-130 and crew from the 192nd AS were activated for 13 days, flying 17 sorties over 20.8 hours, accomplishing 19 drops totaling 412,593 pounds of retardant. Despite this lower-than-normal operations tempo, the Group was able to accomplish 12 crew upgrades because of the robust experience gained in the 2021/2022 fire seasons. To maintain mission readiness, the 152nd Operations Group accomplished 57 MAFFS training sorties

over two spring training events. The 2024 fire season was even busier for MAFFS. As of early September total pounds of retardant dropped since the activation began July 18 was about 1.8 million. Fires fought included the Park Fire, Borel Fire, Boise Fire and various other fires, mostly in California, ranging from outside Bakersfield to the state's northern border with Oregon.

The 152nd Operations Group also continued their tradition of community outreach, executing multiple JROTC and Civic Leader incentive flights. These guests received an orientation in-brief that emphasized the operational mission of the Group, and its relevance to both national defense and state domestic operations. Over 400 cadets and civic leaders received 1.5-hour, 2 ship formation flights over Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake. The Group also provided an airdrop demonstration for the Reno Air Races and dropped the Leap Frogs, the Navy Seal Parachute Demonstration Team, for the Truckee Air Show.

Additionally, the 152nd OSS Airfield Management section modernized their ramp with a complete restriping in 2024, making it J-model compatible. They were also decisively engaged in two Presidential visits, during which they coordinated parking, security, and logistics for POTUS and Air Force One.

In 2023, the 192nd AS and 152nd OSS executed 1,402 flying hours and is on track to execute about 1,400 hours again this year. In addition to the major events listed above, the squadrons routinely supported countless Joint Army/Air trainings, during which the Group partnered with the Joint Force to airdrop personnel and equipment. The squadrons have also been an avid participant in the Mission Ready Airlift program, executing countless sorties to support both Army and Air National Guard air movements around the continental United States, the Pacific, and Europe.

The 192nd AS and 152nd OSS are currently preparing to venture into the INDOPACOM AOR, for EX PAC ANGEL, OP DEEP FREEZE, EX REFORPAC, and EX ATLAS RAIN, before deploying to the AFRICOM AOR in the fall of 2025.

In 2023, the 152nd Operations Group gained the **152nd Intelligence Squadron**, an Air Combat Command aligned unit that provides timely, multi-format, actionable intelligence to commanders for overseas contingency

operations. It also supports the state of Nevada through the Joint Operations Center in Carson City. It has supported overseas contingency operations with intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for more than 24 consecutive years. The squadron was created June 6, 1994, and now operates out of the 36,000-square-foot intelligence facility built in 2008 at the air guard base in Reno.

The squadron is specially equipped with the AN/GSQ-272 Sentinel Weapon System (also known as the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System). It is the Air Force's primary intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection, processing and performing exploitation, analysis, and dissemination system. The system employs a global communications architecture that connects multiple intelligence platforms and sensors. From the Sentinel Weapon System, Airmen gain intelligence from data collected by a variety of sensors on the U-2, MQ-1 Predator, MQ-9 Reaper, and other space based ISR platforms.

For training in 2023, multiple intelligence squadron Airmen partnered with the Analysis and Exploitation Team (AET) located on the Korean peninsula to stand up the squadron's first INDOPACOM aligned Analysis Line of Effort (ALOE). In 2024, several intelligence squadron Airmen traveled to Wichita, Kansas, for training on AI enabled machine learning, Automation, and Augmentation (AAA) with a sister organization that conducts similar intelligence and communication support operations. The time in Kansas also allowed Nevada's Airmen to foster relationships with fellow professionals, learn from their processes and improve the squadron's own local tactics, techniques and procedures.



Additionally, in 2023, the 152nd Operations Group also gained the **232nd Combat Training Squadron (CTS)**, the Sharpshooters. The 232nd CTS was formed in March 2022 as a Total Force integrated unit at Nellis Air Force Base.

The Sharpshooters are responsible for executing operational test for the Combat Air Forces under the direction of Air Combat Command. The Sharpshooters fly F-22s, F-35s, F-16s, and A-10s. Their maintainers generate sorties for F-35 test missions.

They are also a key stakeholder in the high-end simulation mission at Nellis AFB. In 2023 and 2024, the Sharpshooters have

participated in 10 Large Force Exercises with a strong focus on Joint Pacific mission challenges.

Additionally, the Sharpshooters are responsible for deploying both hardware and software modifications for each fighter type they are affiliated with.

152nd Maintenance Group

COMMANDERS

152nd Maintenance Group

Col. Shaun Cruze

152nd Maintenance Squadron

Maj. Reed Kobemik

152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. David Lynn

152nd Maintenance Operations Flight

Capt. Nikul Joshi

The 152nd Maintenance Group works meticulously to keep eight C-130 H3 series aircraft operational and ready at a moment's notice stationed at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. The group includes the **152nd Maintenance Squadron**, the **152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron** and the **152nd Maintenance Operations Flight**. The group also performs maintenance on C-130 aircraft assigned to active-duty U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard units when needed.

The activities of the 152nd Maintenance Group often mirror the assignments of the 152nd Operations Group. With that in mind, the 152nd Maintenance Group's biennium prioritized training, aerial wildland firefighting support. The group also participated in the Mustang Roller Exercise in May of 2023 that challenged the Airmen of the group in several readiness tasks preparing them for real world deployments and environments.

The Maintenance Group contributed to the federal firefighting efforts in the west when the unit was activated in 2023 and 2024. In addition, they sent an airplane that flew 14.4 hours and 7 flights from February 29 to March 3, 2024, participating in the National Aerial Supervision Training Academy which is training for the lead plane pilots connected to the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) mission. The group supported MAFFS spring training May 5 through May 11, 2024, where they flew a total of 30.6 hours and 24 sorties further preparing for the fire fighting season.

The group prepared eight aircraft to conduct an eight-ship sortie in October of 2023, providing much needed formation training.





Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada's adjutant general, speaks during the Nevada Air National Guard's 75th anniversary, April 12, 2023.

The group also supported several boss-lift and civic leader flights, providing relevant community outreach.

In March of 2024, the group deployed and supported Silver Arrow with two aircraft and thirty maintenance group members to support the mission. The aircraft flew a total of 98.3 hours and 29 sorties.

The Crash Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery (CDDAR) team responded to a Marine F-35 that had collapsed nose gear at Fallon Naval Air Station Jan. 29, 2024, they were able to raise the aircraft to lock the nose gear in place. Their experience and capabilities led to new and improved procedures being updated in the Marine Corps Technical Orders that will assist the Marine Corps in any future incidents.

The Maintenance Group was the first Air National Guard Maintenance Group to participate in the reverse team spirit, building a great relationship with the Warner Robins Depot team and garnering invaluable first name connections for improved aircraft troubleshooting and parts procurement.

152nd Mission Support Group

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Christopher Solberg

The 152nd Mission Support Group includes four squadrons and one flight: the **152nd Civil Engineer Squadron**, the **152nd Force Support Squadron**, the

152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, the **152nd Security Forces Squadron** and the **152nd Communications Squadron**. It is the largest group within the wing with more than 400 Airmen.

152nd Civil Engineer Squadron

COMMANDER

Maj. Alexander Rodriguez

The 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) oversees construction, operations, and facility maintenance as well as crash-fire rescue support and emergency operations at the Air National Guard Base in Reno.

The squadron operates the majority of the Air Guard's heavy-duty vehicles including graders, loaders, survey equipment and high-reach dump trucks.

In the first quarter of 2023 the squadron deployed 30 members to various locations in the Middle East, South Korea, and Alaska in support of critical CENTCOM and PACAF taskings. Through these deployments, CES members provided firefighting, facility maintenance, construction, and snow removal capabilities to each assigned unit.

In 2023 the squadron sent 31 members to a two-week Deployment for Training (DFT) to Morón Air Base in Spain. The team helped execute an estimated \$2.5 million in base improvements to include construction of a 27-square meter storage building, demolition of existing facilities/asphalt/rails/concrete, and the placement of 40 cubic meters

of concrete for future construction.

Additionally, in 2023, the CES provided construction aid to the Tallac Historic site in the southern end of Lake Tahoe. While there, the team installed wooden shingles in a manner to preserve and showcase the building techniques from the early 1900s, when the building was initially constructed.

During the past two years, the CES has sent 25 members out to Silver Flag/Mission Essential Equipment Training courses, coordinated/participated in three exercises with Emergency Management partners (Airport Authority, Veterans Affairs and County emergency responders) in preparation for real-world emergency responses, including more than 45 ground/in-flight emergencies to include a T-6 midair collision with fatalities, and executed about \$3.2M in base construction/maintenance projects.

152nd Communications Squadron

COMMANDER

Maj. Jonathan Buescher

The 152nd Communications Squadron's primary mission is to manage and safeguard the 152nd Airlift Wing's information systems and data. Its staff maintains the wing's network infrastructure hardware and software.

The 152nd Communications Squadron was transitioned from a flight to a squadron during the biennium.

In addition, the Communications Squadron participated in CyberDawn Joint Cyber Response Exercises alongside other federal and state agencies from FEMA Region IX and CyberShield, a National domestic cyber defense exercise involving more than 800 National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian experts from around the world. More than 20 states and territories were represented at CyberShield along with many of their international partners from the State Partnership Program.

The Communications Squadron continued to strengthen its ties with the community. As part of the Nevada Guard's 92nd Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package it helped garner a perfect score for the unit's ExEval. Furthermore, the Squadron worked with regional FEMA partners in the Joint All-Hazard Awareness and Assessment Exercise to develop a plan to provide emergency communications capabilities for first responders during large scale emergencies.

152nd Force Support Squadron

COMMANDER

Maj. Kimberly Whetzel

The 152nd Force Support Squadron supports more than 1,100 Airmen in the Nevada Air Guard as well as all the military retirees in the region and their family members.

The squadron is comprised of five sections that provide personnel services, education, training, and professional development for both civilian and military personnel. In addition, the squadron offers a wide variety of diverse and quality of life programs including Yellow Ribbon, financial counseling, physical fitness, Airman and Family Readiness, lodging, mortuary affairs, the base color guard and the dining facility.

The squadron also leads the Wing Color Guard team and has participated in multiple wing events, the governor's inauguration, and ball, as well as many community events.

The Personnel flight now mans the only DEERS system in the Reno/Sparks area and has assisted over 4,000 current members, retirees and dependents with ID cards and system updates, a 43% increase from 2023 to 2024.

Over the past two years they have processed more than \$1 million in Experienced Aviator Retention Incentive bonuses, working to maintain highly trained and skilled aviators.

The Services flight has supported banquets for the wing and The Adjutant General providing high quality dining experiences at a significant savings to the wing.

Family Programs has hosted multiple USO sponsored lunches for full-time personnel as well as the annual spring, Halloween and Christmas parties for members and their families, spouses' luncheon, and Wing Family Day events, building morale for all wing personnel.

It also executed its Pre-Deployment Function exercise and supported the wing's real-world Air Expeditionary Force deployment out-processing. Mobilizing more than 300 personnel and supporting 175 personnel for exercises around the world.

The squadron's specialized equipment included a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer.

152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Lance King

With numerous deployments, exercises, and community involvement, the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron maintained its operations at a high standard. The squadron, which consists of a Fuels section, Vehicle Maintenance, Traffic Management, Distribution, Air Terminal Function, Logistics plans, and Material Management, ensures all equipment is ready to support local, state, and federal missions.

During the past two years, the logistics plans section helped facilitate the deployment of 331 Nevada Guard Airmen and over 22 tons of cargo, as well as sending one member to support Operation Silver Arrow at Nellis AFB. The Air Terminal Function processed 1,084 passengers and 680.8 short tons of cargo, managing 299 aircraft and 142 airdrop platforms.

Additionally, the squadron sent 40 personnel to receive Air Transportation training, with six members supporting multiple exercises and 16 members deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The 152nd Fuels section supported 672 sorties, fueling 1,411,769 gallons of JAA aviation fuel, and performing 15 Wet Wing Defuel exercises.

They also provided support to the President of the United States mission in August 2023 and deployed four personnel in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The vehicle maintenance section closed out over 70 work orders, critically manned, and allocated over \$60,000 in parts and services.

They also deployed one member in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The Traffic Management Office deployed two of its members to Kadena AFB and Africa, and then to Maxwell AFB, Alabama. In addition, the Traffic Management Office supported 240 ROTC and civic leaders for an incentive flight and managed and handled over \$4.5 million in assets and 760 shipments.

152nd Security Forces Squadron

COMMANDER

Maj. Lewis Roberts

The 152nd Security Forces Squadron is organized, trained, and equipped to perform security, law enforcement, airbase defense and worldwide combat arms missions.

Twenty-two members deployed during the biennium, including three members to Qatar and three to Al Dhafra. The squadron also attended multiple exercises, including the bi-annual Exercise Resolute Hunter in Fallon, NV.

During the biennium, the squadron's Airmen maintained an integral role in revitalizing Nevada's State Partnership Program with Fiji and Tonga with their efforts to establish better processes for the island nations' military police forces and security efforts.

The 152nd Security Forces Squadron combat arms section supports the wing's deployments around the world.

Also during the biennium, they supported several visits from the President of the United States, including security for Air Force One during his weeklong visit to Lake Tahoe in August 2023. The last visit in 2024 the Secret Service said this was one of the smoothest experiences they've had with the base in recent years.

152nd Medical Group

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Jon Perlstein

The 152nd Medical Group provides trained and ready medical airmen for homeland defense, combat, disaster relief and peacetime medicine in domestic and worldwide operations while maintaining the health and safety of all members of the Nevada Air National Guard.

Through the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, the Medical Group also provides immediate CBRN incident response capabilities to the governor including incident site search of collapsed buildings and structures, conducting rescue tasks to extract trapped casualties, providing mass decontamination, performing medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize patients for transport to medical facilities by the Incident Commander, and the recovery of CBRN incident fatalities. For more on the CERFP, see page 29.

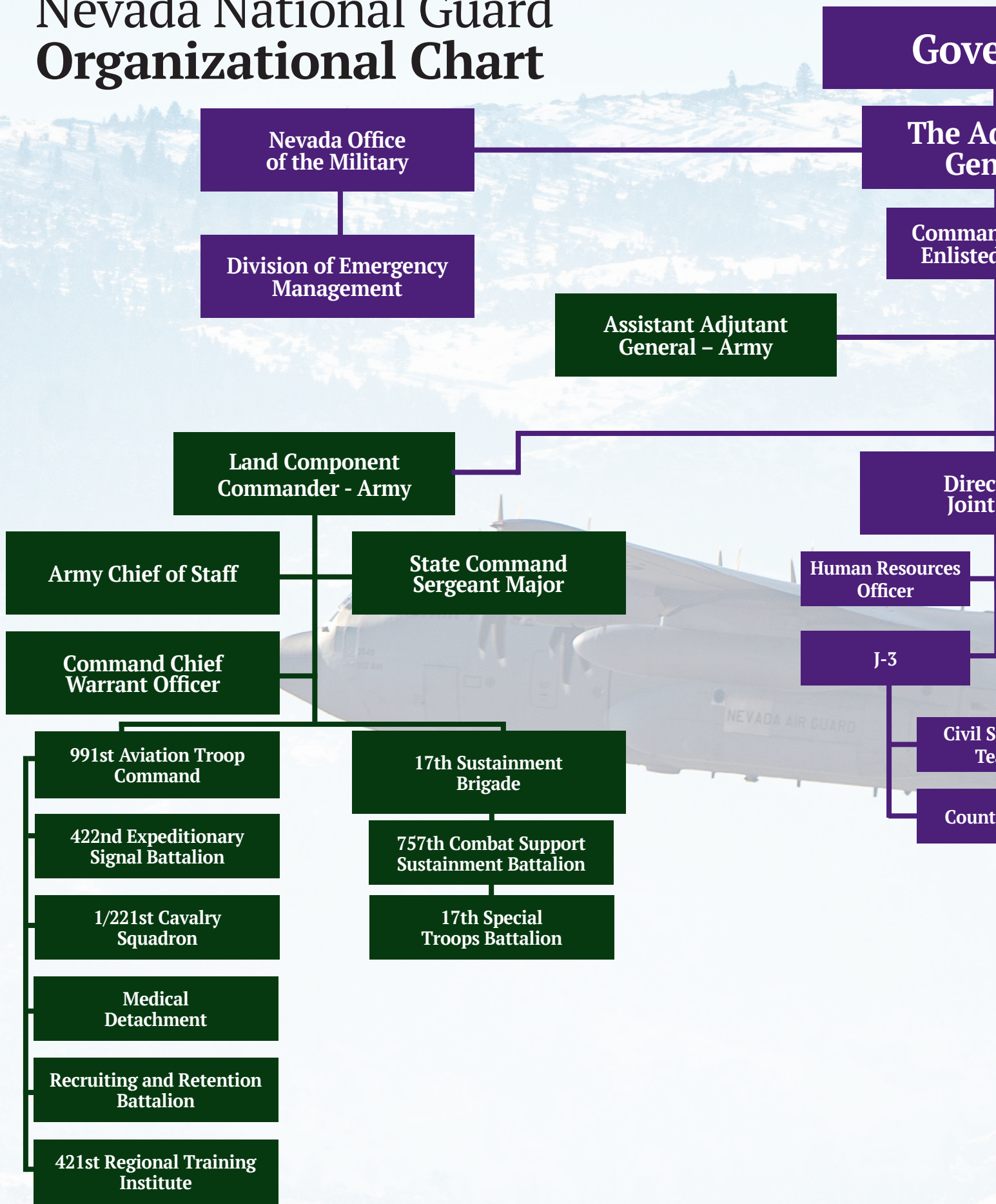
In June of 2024, the Medical Group achieved an Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) for the wing ranking No. 2 in the nation.

In June 2024, they provided medical support for over 150 personnel of the 152nd Operations Group at their biannual water survival training.

Also in June of 2024, they provided medical support for 37 Security Forces members at their Annual Training Range Operations at Hawthorne, Nevada.

The Yearly Collective Training Event is scheduled for August of 2024, where 22 CERFP members are participating in a regional exercise with FEMA Region IX partners California HRF and Hawaii CERFP.

Nevada National Guard Organizational Chart



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Director of Staff – Air

**State Command Chief
Master Sergeant**

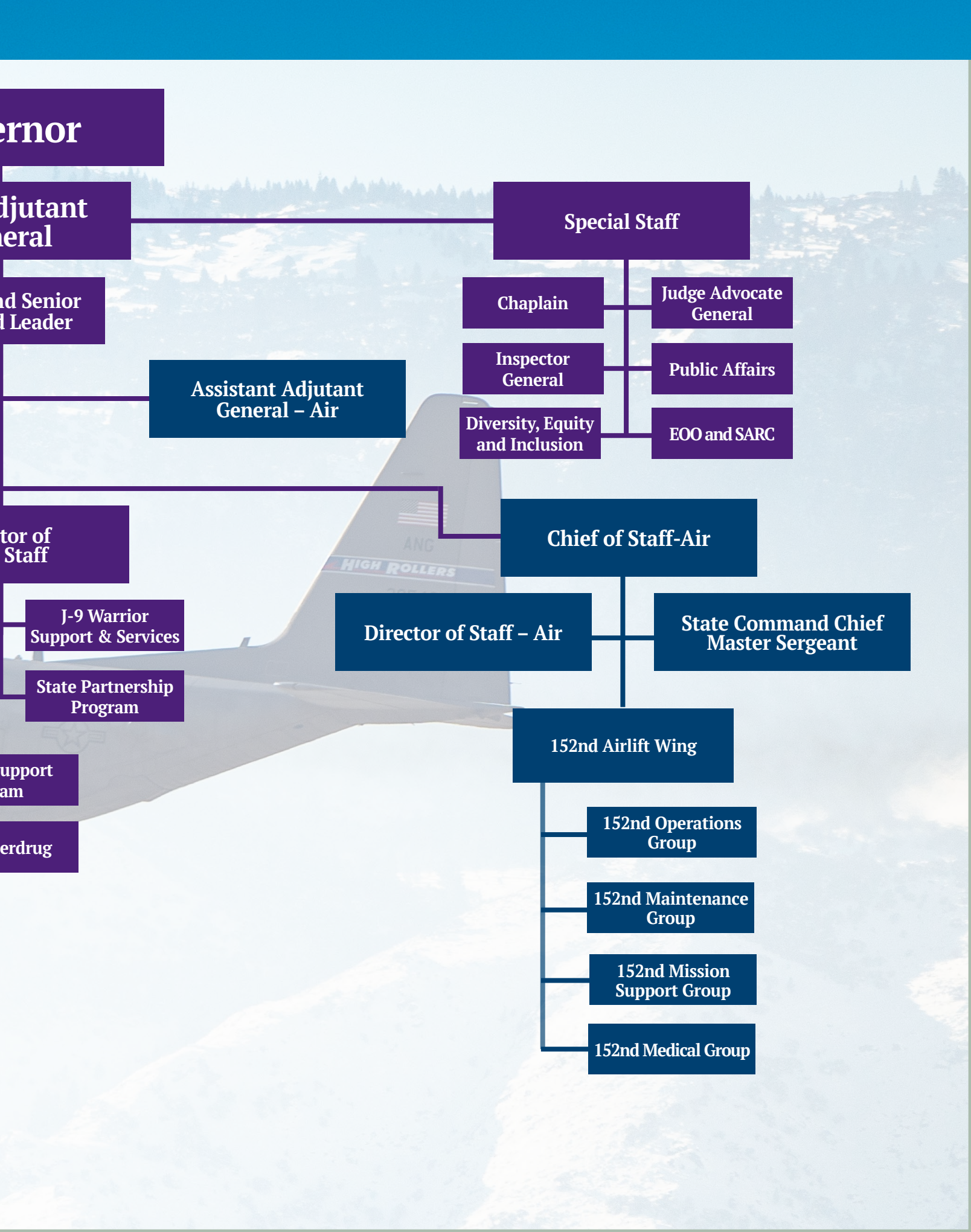
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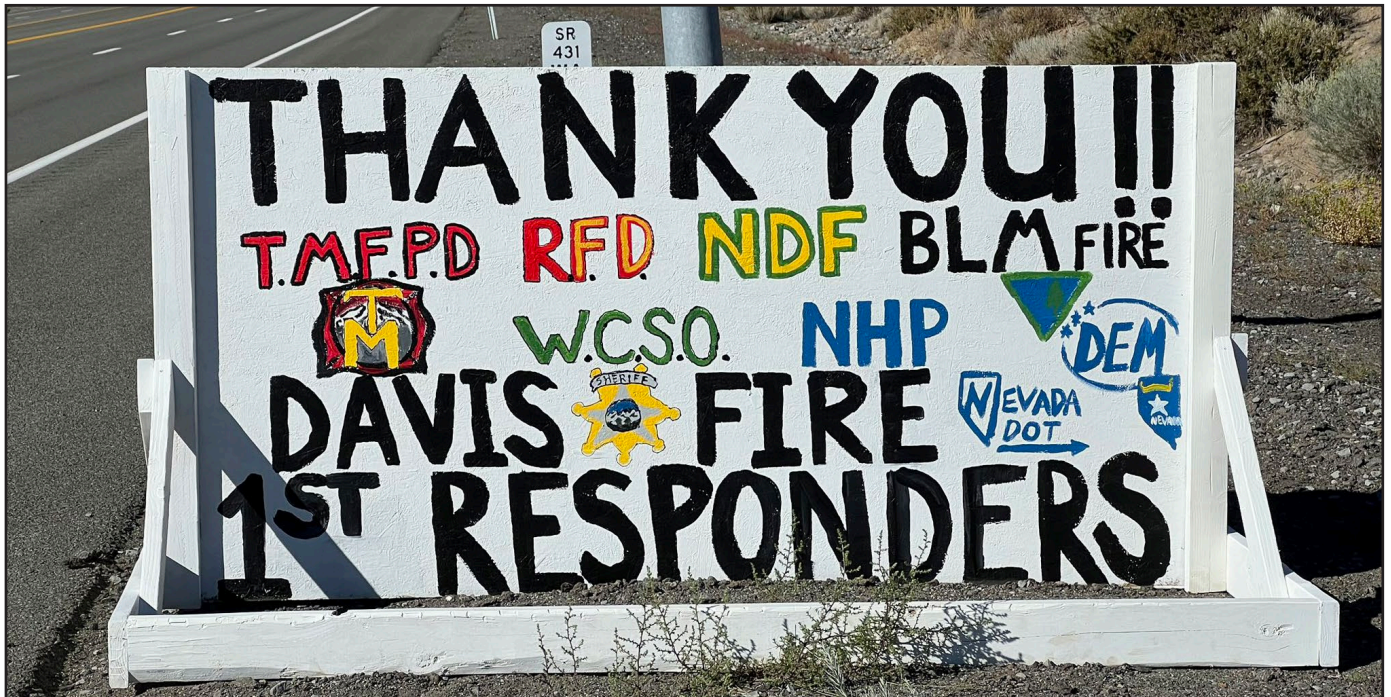
**152nd Mission
Support Group**

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Division of Emergency Management

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A sign on State Route 431, Mount Rose Highway, displays thanks for first responders during the Davis Fire, Sept. 13, 2024. The fire began Sept. 7 with local agencies, including the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe Sheriff, providing first response. State response included Nevada Division of Forestry and Nevada National Guard. Nevada Division of Emergency Management worked closely with the Governor's Office on allocation of resources to halt the fire.

DEM continues seamless transition with Nevada National Guard

Helping people before, during, and after disasters is why the Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (NDEM) exists. NDEM's mission is to help Nevada prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters by building a more resilient Nevada through coordination and partnerships. DEM aspires to nurture a team environment that people want to join and choose to stay in because of how the agency takes care of people and promotes a solution-oriented culture.

NDEM is responsible for and leads statewide coordination of federal and state homeland security and emergency management programs. The NDEM coordinates the state's disaster relief and emergency assistance programs to ensure expedient and efficient mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery to any major natural, man-made, or technological emergency or disaster. The NDEM works with federal, state, local and tribal agencies

in the administration of emergency management and homeland security programs.

NDEM is responsible for the provision and coordination of resources and equipment for intra-state and inter-state mutual aid. NDEM develops and implements emergency management strategic direction for the State, and leads, participates in, or supports commissions, committees,

and boards as required by Nevada Revised Statutes 414 and 239c.

Leadership Transition

Leadership of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security transitioned from David Fogerson, who served Nevada for 30 years, the last four leading NDEM, to Brett Compston, who retired from the U.S. Army and Nevada National Guard as a colonel after 25 years of active service.

Emergency Response Support to Nevada

NDEM supported 156 calls for service in 2023 resulting in 6 state declarations of emergency, one federal declaration for Atmospheric River flooding, and 13 activations of the Nevada Operations Center. Significant response support included support for Hurricane Hilary and an ava-





PHOTO BY CAPT EMERSON MARCUS

Nevada Division of Emergency Management Chief Brett Compston provides a brief update on the Davis Fire during a press conference at South Valley's Library in south Reno on Sept. 12, 2024. DEM worked closely with the Governor's Office on managing resources and logistics during the fire.

lanche in Clark County, The Davis Fire in Washoe County, the Super Bowl, Formula 1, numerous search and rescues, wildfires, hazardous materials, train derailments, 911 failures, and power outages. NDEM continues to close out support to the Presidentially declared 2017 flooding disasters as well as projects resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. NDEM has continued to support mutual aid and cross state disaster support with various deployments of assets supporting wildfires across the Western U.S. including a deployment of fire resources from Clark County to support the Davis Fire in Washoe County. NDEM hired the State's first Statewide 911 coordinator who is charged with ensuring synchronicity among the various state emergency communication systems.

Training Nevada

NDEM supported 158 training courses throughout Nevada involving 3,005 students. The division also conducted Nevada's first rural based Emergency Management Basic Academy held in Elko, NV as well as an Advanced Academy in Reno. NDEM continues to invest in the future of emergency management through an expansive increase in its intern program supporting the transition of 10 interns into the emergency management enterprise. Every year, NDEM conducts three Regional Inte-

grated Preparedness Planning Workshops in Las Vegas, Carson City and Elko. The intent is to bring together the emergency management enterprise to determine capability gaps, synchronize training and exercises, and increase collaboration. The results from these workshops drive the spending priorities for future grant funding. NDEM supports the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Associations annual Preparedness Summit providing a platform for professionals in the field to share insights, best practices and lessons learned. Former FEMA administrator Brock Long and the FEMA Regional IX Administrator both shared critical lessons with Nevada emergency managers.

Relationships Matter in Nevada

NDEM collaborates closely with local, tribal, state, regional, and federal partners to ensure effective planning, preparedness, and response. NDEM participated in the FEMA Region IX Tribal Partnership Workshop hosted at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, involving 45 Tribal partners.

The National Weather Service has embedded an employee within the NV Operations Center weekly on Wednesdays supporting jurisdictional synchronization.

FEMA continues to embed an integration team lead and tribal liaison at NDEM. NDEM and FEMA have conducted myriad

exchanges to increase coordination and training between the agencies. California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) and NDEM sponsored a workshop focused on evacuation planning for the California/Nevada Tahoe Basin and continues to support synchronization of planning efforts with all stakeholders in the Basin.

Additionally, NDEM is working with FEMA Region IX to develop a public/private partnership program for Nevada.

NDEM is committed to a whole community approach. NDEM's Access and Functional Needs (AFN) coordinator has successfully built essential relationships with disability stakeholders, local emergency managers, and public health partners across the State. Key initiatives, such as the NV AFN Coalition have expanded community outreach and strengthened emergency preparedness.

Nevada Emergency Management: National Impacts

Prior to his departure as chief of NDEM, Fogerson testified at the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee on the nation's wildfire threat and Nevada's wildfire response strategy.

He emphasized the importance of treating wildfires as the nation treats hurricanes using the Whole Community approach.

Deputy Administrator Sharon Luce participated in an exchange with the Independent State of Samoa through the Nevada National Guard's State Partnership Program. As part of an interdisciplinary team, Luce focused on building ties between Nevada and Samoa through emergency and disaster management collaboration. This initiative aims to enhance Samoa's disaster resilience and response mechanisms and supports the U.S. national security strategy.

Deputy Administrator Luce also spoke at the National Emergency Management Association's forum in Washington D.C. about Nevada's innovative approach to developing Access and Function Needs (AFN) program which has gained national attention. Luce highlighted critical gaps and lessons learned from the COVID-19 response and outlined plans for advancing the program and capability in Nevada.

Content for this report provided by Division of Emergency Management public information officer Gail Powell.

Nevada National Guard Programs

Purple Resolve Program expands for use at National Guard Bureau and states around the country

Purple Resolve, the resiliency training program launched by the Nevada Guard four years ago, has garnered praise from Soldiers and Airmen across the state for its positive impact on mental health and overall wellness. Initiated in 2021 with special state funding, the program has expanded beyond Nevada as other states have recognized its value.

Tragedy drove the inception of Purple Resolve. Just days after Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry assumed the role as adjutant general in September 2019, Staff Sgt. Chase Rauchle took his own life, marking the state's sixth loss to suicide in four years. In response, Rauchle's parents, Craig and Julie, established the Chase Rauchle Memorial Fund, later named the Chase Rauchle PTSD Now! Foundation, with the acronym standing for "Prevent & Treat Stress & Depression." They explored the factors behind their son's death and discovered that the Nevada National Guard employed only three behavioral health directors for its 4,500 uniformed members. They also found that the unique command structure allowed state programs, like the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, to accept funding from nonprofit organizations.

In April 2021, PTSD Now! donated \$200,000 to Nevada's Department of Veterans Services to hire two therapists. Understanding that service members often hesitate to seek help in civilian settings, the Rauchles aimed to preempt mental health crises among service members. Their search led them to Blue Courage, a resiliency training program for law enforcement, which inspired the creation of Purple Resolve, adopted by military instructors.

The program held trainings for government offices, law enforcement, and Division of Emergency Management, to name a few here within Nevada with expansion into other states and national organizations. Arizona, Connecticut, Hawaii, Texas, and the National Guard Bureau have all held trainings lead by the Nevada Purple Resolve team.

The Nevada Office of the Military plans to ask for more state funding in the up-



PHOTO BY SGT ADRIANNE LOPEZ

Capt. Jeffrey Hopkinson is instructing Guardsmen in the National Guard Bureau participating in the Purple Resolve course at the Army National Guard Readiness Center on Feb. 13, 2023, in Arlington, Virginia.

coming legislative session in order to continue the program.

Purple Resolve assists National Guard members in profoundly influencing the "heart-set, mindset, skill set, and tool-set" of its members. The Purple Resolve process aids in the development of an organizational culture of continuous learning and intellectual curiosity, critical and ethical thinking, diversity, inclusion, equity and respect, passionate devotion to our calling and those we serve to en-

hance mental health and total well-being through effective resilience education.

To date, 1,084 individuals from the State of Nevada — including Soldiers, civilians, and government partners — have completed the training. Additional classes conducted out of state brings the total to about 1,300 participants, including Soldiers, DOD civilians, government/community partners, and veterans, when accounting for remote classes facilitated by Nevada.

CST, CERFP support communities in wake of emergencies

Nevada National Guard's **92nd Civil Support Team** based in Carson City provides Nevada's civilian emergency managers, first responders a military asset with Soldiers and Airmen trained to quickly respond to natural or man-made disasters.

Nevada's Civil Support Team is one of the 57 full-time National Guard teams. There is a civil support team in every state as well as Washington, D.C., Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Established within the Nevada Guard in 2004, the 22 Soldiers and Airmen in the 92nd remain ready to deploy and assist first responders with identification of unknown chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) materials. The team of technicians also provides subject matter expertise to civilian counterparts regarding medical and public safety effects of hazardous materials. The Civil Support Team primarily supports local incident commanders and emergency responders as well as state and federal agencies including the FBI, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. Support for the team is requested by the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. The unit and its personnel are federally funded, equipped and trained, but the governor retains command and control of the team.

The team hosted three major annual exercises throughout the state in 2023 and 2024, collaborating with Southern Nevada agencies in their DESERT TORCH exercise, Northern Nevada agencies during the SIERRA BREEZE exercise, and rural Nevada agencies during the BETA BURN exercise. The intent of these multijurisdictional "All Hazard" exercises is to align the military and civilian response organizational framework to ensure civilian responders and Department of Defense resources are ready to respond during any incident to include natural or man-made disasters.

The team integrates with civilian law enforcement, fire response and Department of Energy to provide communication, laboratory, assessment, and detection assets and resources to ensure safety and security at some of the nation's biggest and high visibility events. These events included **Super Bowl LVII** in Phoenix in February 2023, **Super Bowl LVIII** in Las Vegas in February 2024, the **American Century Championship** celebrity golf tournament in South Lake Tahoe in July



PHOTO BY SPC ADRIANNE LOPEZ

Guardsmen from the Search & Extraction and Medical elements recover a patient from the impacted area at Camp Williams, Utah, Sept. 13, 2023. The 92nd CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package were training in mock situations to prepare for the upcoming external evaluation.

2023 and 2024 and **Formula 1 Vegas Grand Prix** in Las Vegas in 2024. Members of the 92nd CST also augmented other teams across the country to assist with the **Democratic National Convention** in Chicago in 2024 and the **U.S. Open** in New York in 2024.

A large portion of the team supported the 2023 and 2024 **Nevada Day Parade** in Carson City with sweeps throughout downtown Carson City as well as support for **Hot August Nights** in 2023 and 2024.

Once again in both December 2023 and 2024, the team traveled to Las Vegas to support the Las Vegas Metro Police Department during the annual **New Year's Eve Celebration** in Clark County. The team supported the joint task force and no major incidents were reported. More than 400,000 revelers were able to enjoy an incident-free holiday.

Nevada CERFP

The 152nd Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) provides immediate CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) incident response capabilities to the governor including incident site search of collapsed buildings and structures, conducting rescue tasks to extract trapped casualties, providing mass decontamination, performing medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize patients for transport to medical

facilities by the Incident Commander, and the recovery of CBRN incident fatalities.

- CERFP participated in a large-scale mass casualty exercise in June of 2023 with Hawaii Medical Detachment as well as local emergency response framework in Anchorage, Alaska

- Two Medics participated in historical month-long NATO exercise in Europe also in June of 2023.

- The Nevada CERFP scored a 100% at their External Evaluation in Camp Williams, Utah in September of 2023.

- CERFP was activated in November 2023 on standby for Formula One Vegas Grand Prix in Las Vegas. CERFP was tasked for standby operations for Formula One in Las Vegas again in November 2024.

- CERFP was also activated on standby for New Years Eve festivities in Las Vegas in December 2023, providing media triage tents outside nearby hospitals in case of a mass casualty event.

- CERFP activated on standby for Super Bowl in Las Vegas in February of 2024.

CERFP had their SEAT evaluation in April 2024 in Reno. Medical element received an 89% on the medical checklist; 99% on the budget checklist; 100% on the maintenance checklist.

The Yearly Collective Training Event occurred in August 2024; 22 CERFP members participated in a regional exercise with FEMA Region IX partners California HRF and Hawaii CERFP.

Warrior Health & Support Services

The Nevada Guard's Military and Family Support Services staff serves to inform all service members, military dependents, Veterans and retirees – regardless military branch and component – about their due entitlements. Any soldier, airmen, sailor or Marine whether on active- or reserve-component duty status is welcome to receive MFSS assistance.

The MFSS maintains a main office at the Plumb Lane Armory in Reno and two satellite offices, one at the air base in Reno and one at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center.

Resources include: family support assistance; child and youth programs; family readiness; family life and financial counseling; resilience and risk reduction; veterans' transitional assistance; suicide prevention and sexual assault response.

Military identification cards can be acquired and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System updates can be made through the MFSS.

The MFSS office also provides space and assistance to employees of other Department of Defense support organizations, including the Financial Readiness Program, Work for Warriors, Survivor Outreach Services, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and the Transition Assistance Advisor.

The 300,000 Veterans now residing in Nevada – all welcome at any MFSS office – also ensure the MFSS remains busy providing information and assistance. The following are summaries of sections within the MFSS:

Soldier and Family Readiness Specialists provide outreach for family members of deployed soldiers; resources and referrals for service members and families for all branches of services; briefings as requested; and the facilitation of events on the behalf of service members. They assist in the development and implementation of each unit commander's family readiness program during all phases of the deployment cycle.

The **Child and Youth Program** staff coordinates and conducts events and activities for Nevada Guard children and youth. The staff also provides information and referrals concerning local, state and federal resources and programs that benefit children and teens.

The **Airman and Family Readiness Program** manager advises Air Guard chain of command on issues concerning airmen. The manager aims to increase and improve



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Aurelia Holman, 10, left, and Jocelyn Marcus, 11, right, get a chance to see what it's like to sit in the front seat of a Nevada Army National Guard military truck during a tour of the Harry Reid Training Center in Stead on Sept. 20, 2024.

communication between airmen and their units, especially in the topic of military benefits.

The Reserve Component **Transition Assistance Advisor Team** includes three staff members strategically placed across the state to provide all Nevada service members, Veterans and their families – regardless military branch -- assistance in accessing their earned benefits and health care. The benefit topics the staff often assists with includes: effects of a career change; disabled Veteran benefits; educa-

tion and training; employment assistance; financial assistance; health and life insurance; legal assistance; Veterans Administration assistance; relocation assistance; and state and local benefits.

The **Military OneSource** staff provides counseling on non-medical topics (including face-to-face, telephonic and online). Financial counseling and planning assistance is available. Assistance is available at all times at www.militaryonesource.mil and toll free at 1-800-342-9647.

Military and Family Support Services Directory

Director	702-856-4988	of Guard and Reserve	702-632-0332
Family Programs		Heroes 2 Hired	775-384-5849
Director	775-384-5820	Military One Source	800-342-9647
Soldier Family Readiness Supervisor	702-856-4815	Equal Opportunity	775-886-7600
or 702-672-6834 or 775-384-5802		Air Guard Yellow Ribbon	775-788-4585
Child and Youth Programs	702-694-4476 or	or 775-742-0600
775-384-5801		Transitional Assistance	775-384-5837
Airman/Family Readiness	775-788-4585 or	or 775-312-0088
775-742-0600		ID Cards	775-384-5843
Work for Warriors	702-632-0573	Inspector General	775-884-8427
Northern Nevada Counseling		Public Affairs Office	775-287-5592
Behavioral Health Counselor	775-842-2689	Southern Nevada Support Services	
Air Guard Psychological Health	775-788-4651	Army Guard Yellow Ribbon	725-229-7959
Southern Nevada Counseling		Child and Youth Programs	702-694-4476
Psychological Health	702-856-4936 or	Family Readiness Support Assistants	702-856-4811
702-856-4990		Resilience and Suicide Prevention	702-632-0385
Nevada Resiliency		Survivor Outreach Services	702-324-5324
Suicide Prevention	775-384-5847	Substance Abuse Program	702-632-0590
R3SP Coordinator	775-384-5819	Prevention Coordinator	702-632-0590
Risk Reduction Coordinator	775-384-5846	Yellow Ribbon	702-856-4967
Sexual Assault Response	775-384-5840	ID Cards	702-856-4810
Equal Opportunity Office Hotline	775-443-1988	Substance Abuse Prevention	775-384-5827
Additional Resources		Additional Resources	
Employers Support		Personal finance counselor	210-202-9551
		or 775-447-5239

The **Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve** staff works with all military branches as a mediator between service members and employers to ensure federal employment law compliance. The staff helps maintain a mutually productive relationship between service members and civilian employers.

The **Psychological Health Specialist** is a licensed clinical social worker who is also a behavioral health officer in the Nevada Army Guard. The specialist offers individual and couples counseling to service members. The specialist can also evaluate and draft medical profiles when requested.

The **Work for Warriors Nevada** staff helps service members, veterans and immediate family members connect with available employment resources as individuals begin their journey toward realizing their career goals.

The **Survivor Outreach Services** program staff expedites and assists with services available to surviving families of fallen soldiers. The staff assists with access to local benefits and support coordinators and financial counselors.

The **Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention** staff oversees three programs, including Resilience, Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse Prevention. The “R3SP” operates through the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program in accordance with AR 530-53 and provides training in resiliency, suicide intervention, and substance abuse prevention. The ultimate goal of the Nevada R3SP team is to reduce risk within the Nevada Guard by providing Guardsmen and their families with institutionalized training to enhance overall physical and psychological fitness.

The **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response** staff responds to reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment incidents. They provide and monitor sexual assault/sexual harassment prevention and awareness training. They also monitor and report sexual assault incidents to the National Guard Bureau Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

The **Air National Guard Psychological Health Coordinator** guides and

promotes psychological fitness among the state’s 1,100 airmen. The position provides resources for airmen and their families to master emotional health challenges.

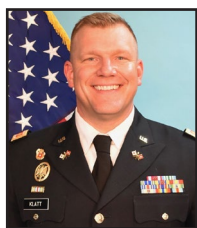


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Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada adjutant general, leads a Military Funeral Honors Team at Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Jan. 12, 2024, for Stan Jones, 88, a retired brigadier general who served in both the Nevada Army and Air Guard. Jones died Dec. 23, 2023.

New J9 Directorate continues growth, services outreach

Maj. Justin R. Klatt assumed the role of Director of the Nevada National Guard J9 Warrior Wellness and Support Services Directorate in July 2024, following a year as Deputy Director.



Maj. Justin Klatt
Nevada Guard
J9 Director

Since its inception in 2021, the J9’s mission remains unchanged: ensure all Nevada Guardsmen, including their families, have access to vital programs and support that enhance their well-being and readiness.

Participation in our Child and Youth and Military Family Readiness Programs has increased by 600%, emphasizing the growing demand for these services. In 2024, our Military Funeral Honors team assisted nearly 900 service members, while the Work 4 Warriors program helped hundreds of Soldiers, Airmen, veterans, and their families secure employment across Nevada and the nation.

Our Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce (IPPW) has diligently worked to reduce harmful behaviors within the force, including

sexual assault, harassment, domestic and child abuse, suicide, and retaliation. By analyzing data and metrics, IPPW identifies gaps and areas requiring additional resources. In 2024, the Nevada IPPW team reviewed over 2,300 Defense Organizational Climate Surveys (DEOCS) and delivered 53 command-level briefs, offering actionable insights to improve both culture and readiness.

J9 also strengthened its partnerships with external organizations, collaborating with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS), the VA, and other Veteran Service Organizations statewide. One recent highlight was co-hosting the “Let’s Talk About It” suicide prevention forum with NDVS, featuring former NHL player Clint Malarchuk and his wife, who shared their experiences with mental health.

Our homegrown Purple Resolve program — a mental health, leadership, and resilience course — has reached thousands of participants across Nevada. Additionally, J9 is working with the National Guard Bureau and other states to develop the Connectedness and Relationship Education (CARES) Program, a national-level initiative designed to provide leadership and resilience training. Nevada has been tasked with creating the first CARES course, focused on equipping

young service members with the foundational skills they need to succeed.

We’ve made it a priority to engage with Guard members during annual trainings and drills, ensuring they are fully aware of available resources. Our monthly J9 Connection newsletter highlights upcoming events and observances, and the recent launch of the “NVNG Connect” mobile app allows service members to access critical resources anytime, anywhere.

At the core of J9’s mission is the belief that leadership is about service. For the J9 team, this work is more than a job — it’s a personal commitment to supporting those who serve.

I would like to acknowledge Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, whose leadership has been instrumental in shaping J9’s vision, and Nevada’s incoming Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. D. Rodger Waters, whose guidance will lead us forward into the future.

As J9 continues to evolve, we are truly honored to lead this effort. Together, we are building a culture that places the well-being of Nevada’s Guardsmen, their families, and veterans at the forefront, ensuring they have the resources and support needed to thrive both at home and abroad.

Battle Born, Battle Tested, Battle Ready!

State Partnership Program



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The Honorable Faualo Harry Schuster, the Government of Samoa's Minister of Police, Prisons and Corrections Services, left, and Nevada Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry sign the Declaration of Partnership between the Nevada National Guard and the Government of Samoa on July 6 in Apia, Samoa. The Nevada Guard now has three partner countries in Oceania: Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.

Nevada adds Samoa as third partner nation in South Pacific

In 2023, the National Guard Bureau recognized the 30-year anniversary of the growing National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP). Since 1993, the program has now grown to 96 partnerships through all 54 states and territories, with 106 partner nations, while continuing to grow new partnerships each year.

Nevada grew in 2023 to create a third state partner nation, the Independent State of Samoa. In the previous biennium, the SPP also recognized its five-year state partnership anniversary with the Republic of Fiji (2018), and 10-year anniversary with the Kingdom of Tonga (2014).

Through the National Guard SPP, the U.S. Department of Defense continues to partner with nations around the globe in cooperative security relationships. The SPP continues to support the security cooperation objectives of the U.S. and the Geographic Combatant Commands (GCC) by developing relationships with partner countries and carrying out activities to build partner capacity, improve interoperability, and enhance U.S. access and influence while increasing the readiness of U.S. and partner forces to meet

emerging challenges.

Even in the face of reduced budgets, the Nevada SPP conducted 30 engagements between the three partner nations in 2024. Next year is shaping up to be just as successful, with a slightly increased target budget, an even more seasoned team, and a new Director at the lead. Maj. Dustin Petersen, Nevada Army National Guard, says farewell as the organization welcomes Lt. Col. Christopher Leroy, Nevada Air National Guard. During the biennium, the program also welcomed Maj. Zackary Taylor-Warren, Nevada Guard bilateral affairs officer working full-time in the region.

"There is a lot more going on in the Blue Pacific than most people realize," Taylor-Warren said. "Nevada's State Partnership is one of a few programs with three or more partner nations. We are unique in that our program is regional in nature, and we can leverage that to increase our effectiveness with each partner."

The Nevada National Guard also completed its first SPP exchange with its new partner, Samoa, in 2024. The medical engagement focused on best practices between the Nevada National Guard, the Samoan Fire and Emergency Services



Authority and the U.S. Army Reserve's 1984th United States Army Hospital Detachment.

Samoa (known as "Western Samoa" until 1997) is an archipelago consisting of two main islands, Upolu and Savai'i, and seven smaller islands. It has about 200,000 people, with roughly 75 percent of them residing in the capital city of Apia.

Each partnership works through mutually beneficial exchanges between nations and state National Guards. Given that Samoa does not have a state military force, engagements in Samoa focus on a whole-of-government approach incorporating outside military state agencies.

Youth Education Programs



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Ayla Lain poses for a photo with the Las Vegas Sun earlier this year. Lain was recognized as the Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy Director's Award for Excellence for her work in the program this spring.

BBYCA, STARBASE help youth education in Silver State -- and provide 'miracles'

CARLIN — The recipient of the spring 2024 semester of the Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy's Director's Award for Excellence, Ayla Lain, came very close to never seeing her academic potential blossom. Abandoned by her parents at birth, the former student at Del Sol Academy in Las Vegas attempted to take her own life during her junior year.

Stemming from multiple medical issues, the 17-year-old Las Vegas native struggled with depression and eventually entered a treatment facility after her suicide attempt.

"I was going down a very bad path," said Lain, who graduated from the National Guard-sponsored program in 2024. "I didn't have any tools (to overcome these challenges). I was very depressed, even suicidal."

Dr. Andre Ponder, the BBYCA director, said Lain distinguished herself among this spring's large class of 45 students to receive his Director's Award for Excellence.

"Cadet Lain displayed the most personal growth despite all of the barriers she had to overcome during her journey to self-improvement," Ponder said.

Lain was one of the 45 cadets – the

second-largest class in BBYCA history – to walk the stage June 14, 2024 at the Elko High School Performing Arts Building in Elko and graduate from the academy that was established in 2021.

Located in Carlin, Nev., at the previous Nevada Army Guard Elko County Readiness Center, BBYCA includes a five-month, in-residence phase of instruction followed by a year-long mentoring relationship with trained mentors from the respective cadet's local community. The overarching goals of BBYCA are to either award a high school diploma from BBYCA or help a cadet return to their local high school and graduate on time with their hometown high school class. The residential portion of BBYCA includes physical training and community service in addition to academics.

Funded by federal and state coffers, the Spring 2024 class was the fifth cycle of cadets to compete the course of instruction since the inception of the academy in 2021. The average enrollment for the first four cycles was 41.75 cadets and the average graduation rate was 31.5 cadets, according to BBYCA records. BBYCA enrollment promises to grow with about 80

applicants for the upcoming fall semester.

For Lain, the program proved transformational.

"It was a miracle," DePasquale said. "We had for the most part given up on each other. The first couple of weeks were a horror story and then suddenly it clicked and the academy made her feel there was purpose to her existence."

"It was hard at first," Lain said. "I was not used to the military structure. During the acclimation phase, I yelled back when they yelled at me. Then, one day, I was shocked, I just started to embrace it."

Across the nation, there are 40 youth academies operating under the auspice of the National Guard in 31 states.

"She really has had a lot of things to overcome throughout her life," DePasquale said. "After she wound up in the hospital, I said, 'God help me.' And Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy came along. I think it is a miraculous program for any child who wants to embrace it, and Ayla embraced it."

For information, visit www.battlebornyouthchallenge.org.

Additionally, the **Nevada National Guard STARBASE** program opened for classes in the summer of 2022 at locations in Henderson and Reno. Nearly a thousand students have gone through the weeklong program that promotes Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for fifth grade students.

STARBASE High Sierra and Henderson are working to ensure that students in schools designated as Title I have equitable access to high-end STEM and STEM Careers. STARBASE High Sierra and Henderson incorporate global and culturally diverse representation through images, books, and resources in the classroom to enhance the program curriculum.

The Nevada National Guard refurbished facilities at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno and the Henderson Armory in Clark County for the new program.

Nationwide, STARBASE serves 79 programs. Since its inception in 1993, more than 1.5 million students have graduated, ensuring students in schools designated "Title I" have equitable access to high end STEM and STEM Careers.

For more information on STARBASE, visit www.dodstarbase.org.



Master Sgt. Erick Studenicka takes time out for a photo with students at Grace Warner Elementary School in Reno, Nev., in May 2024 during the school's Career Day. The Nevada Guard makes every effort to participate in community events when resources and assets are available. The program's priorities include informing students about aviation science and technology and potential career opportunities in the military.

Community relations remain top priority of Nevada Guard

One of the ongoing priorities of the Nevada National Guard is to remain a cooperative, contributing partner in every local community and neighborhood in Nevada. To that end, the Nevada Guard makes every attempt to fulfill all requests for community relations support and military outreach across the state, dependent on available resources and assets.

The Public Affairs Office liaisons community relations requests between civilian entities and the Army and Air Guard, depending on the type of request. Community relations requests include aviation flyovers, educational static displays, requests for military speakers, color guard requests and parade participation. (Military funeral honors are funded separately.) The Nevada Guard also emphasizes community involvement through volunteer support of non-profit organizations.

The Nevada Guard is one of the state's top proponents of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) educational curriculum. It supported more than 20 STEM classes across Nevada during the biennium with Army Guard helicopter static displays for students to improve their understanding of the physics of rotary flight while concurrently interacting with Citizen-Soldier aviators. The displays inevitably spark interest in aviation careers among the students.

The Nevada Air Guard color guard, headed

by Staff Sgt. William Mendez, was inarguably the workhorse of the community relations section in 2023-2024. The volunteer Air Guard color guard supported more than 20 events in northern Nevada during the biennium.

The Nevada Guard annually supports four parades across the state with personnel and ground vehicles, including the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day Parade, the Carson City Nevada Day Parade and the Reno and Las Vegas Veterans Day parades. On May 18, 2024, the Nevada Guard expanded its Armed Forces Day support by providing American Legion Post 30 with a ground vehicle display to support the Armed Forces Day commemoration in Sparks, Nev., marking the first time the Nevada Guard provided concurrent displays in disparate locations on Armed Forces Day.

In 2023, a Nevada Army Guard UH-60L helicopter provided the flyover to mark the start of the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day Parade, the largest Armed Forces Day Parade in the western United States. In 2024, the Nevada Army Guard's ground vehicle entry staffed by the 1859th Transportation Company won first place for the military vehicle division at the Armed Forces Day Parade. In 2023, the Nevada Guard won first place at the parade for aviation display with its displays of both a UH-60L Black Hawk and UH-72B Lakota. A Nevada Army Guard UH-72B Lakota marked

the start of the 2023 Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade.

Nevada Air Guard C-130 flyovers marked the start of the baseball and football seasons for the Reno Aces and the University of Nevada, Reno, respectively in both 2023 and 2024.

Nevada Guard leadership continued to back community-support efforts at the unit level during the biennium. For example, Nevada Army Guard Joint Force Headquarters' Soldiers supported the Nevada Humane Society in Carson City by assisting with the care of future pets during drill weekends as the animals awaited adoption by their permanent families.

Army Guard rotary-wing flyovers are possible at highly-visible events within the state with a high number of attendees or at those with a strong tie to Patriotic holidays. Air Guard flyover requests are approved by the Secretary of the Air Force at <https://www.airshows.pa.hq.af.mil/PublicSite/Index.cfm?fwa=home>. Once approved, the Nevada Air Guard may fly the mission if aircraft are available.

Army static displays of aircraft may be arranged through the Public Affairs Office. Air Guard static displays must be approved by the Secretary of the Air Force. For information on community relations support, call the Public Affairs Office at 775-287-5592.

ESGR continues work in support of Guardsmen, Reservists

ESGR is a Department of Defense program established in 1972 to improve relationships between Guard and reservists and employers.

ESGR is supported by a network of more than 2,700 volunteers across the nation. The volunteers work tirelessly to spotlight employers and conduct work-related mediation. The state's volunteer support technician includes one DoD contractor working at Clark County Armory in Las Vegas.

In May 2022, Rex Miller, a twelve year volunteer was appointed as the Nevada Chair for ESGR. Miller attained the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer in the Navy before ending his military career in 1997.



Nevada ESGR volunteers contributed 2,461 volunteer hours during 2023 and 878 during 2024, delivered 126 Patriot Awards during 2023 and 123 during 2024. Also, several Seven Seals Awards and Above and Beyond awards were presented.

The Clark County Fire Department received the Pro Patria Award for continued extraordinary service to their National Guard and Reserve service

members.

Nevada ESGR volunteers briefed 1,626 military members during the year along with 3,587 employers. Volunteers attended award ceremonies, employer events, trade shows and unit briefs throughout Nevada.

Major events included a “Boss Lift” for employers in which the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, flew employers over Lake Tahoe. A special presentation for Amazon was held to sign a national “Statement of Support” Amazon Executives and Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry served as speakers for the event. .

To learn more about ESGR, part of the Defense Personnel and Family Support Center, visit www.ESGR.mil

Counterdrug assists local police, cuts supply of illegal drugs in Nevada

The Nevada Guard Counterdrug Program (CDP) aligns with the Department of Defense guidance to use military in support of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies (LEA) and community-based organizations (CBOs). The CDP provides support across the state of Nevada by assisting in detection, interdiction, disruption and curtailment of drug trafficking activities through the application of ground reconnaissance, criminal analysts, drug demand reduction outreach (DDRO), and aviation.

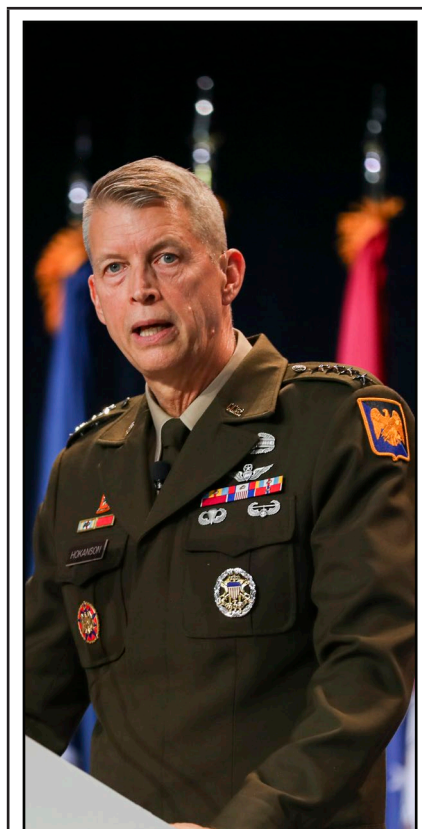
In 2023 and 2024, CDP maintained momentum and used their unique military capabilities to act as force-multipliers for 13 LEAs. CDP had remarkable success, which resulted in assisting in 373 cases, 779 arrests, and 269 flights hours. These Counterdrug activities resulted in more than \$20.6 million in legal drug seizures.

The DDRO operators planned and executed prevention missions and outreach operations, reducing drug demand. In 2023 and 2024, DDRO supported 11 CBOs and were integral in 225 events, reaching more than 6,000 youths and community members across Nevada.

DDRO also worked closely with the Battle Born Youth Challenge Academy and continues to provide the cadets invaluable life skills.

Additionally, the Counterdrug team along with Nevada State Police – Mobile Response Team (NSP-MRT) provided mission planning support, medical, reconnaissance training, tactical navigation, communications training, and transportation support for the Nevada Peace Officers Standards and Trainings (POST) certified Narcotic Agency Reconnaissance Course (NARC) nearby Ely. All 60 law enforcement officer students graduated the course earning 40 hours of POST certified continuing education units, qualified to participate in the Nevada marijuana MRT, and 16 hours of required annual Ground Reconnaissance training was accomplished by CDP personnel.

The prevention and interdiction of fentanyl has been a top priority for CDP, given the devastating impact this synthetic opioid has had across communities in Nevada and beyond. Recognizing the urgent need to combat this threat, the CDP has focused its resources and expertise on identifying and disrupting fentanyl trafficking networks. In 2023 and 2024, CDP played a critical role in several high-profile fentanyl-related cases, leading to significant seizures and arrests.



Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief, National Guard Bureau, speaks during the 145th annual National Guard Association of the United States Conference held in Reno, Aug. 19, 2023. It was the second time in three years that Nevada hosted the national conference. Hokanson, who sits on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired during the previous biennium and was replaced by Gen. Steven Nordhaus, who became the 30th chief of the National Guard Bureau. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Zach Sheely)



Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry concludes

Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, who has served as Nevada's 30th Adjutant General since 2019, retired from military service on Oct. 30.

"It's been my great honor and privilege to serve as Nevada's Adjutant General," said Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, who was the first African American to serve as Nevada's Adjutant General. "The future is very bright for our visible and growing state thanks in large part to the great efforts and service of our Soldiers and Airmen in the Nevada National Guard."

Berry turned 66 on Oct. 3, which met the mandatory retirement age for military general officers, per federal law and Nevada Revised Statute.

"General Berry's leadership has been a tremendous asset to the Nevada National Guard and our state," said Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo. "As he retires, we honor his decades of service and many contributions to Nevada. I extend my sincerest gratitude and best wishes for his well-deserved retirement."

During his time as Adjutant General, Berry oversaw the largest and lengthiest Nevada National Guard state activation in history for the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, the governor's office moved oversight of the Division of Emergency Management and Department of Health and Human Services to the Nevada Office of the Military (the DEM move became permanent following the 2021 Nevada Legislative Session). At the height of the pandemic, more than 1,400 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were on orders supporting test and vaccination sites around the state.

Berry also served as the Adjutant General during the establishment of two National Guard programs in the state, including the Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy and STARBASE, a Department of Defense initiative to expand STEM learning. Both programs are administered by the Nevada National Guard.

Additionally, Berry led a refinement of the Nevada National Guard's military support services with the creation of the Warrior Health and Support Office within the organization, also known as the J9 Directorate. Purple Resolve, a resiliency and mental health training course in Nevada, was developed by Berry and is now available for Guardsmen around the nation.

He also oversaw the growth of the Nevada National Guard's State Partnership Program with Nevada becoming one of four states with three nation partners with the addition of Samoa (the other partners are Fiji and Tonga).

"When I took this job, I had many goals, and I pretty much have hit all my goals," Berry said.

Berry grew up in Indiana and attended the University of Indiana, Evansville, where he played football for the Purple Aces. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in secondary



education, Berry enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard in 1986. He won Outstanding Airman of the Year for all 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia in 1988. He commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1990. Berry achieved a Master of Public Administration in Political Science from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1996.

The majority of his military career, Berry worked as a dual status Guardsman with full-time employment in the Reno Police Department. Berry retired from RPD in 2005 after rising to the rank of assistant police chief following 25 years in law enforcement.

After his career in law enforcement, Berry entered the private sector as Senior Vice-President of Organizational Culture and Employee Engagement for MGM Resorts International, but he maintained his status as an officer in the Nevada Air National Guard. In 2008, he began work at the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., spearheading leadership, culture and diversity initiatives for both Gen. Craig McKinley and Gen. Frank Grass. Berry reached the rank of brigadier general in 2013.

He was named Nevada's adjutant general — the senior ranking officer in the

ides 38-year military career



Nevada National Guard — during a ceremony at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno on Sept. 7, 2019. He was promoted to major general in 2020. Berry's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Berry co-founded the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society and has volunteered and served for numerous community organizations to include United Way of Northern Nevada vice president, Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Board and University of Evansville Board of Trustees. Recently, Berry received Governor's Points of Light Award for volunteerism and recognition from Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada.

The Adjutant General is an appointed position that serves at the request of the Governor. The appointment must be an officer who is federally recognized at the rank of colonel or above, not exceeding major general, with at least four years of service in the Nevada National Guard, per Nevada Revised Statute 412.044. Berry was replaced by Brig. Gen. D. Rodger "Dan" Waters during a ceremony Oct. 19, 2024 at the Reno Ballroom in downtown Reno.

Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, right, speaks with Soldiers and Airmen alongside Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief, National Guard Bureau, during the annual New Year's Eve celebration on the Las Vegas Strip, Dec. 30, 2023. (Photo by Sgt. Adrienne Lopez)

Nevada Guard Facility Updates



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This photo shows progress of construction on the Washoe County Readiness Center addition and alteration project, Sept. 20, 2024. The \$46 million expansion will include a 55,000-square-foot facility that can house an additional 586 Soldiers. The facility includes a new auditorium, new gym facility, large-capacity military-gear storage that provides space for soldiers to prepare when called along with additional office space.

Army facilities, ranges open door for potential growth in Nevada

Over the past two years, the Nevada Army Guard's design and construction department has achieved remarkable success in completing a diverse range of projects that reflect its commitment to quality, innovation, and strategic impact both state and nationwide. From a new Readiness center in Washoe County at the Harry Reid Training Complex, to expansion of maintenance facilities and upgrades to training centers in Clark County.

Our collaborative approach with both Federal and State agencies is helping support economic growth, meeting mission needs of Soldiers, community support, and dedication to sustainable practices and facilities. As the Nevada Guard celebrates these milestones, it looks forward to the next biennium to building even more transformative spaces that help grow and inspire the next generation of Nevada Army National Guard members and their communities.

Through valued support from the State

of Nevada, the Nevada Army Guard can construct a range of facilities to meet the requirements to match the growth of the Army Guard. The dual approach of Federal funds matched with State fiscal support has acted as a catalyst for execution in design and construction that puts Nevada in a positive standing on a national level.

Washoe County Addition and Alteration

This facility began design in 2021 to expand the footprint of the existing Washoe County Readiness center by providing a 55,000-square foot facility with the capacity to house 586 Soldiers. The \$46 million expansion will also facilitate a new auditorium, new gym facility, large-capacity-military-gear storage that provides space for soldiers to prepare when called, and office spaces that provide the mission requirements for both full-time staff and drill weekend soldiers.

The new facility also brings energy, sustainability, and resiliency design giving the facility LEED Silver rating. Energy sustainability is an essential aspect of modern building management, focusing on minimizing environmental impact while maximizing efficiency. This facility will provide solar paneling, geothermal heating and cooling, and energy management software. This will reduce the electrical and energy demand on the facility and reduce the utility costs annual to the facility. With these sustainability measures it also provides the Guard a unique ability to create a site that in times of natural disaster or states of emergency, will be able to run off the utility grid if needed.

UH-60 Hangar at HRTC

The Nevada Army Guard secured a total of \$8.4 million dollars of both federal and state funding to design and construct a 16,355 square foot storage hangar for the

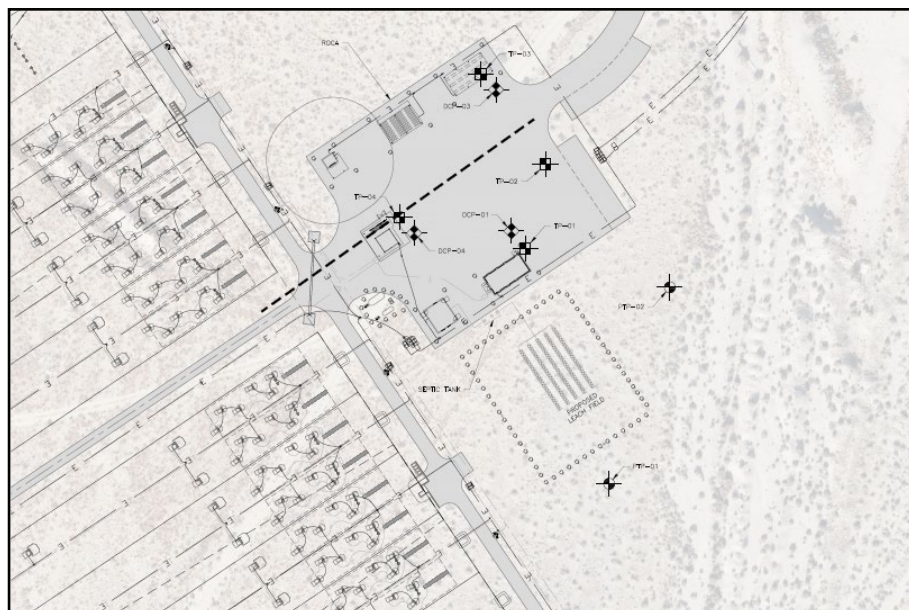
UH-60 Blackhawks located at Harry Reid Training Complex. With this structure the Nevada Army Guard can store up to three Black Hawk airframes in the new facility in addition to the maintenance hangar located at the Army Aviation Support Facility. The significance of this structure allows the Aviators the ability to keep the airframe out of the elements year-round reducing the maintenance costs and extending the life of the air frames. The Aviators will also increase the response times when called for fire missions, search and rescues, and any state or national service.

Over the past 10 years, the service of exposed airframes has cost the government and taxpayers approximately \$10 million. This project will save on manpower and funding for the future of the mission. This is one of two hangars at HRTC that will support the missions and airframes for the Nevada Army Guard, the secondary hangar is approved and slated for fiscal year 2025 to begin design for the CH-47 Chinook Airframe.

Hawthorne Range

Between 2021 and 2022 the Nevada Army Guard received support from U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen, D-Nev., in securing the funding for the Hawthorne Range at the Hawthorne Army Depot. Over the past two years the Nevada Army Guard has diligently worked with strict and aggressive timelines to move this project from a concept to actualized construction project. This project has the design completed with the anticipated construction groundbreaking in January 2025 with the range operational by May 2026.

Efforts from National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army, and the Army Corps



This map shows the design layout of the Hawthorne Qualification Training Range being built just east of the Hawthorne Army Depot. The design concept includes 16 lanes for rifle qualification, 15 lanes for pistol and four lanes for machine gun. Groundbreaking is set for 2025 with construction completion set for May 2026.

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of Engineers in conjunction with Nevada Army Guard have developed an 800-meter range consisting of a fifteen-lane combat pistol qualification course, sixteen-lane automated record firing course, and a four-lane multi-purpose machine gun course. The range facilities will include a Range Tower, Classroom, Mess Area, Ammunitions Breakdown Building, Latrines, and space for future expansion. This new Qualifications Training Range will significantly increase the soldier readiness, reduce the cost of out-of-state training dollars, and help support other DoD agencies requiring qualifications in the state.

Camp Washoe, Former Navy

Reserve Center

Camp Washoe was acquired by the State in 2022 through the Capital Improvement Program. Since its acquisition, the Nevada Army Guard has been actively using the facility for training and drill weekends for the 422 A Company. This facility is instrumental in their training and educational efforts for the Guard. The 32,000-square-foot facility boasts the potential to not only house 422 A Company but also allow space for three other companies expanding the capacity upwards to 300 to 450 soldiers. The Nevada Army Guard is working detailed planning efforts to adjust the existing infrastructure to expand its potential and capacity.

Conclusion

The Nevada Army Guard is moving toward the future with facilities and infrastructure with a visionary approach that prioritizes sustainability, resilience, and technological integration. Working with State and Federal strategic allies to help secure funding to build out the next generation of the Nevada Army Guard.

The organization is moving forward to a new frontier with three Congressional projects, Regional Training Institute, new Combined Support Maintenance Shop, and Civil Support Team facility.

These expansion in Clark County and Carson City are huge investments for the future of the Nevada Army Guard.



This photo shows ongoing construction of the Nevada Army Aviation Support Facility's UH-60 hangar on the north end of the Harry Reid Training Center in Stead, Nev., Sept. 20, 2024. The 6,355 square foot storage hangar will provide room for three UH-60 Black Hawks.

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Nevada National Guard Leadership

Nevada Office of the Military

Brig. Gen. D. Rodger “Dan” Waters

Adjutant General



Brig. Gen. D. Rodger “Dan” Waters serves as The Adjutant General (TAG) for the State of Nevada. He is the senior uniformed Nevada Guard officer. Appointed by the Governor of State of Nevada, Waters is the principal advisor on all National Guard issues, responsible for both the federal and state missions of the Nevada Guard.

The Adjutant General is the senior-ranking military officer in the Nevada National Guard, a position that dates to the Nevada Organic Act which created Nevada Territory in 1861. The position oversees about 5,000 Nevada Soldiers, Airmen and Civilian employees under the state’s Office of the Military.

Waters, a resident of Sparks, most recently served as the Director of the Joint Staff for the Nevada Guard, where he was responsible for overseeing the state’s domestic emergency response efforts. He enlisted in the military in 1985 and was commissioned as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the Aviation’s Officer Basic Course in 1992. Waters’ service record includes several overseas assignments, notably as the Afghan National Army Operations Officer for Combined Joint Task Force 82, and as Division Chief at the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Upon returning to Nevada, Waters served as Chief of Staff to Major General Ondra Berry before becoming Director of the Joint Staff in 2023.

Appointed in 2024, Waters is the first U.S. Army officer to hold the position of TAG since Maj. Gen. William Engel in 1983.

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Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Pieters

Command Senior Enlisted Leader



Command Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Pieters has served as the Nevada Guard’s senior enlisted leader since 2022. As the state’s senior enlisted leader, he advises both the Adjutant General on matters influencing the health, morale and professional development of enlisted Airmen, Soldiers and their families. Prior to becoming the SEL he served as the 152nd Operations Group Senior Enlisted Leader where he was the principal advisor to the Operations Group Commander. He remains current and qualified as a C-130 Flight Engineer, instructing and evaluating Aircrew members for worldwide deployment and wildland firefighting.

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CW5 Stephen Nielsen

State Command Chief Warrant Officer



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Steve Nielsen oversees the training, placement, and manning of the warrant officers of the Nevada Army Guard.

After graduating from Carson High in 1994, he joined the Army on active duty as a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Operations specialist at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Nielsen joined the Nevada Army National Guard in 1999 and deployed as a Chinook helicopter pilot to Afghanistan in 2005. In 2010, he deployed to support Operation New Horizons in Haiti.

Nielsen has 28 years of military service and has held various assignments including Maintenance Test Pilot, Standardization Instructor Pilot, Instrument Examiner and State Aviation Safety Officer. Nielsen graduated flight school in 2004 as a CH-47 Chinook Pilot. During the previous biennium, Nielsen was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 during a ceremony December of 2023 at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead.

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Nevada Guard Joint Staff

Col. Kyle Cerfoglio

Director of the Joint Staff



Col. Kyle Cerfoglio serves as the director of joint staff, Nevada Guard. As director, Cerfoglio manages the Nevada Guard’s joint, or dual Army and Air, operations, throughout the state. He oversees joint staff operations supporting more than 4,400 soldiers and airmen serving in the Nevada Guard. He is also responsible for

coordinating Nevada Guard support to civil authorities during domestic response operations. Cerfoglio is the senior, federal full-time Nevada Guard management official and serves as principal executive assistant and advisor to the adjutant general.

Cerfoglio enlisted in 1992, working across the supply career field, culminating his enlisted career as staff sergeant. After graduating from the Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, Tenn. in 1999, he was assigned as a traditional Guardsman, Supply Operations Officer, in the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, while maintaining a full-time civilian career as an educator. In 2010, he deployed as the Operations Officer for the Air Force’s sole Combat Convoy Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Sgt. Maj. Edward Franco

Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Joint Staff



Sergeant Major Edward C. Franco was born in Olongapo, Philippines and moved to Rhode Island when he was 7 years old. He enlisted in the Nevada Army National Guard in January 1998. He attended Basic Combat Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he was awarded the MOS 63B, Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. In 2003, he mobilized with the 321st Signal Company to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served as Team Chief and Platoon Sergeant and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011.

He was assigned as the 17th Sustainment Brigade Command Sergeant Major from 2020-2023.

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Nevada Army Guard

Brig. Gen. Randy Lau

Land Component Commander



Brig. Gen. Randy Lau is the Land Component Commander, Nevada Army Guard. Lau was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through Kemper Military Junior College in 1995 and joined the Nevada Army Guard in 1996.

From 1996 to 2012, Lau was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry and deployed as the Squadron Operations Officer to Afghanistan (2009 to 2010). Lau also held command of the Nevada Army National Guard's Recruiting & Retention Battalion (2012 to 2015); Director of Army Personnel (2015 to 2016); Director of Nevada's State Partnership Program (2017 to 2019), establishing a new partnership with of Fiji in 2019. Lau was selected as the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) Commander, California Army National Guard, from 2021-2022. In 2022, he transferred to the 40th Infantry Division as the Division G3, deploying with the 40th Infantry Division to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait (2023-2024) as the G3 and as Chief of Security Cooperation.

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Sgt. Maj. Zell Johnson

State Command Sergeant Major



Command Sgt. Maj. Zell Johnson was named Nevada's Command Sergeant Major in May 2024. Johnson began his career in 2000, assigned to the 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry. Johnson has served in many levels of leadership, from Tank/Bradley Commander through Command Sergeant Major. His key assignment include: Nevada Guard J9 Ser-

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geant Major; 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry Command Sergeant Major, Operations Sergeant Major and First Sergeant; Resilient Forces Readiness Advisory Council Senior Enlisted Advisor; and Section Leader/ EO Representative, PRT Khost, Khost, Afghanistan.

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Nevada Air Guard

Brig. Gen. David Chauvin

Assistant Adjutant General, Air



Brig. Gen. David Chauvin serves as Assistant Adjutant General, Air. He is responsible for developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting about 1,200 Nevada Air National Guard personnel.

Appointed by the Nevada Adjutant General, he serves as the principal advisor on all Nevada Air National Guard issues, responsible for federal and state missions.

He is a Command Pilot with more than 4,860 hours of flight time, including more than 1,200 hours as an instructor and nearly 300 hours flying combat missions. Chauvin is a Captain with Southwest Airlines with over 5,000 flight hours. In over 23 years of combined service in the active and reserve components, he has served as a State Director of Staff, Squadron Commander, Operations Officer, and Chief of Standards and Evaluations. Chauvin has multiple overseas assignments that include Qatar, Afghanistan and Kuwait

He received a reserve commission in May 1998 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and entered active duty in July 1998 at Barksdale AFB, LA.

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Chief Master Sgt. Torry Thompson

State Command Chief Master Sergeant



Chief Master Sergeant Torry Thompson is the State Command Chief, Nevada National Guard, Carson City, Nev.

Thompson brings two decades of experience as a senior non-commissioned officer in the Nevada Air National Guard, most recently serving as the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Manager-Air, Joint Force Headquarters J1, Nevada National Guard.

Thompson was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on Sept. 10, 1975, graduated from Robert M. McQueen High School in Reno, Nevada in 1993, and joined the Nevada Air National Guard in 1994.

In addition to serving multiple joint positions throughout his career, Thompson served as the senior enlisted leader of the 152nd Force Support Squadron prior to coming to the J1 in 2021. He also deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom to Al Udeid.

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Nevada National Guard **Equipment**



C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft

The 152nd Airlift Wing flies eight C-130 Hercules cargo airplanes.

The Hercules model is a four-engine turboprop military airframe that has been in continuous use by the Air Force for more than 60 years. The model has experienced multiple upgrades over the past six decades.

Via its aft loading ramp and door, the Hercules can accommodate a wide variety of cargo, including utility helicopters, military vehicles, palletized cargo and military personnel. The Hercules can deliver loads of up to

42,000 pounds and is capable of landing in remote locations with rough, dirt landing strips.

The flexible design of the C-130 enables it to be configured for a myriad of missions. The special mission equipment added to the Hercules is usually removable, allowing the airframe to easily revert back to its traditional cargo delivery role. The unit's C-130s can also be equipped with the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, MAFFS, for large-scale, wildland firefighting.

CH-47F Chinook, UH-60L Black Hawk and UH-72A/B Lakota helicopters

At the end of 2024, the Nevada Army Guard possessed 19 helicopters, including six CH-47 Chinooks, seven UH-60 Black Hawks and six UH-72A Lakota aircraft.



CH-47F Chinook

The 1/189th Aviation unit maintains/operates the state's Chinooks. In 2017, the unit upgraded from D to F model aircraft. The F models have between 2,000 and 3,000 flight hours, mostly recorded in Afghanistan. They operate in day or night in nearly all weather conditions. The airframe accommodates a wide variety of internal payloads (vehicles, artillery pieces, up to 44 troops or 24 litters plus two attendants). It can hoist 26,000 pounds and work firefighting efforts, deploying 2,000 gallons of water.



UH-72A Lakota

Nevada's 3/140th Security and Support, B and D Companies, operates six UH-72A Lakota helicopters. Four of the light-duty airframes are configured with homeland security options and two are equipped with medical evacuation features.



UH-60L Black Hawk

The 2/238th Aviation, a medical evacuation unit, crew Nevada's Black Hawks.

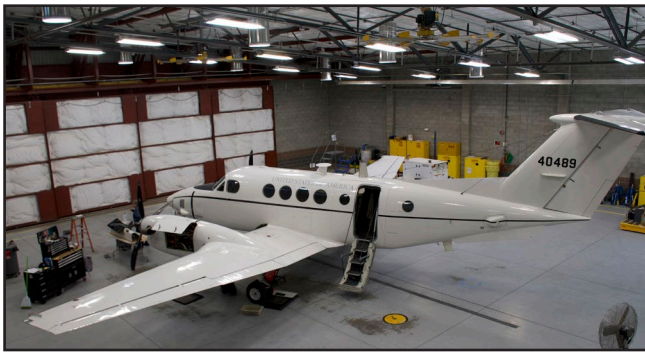
The four blade, medium-lift airframe is capable of transporting up to 11 troops or 2,600 pounds of cargo internally or 9,000 pounds externally. The UH-60 can deploy a 660-gallon firefighting water bucket.



M1A1 AIM-SA Abrams main battle tank

The Nevada Army Guard recently received 14 M1A1 AIM-SA Abrams main battle tanks as part of the 1-221st Cavalry Squadron's realignment under the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team.

Based on the original M1 Abrams main battle tank, the M1A1 AIM-SA features multiple upgrades including enhanced optics and improved armor. The M1A1 AIM-SA employs a 120 mm smooth-bore cannon and three machine guns to engage and destroy enemy infantry, reconnaissance vehicles, armored vehicles, battle tanks, fortifications and slow, low flying aircraft.



C-12 Huron fixed-wing aircraft

Detachment 3, Company B 2-641st Aviation, operates the only fixed-wing aircraft in the Nevada Army Guard's inventory, the state's lone C-12 Huron.

The C-12 Huron is a versatile, twin-engine turboprop aircraft and is used by all branches of the U.S. military. The aircraft is closely related to the Beechcraft 1900 and Super King Air aircraft models. It is used for a variety of different missions, including cargo and passenger transportation, embassy support, logistical support, medical evacuations and surveillance.



M-915 truck tractors

The Nevada Army Guard operates 120 M-915 versions A3 and A5 line-haul tractor trucks. The 593rd Transportation Company in North Las Vegas operates 60 A3 models in conjunction with M-867A2 5,000-gallon fuel trailers. The 1864th Transportation Company in Las Vegas operates 34 A3 models and 26 A5s that haul M-8872A4 flatbed trailers. Each trailer is capable of carrying 34 tons. The trucks are designed to haul cargo throughout a combat theater and are engineered to meet severe duty operating conditions including off-road movements.

M1117 Armored Security Vehicle

The Nevada Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company operates 12 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles for the unit's military law enforcement mission. Specifically designed for military police operations, the M1117 Armored Security Vehicle is a wheeled vehicle capable of protecting its occupants from multiple threats including small arms fire and land mines. The vehicle is highly versatile and is utilized by military police personnel across the full spectrum of military operations.

M2A3/M7A3 Bradley fighting vehicle

1-221st Cavalry Squadron operates 41 M2A3 and 4 M7A3 Bradley fighting vehicles. The tracked vehicles are capable of engaging and destroying enemy personnel, armored vehicles, reconnaissance vehicles, fortified positions, battle tanks and helicopters. The M2A3s utilized by Nevada are configured as cavalry fighting vehicles due to the squadron's armored reconnaissance mission, while the M7A3s are specifically configured to provide front line units with advanced fire support capabilities.

Nevada National Guard Facilities

Office of the Adjutant General

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- Joint Force Headquarters
- Headquarters, Nevada Army Guard
- Emergency Operations Center
- Nevada Air Guard Personnel Office
- 150th Maintenance Company
- Headquarters, Recruiting and Retention Battalion
- Combined Support Maintenance Shop
- 137th Military Police Det
- 92nd CST (Office off U.S. 50 in Carson City)

U.S. Property and Fiscal Office

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- Joint Force Headquarters Finance and Contracting
- Army Guard Warehouse

Air Guard Facilities

Nevada Air National Guard Base

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Reno, NV 89502-4494
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- Headquarters, Nevada Air Guard
- 152nd Airlift Wing
- 152nd Intelligence Squadron
- Counterdrug Program
- High Sierra STARBASE

Nellis Air Force Base

4370 N. Washington Boulevard
STE 210 Nellis Air Force Base,
Las Vegas, NV 89191
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- 232nd Combat Training Squadron

Army Guard Facilities

Las Vegas Readiness Center

Spc. Anthony Cometa Training Center

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Las Vegas, NV 89139
(702) 856-4988

- Headquarters, 17th Sustainment Brigade
- Headquarters, 17th Special Troops Battalion
- B Co., 442nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- Det 1, C Co., 422 Expeditionary Signal
- 1864th Transportation Co.
- NVARNG Medical Detachment South

Speedway Readiness Center

7005 N. Hollywood Boulevard
North Las Vegas NV 89115
(702) 632-0390

- 17th Sustainment Brigade
- 17th Special Troops Battalion
- 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company

Cheyenne Air Center

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North Las Vegas, NV 89032



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This photo shows the entrance to the Nevada Army National Guard Senator Harry Reid Training and Readiness Center on Sept. 20, 2024. The training center in Stead, Nev., is home to many ongoing construction projects to provide more space for growth at the armory and build a new hangar for Nevada Army Guard Aviation.

(702) 643-4270

- Det. 1 B Company, 3/140th Security and Support (Hangar 1 and 2)
- Det 1 D Co., 3/140th Security and Support
- Army Aviation Support Facility, #2

Elko County Readiness Center

100 University Ave.
Carlin, NV 89822-0877
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- Battle Born Youth Challenge Academy

Fallon Armory

895 E. Richard Street
Fallon, NV 89406
(775) 423-3050

- 609th Engineer Co.

Floyd Edsall Readiness Center/Clark County

Armory

6490 Range Road
Las Vegas, NV 89165
(702) 632-0519

- HHT, 1/221st Cavalry
- A Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
- B Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
- C Troop, 1/221st Cavalry
- D Co., 1/221st Cavalry
- D4, 1/148th Higher Headquarters Battalion
- D Co., 145th Support Battalion
- 593rd Transportation Co.

Harry Reid Readiness Center

19980 Army Aviation Drive
Reno, NV 89506
(775) 971-6031

- 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- HHC, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- C Co., 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

- 1859th Transportation Co.
- 106th Public Affairs Detachment

Army Aviation Support Facility

20000 Army Aviation Drive
Reno, NV 89506
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- HQ, 991st Aviation Troop Command
- HHD, 991st Aviation Troop Command
- B Co., 1/189th Aviation
- D1, G Co. 2/238th Aviation
- Det. 45, Operational Support Airlift
- Det 3, B Co., 2-641st Aviation
- B Co., 1/189th Aviation
- Det 45, Operational Support Airlift

Henderson Armory

151 E. Horizon Ridge Parkway
Henderson, NV 89002
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- 72nd Military Police Co
- STARBASE DOD

North Las Vegas Readiness Center

6600 Range Road
Las Vegas, NV 89165
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- 1/421st Regiment (RTI)
- 100th Quartermaster Co.
- 240th Engineer Co.
- 777th Engineer Concrete Team

Plumb Lane Armory

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- Selective Services Branch
- NVARNG Medical Detachment, North
- Army Guard Recruiting



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