

# GENERAL REFLECTIONS

SUMMER 2023

## NEVADA GUARD PARTNERS WITH SAMOA

Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry met with Independent State of Samoa officials in July to formally enter into Nevada's third partnership through the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program. **Page 8**



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# TAG Notes

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## Nevada National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and Civilians,

When I became adjutant general four years ago, I sought out ways to unleash the untapped potential of the Nevada Guard's personnel and resources. Now as I enter my fifth year as TAG in September, I sincerely believe the Nevada Guard is hitting its stride both domestically and internationally, realizing some of my early goals.

Understandably, the Nevada Guard's focus during the COVID-19 pandemic was within our state's boundaries. With that chapter of essential domestic support now concluded, I am pleased to see the Nevada Guard spread its wings and support countries and communities around the world. The Nevada Guard's potential is limitless and boundless; in fact, this publication includes news spanning 11 time zones from Samoa to Germany. Alongside our partners in the Division of Emergency Management (see page 6), the Nevada Guard is not just supporting the Silver State daily from Stateline to West Wendover; we are supporting the World from Oceania to Europe and the 137th Military Police Company's recent return from deployment to Romania. This doesn't include the organization's anticipated upcoming firefighting activations with our Army Aviation units and the Nevada Air Guard's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) team. I am very proud of the Nevada Guard's new partnership with the Government of Samoa and know that the Nevada Guard is among the nation's leaders in expertise on relations with countries in Oceania based on our State Partnership Program experience.

I realize – perhaps more than most – that the schedule and operations tempo in the Nevada Guard can seem unrelenting and unceasing. We have just concluded the 82nd Nevada Legislative Session, celebrated the promotion of Brig. Gen. D. Rodger “Dan” Waters, and marked the end of the annual training season, but other huge events – including the 145th National Guard Association of the U.S. conference in Reno in August – are still on the horizon. And, just last week, the Nevada National Guard continued its tradition of taking home Diversity, Equity and Inclusion awards at the national level when the 152nd Force Support Squadron garnered the National Guard Excellence in Diversity Award in the Air National Guard Unit category (see page 11 for letter from the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Gen. Daniel Hokanson).

I want everyone to know – regardless rank and position – what you do on behalf of the Nevada Guard is inspiring to me and is making a difference around the world.

**Battle Born! Battle Tested! Battle Ready!**

**Maj Gen Ondra Berry, Nevada Adjutant General**

# WATERS PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

## NEVADA DIRECTOR OF JOINT STAFF RISING STA

By Steve Ranson  
Nevada Appeal

RENO — D. Rodger “Dan” Waters, a Soldier whose career began as an enlisted helicopter mechanic in 1985 and included a steady climb through the officer ranks of the U.S. Army for three decades, attained the rank of brigadier general July 14 in a ceremony conducted at the Nevada Army Guard’s Army Aviation Support Facility.

Waters, 55, of Sparks, enlisted in the Army at age 17 after graduating from high school in Tempe, Ariz., and he’s worn an Army uniform ever since.

As one of two Nevada Army Guard generals responsible for 3,300 Soldiers statewide, Waters will continue to serve in his current position as Director of the Joint Staff, the position he assumed in February when a Colonel.

“I love Nevada, I love the military and I love the mission,” Waters said.

Adjutant General Maj. Gen Ondra Berry praised Waters before promoting the renowned aviator. Waters’ initial military branch was Aviation but his primary branch is now Infantry.

“We can’t thank you and your family for all you have done,” Berry said to Waters in front of several hundred attendees.

Berry recapped Waters’ career in the Nevada Army Guard and he also mentioned Waters’ foreign tours.

Nevada’s two Army Guard brigadier generals serve as advisers to Berry, who was appointed in September 2019. Brig. Gen. Troy Armstrong is the Nevada Army Guard’s Land Component commander and Waters is the Director of the Joint Staff who oversees human resources, intelligence, joint operations, cyber security, the counter drug task force, emergency management and the 92nd Civil Support Team.

Berry, along with Waters’ wife Kimberly and two of their adult children, assisted the state’s newest general with replacing his rank. The general’s one-star flag was also presented to him.

For entire story from Nevada Appeal, [click here](#).



# NEVADA WELCOMES 137TH MP'S HOME FROM DEPLOYMENT TO ROMANIA: VIDEO



# NEVADA COMPLETES AIR DEFENDER IN GERMANY

## EXERCISE LARGEST IN NATO HISTORY

By SMSgt Paula Macomber  
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GERMANY – The 152nd Airlift Wing partnered with nine other Air National Guard C-130 wings, the German Air Force, Romanian Air Force among other allied and partner nations at Wunstorf Air Base, Germany to provide combat tactical airlift for NATO's largest ever air redeployment exercise: AIR DEFENDER 2023 from June 12-23, 2023.

The exercise saw 25 countries, 250 aircraft and over 10,000 participants engage in two weeks of sustained air operations. Led by the German Air Force, AD 23 offered another opportunity for partner nations who value freedom and democracy to exercise collective defense, demonstrated the unified resolve of NATO to fight and win an air war over the continent of Europe, according to NATO.

For two weeks, German civil airspace was partially closed to make way for the exercise's 1,700 sorties of air combat and air mobility operations.

"AIR DEFENDER 23 was one of, if not the most meaningful experiences of my 16 years of military service," said Lt. Col. Matthew Schwegel, assistant director of operations at Wunstorf Air Base and assigned to the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard in Reno, Nev. "To execute daily formation inter-flies with our NATO allies, and to fully integrate into a German air base proved the unity and interoperability of our NATO and partner-nation alliances. Our German allies were the most gracious of hosts and the most professional of aviators that I've ever had the privilege of working with."

Two crews and one C-130H3 tail from the 152nd AW participated in multiple force-on-force, joint multinational airdrop and international sustainment missions across the continent of Europe. Air National Guard C-130s were instrumental to the deployment, sustainment and redeployment of U.S. Combat Air Forces throughout the exercise: Delivering over 1.3 million pounds of cargo and 1,800 passengers to Combat Air Force spoke locations. Supporting this effort were a contingent of 152nd maintainers, air crew tactics planners, medics and air crew flight equipment technicians, all of whom seamlessly integrated into the expeditionary airlift group at Wunstorf.

"If there's one takeaway I have from the experience, it's that despite our different cultures, we really have more in common with our NATO partners and allies than I ever realized," Schwegel said. "We're cut of the same cloth and share the same societal and military-professional values."

# CHIEF: DEM ENSURES COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO RESILIENCE

By Dave Fogerson  
Nevada DEM Chief

CARSON CITY – The Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is the civil authority agency that the Nevada National Guard supports in time of need. In 2021, oversight of the Division was relocated from the Nevada Department of Public Safety to the Office of the Military. This allows a synergy between Guard domestic operations and local/state civil authority needs. The Chief of the Division reports directly to the adjutant general and works closely with the Director of the Joint Staff to ensure a cooperative, collaborative approach to improving Nevada's resilience.

DEM/HS works to protect, prevent, respond, mitigate, and recover from any incident. This is done through a locally executed, state-guided, and federally-supported goal. Towns, special districts, cities, and counties are the front line to protect Nevadans and our visitors from harm, from normal day-to-day activities of law enforcement, fire/EMS, and public health, or the larger issues such as flooding, earthquakes, pandemic, and wildland fire. The Division works to build relationships so everyone has what they need.

As a Nevada National Guardsman, you know the diversity of Nevada: preparedness efforts of Dyer are much different than Las Vegas. This is what keeps DEM/HS busy! A small staff of 40 employees work to help our communities improve their preparedness and response. We help with plan writing, liaison officers, funding for recovery efforts, the Civil Support Team, or work with the Governor and Legislature to deploy quick reaction forces and medical teams for special events.

DEM/HS has two offices: one within the Carson OTAG complex where the JOC is co-located along with the Nevada Threat Analysis Center. The second one is within the Las Vegas Readiness Center which is shared with the Nevada Office of Cyber Defense and Coordination. While these may be the physical locations, you are very likely to find our staff in the field, either at a local emergency planning committee meetings, conducting training and exercises for our partners, or at the scene of an incident or special event. This is where DEM/HS excels: reaching Nevadans where they are to provide assistance.

As a guard member, you are part of our system, our plan to help our local partners. That means your family must be ready for your immediate departure to help those in need, be at high-clearance vehicles during a flood, staffing roadblocks, securing critical infrastructure, fighting a wildland fire, or other tasks for which the Guard is the best fit. Each family needs a 72-hour disaster supply kit so they can weather the storm. Visit [dem.nv.gov](https://dem.nv.gov) to learn more about what goes into your personal preparedness kit. Please don't be a stranger to either of DEM/HS's offices to say hello!



# DIRECTOR: STARBASE BUILDS NEVADA'S FUTURE

By Traci Davis  
STARBASE Henderson Director

*Editor's note: the following is an update from STARBASE Henderson. Stay tuned from an update on STARBASE High Sierra for an update from the program in Reno in the next General Reflections newsletter.*

HENDERSON – Located in the charming southeast corner here at the Henderson Armory stands a beacon of hope for Nevada's future generations - the pride of the Nevada National Guard, STARBASE Henderson. The program caters to the curious minds of our fifth-grade students, and fuels their love for science through engaging, hands-on activities.

STARBASE Henderson provides a nurturing environment where young minds can unlock their full potential in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). The curriculum is crafted to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application, bolstering students' readiness for the challenges of higher education and the professional world. Our interactive lessons in coding, robotics, mathematics, engineering design, and science directly supports the Nevada Academic Content Standards, preparing our students for their forthcoming academic journey.

A key facet of our STARBASE Henderson STEM program involves introducing our students to an array of potential STEM careers. We believe it's crucial to present these possibilities early in their educational journey, thus paving the way for informed academic choices in middle and high school that lead to fulfilling professional lives.

In the past year alone, STARBASE Henderson has served as an academic home to over 900 students across the Las Vegas Valley, offering them exciting activities that cultivate a profound appreciation for science and mathematics. Due to overwhelming demand, a waiting list of over 20 schools emerged, reflecting our program's growing popularity and influence.

To our delight, the Department of Defense, recognizing the value of our work, approved an expansion program in May. This enables us to double our reach and serve twice as many students in the forthcoming school year, providing them with hands-on STEM projects that stimulate a passion for learning.

A highlight of our STARBASE Henderson program is the engaging 'Eggbert' project. Our students step into the shoes of engineers, utilizing their critical thinking, problem-solving, mathematical, and communication skills to design, construct, and refine a safe vehicle for Eggbert, our astronaut. Faced with real-world challenges such as budget restrictions and limited materials, they collaborate in teams to develop, test, improve, and proudly present their creations. This memorable project immerses students in the engineering design process, enhancing their readiness for future STEM pursuits.



In May, STARBASE Henderson proudly hosted its inaugural event, 'Lunch, Learn and Play like a Fifth Grader'. We welcomed esteemed stakeholders from the military, local community, and the Clark County School District for a riveting half-day of interactive learning experiences. It was truly heartening to witness these adults wholeheartedly participate in our science experiments, expressing amazement at the advanced level of technology we make accessible to our students.

Furthermore, STARBASE Henderson is diligently collaborating with the Clark County School District. Our shared goal is to ensure that our activities not only complement the District's newly adopted science curriculum, Amplify, but are also meticulously aligned with the Nevada Academic Content Standards. This concerted effort guarantees our program is consistently tailored to the evolving needs of our students, further preparing them for the future.

We are enthusiastically preparing for yet another extraordinary year, ready to ignite sparks of curiosity and invest in the bright futures of the next generation of Nevada's innovators and leaders!

# NEVADA GUARD ENTERS NEW SPP AGREEMENT

## SAMOA PARTNERS WITH NEVADA GUARD

CPT Micah Gill

Nevada State Partnership Program

SAMOA – The Nevada National Guard, the U.S. Embassy in Samoa and Government of Samoa officials are ecstatic to announce the official collaboration between the Nevada National Guard and the Government of Samoa under the auspice of the National Guard's State Partnership Program was signed and finalized on July 6. The collaboration promises to fortify the bonds between Samoa and the United States and represents a significant milestone in diplomacy and cooperation between the two nations. Coincidentally this month, the National Guard's State Partnership Program is marking 30 years of mutually beneficial missions, exchanges and exercises in every corner of the globe since the program's inception in 1993.

The State Partnership Program is a Department of Defense program that pairs National Guard states with foreign countries. The program aims to facilitate mutual support, cooperation, and development across various sectors, including defense, emergency management, and humanitarian assistance. The Government of Samoa is the Nevada Guard's third partner; it has also teamed with the Kingdom of Tonga since 2014 and the Republic of Fiji since 2018. According to the National Guard Bureau, there are now 100 security cooperation agreements between the National Guard states, territories and the District of Columbia and countries around the world: The total reflects that more than half of the world's 195 sovereign recognized nations are participating in the State Partnership Program.

Samoa is composed of numerous islands in the South Pacific Ocean and lies about halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand. The country has a population of about 207,000 and about 75 percent live on the island of Upolu. Its total land mass is just slightly smaller than Rhode Island at 2,831 square kilometers.

For more information, [click here](#).



# NEVADA SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM TACKLES PRESSING ISSUES

By CCM Cameron Pieters

Nevada Guard Command Senior Enlisted Leader



The Senior Leadership Team of the Nevada National Guard is a High Performing, High Trust team of 13 that advises and assists TAG with strategic level organizational decisions and vision. At this level, the team monitors future opportunities to ensure the organization elevates and grows to meet the needs of the Governor of the State of Nevada and Combatant Commanders worldwide.

Readiness, Retention, Legislative Initiatives, Southern Nevada Growth, and HRO are some of the top priorities they have been laser focused on during 2023. Subject matter experts, including Mr. Michael Nila, founder of Blue Courage, Mr. Gus Lee, author of "Leadership of Character" and Maj Gen (Ret) Shannon Woyak former ANG Assistant to the Chief of Nurse Corp., assist the team in advancing the culture through the Senior Leadership Development Series.

The decisions the Leadership Team makes will impact the entire force. It is paramount they focus on identifying, owning, and solving problems. Readiness is our top priority. Addressing substance abuse, sexual harassment/assault, inappropriate behavior, and misconduct are difficult issues this organization will not turn a blind eye to or sweep under the rug. This team will continue to drive change and influence the organization to be stronger, more capable of handling adversity and winning in this year, next year, and beyond.

The Senior Leadership Team is made up of: The Senior Leadership team consists of:

BG Troy Armstrong, Land Component Commander

Brig Gen Troy Havener, ATAG (Air)

BG D. Rodger Waters, Director of the Joint Staff

COL Mary Devine, USPFO

COL John Krueger, Chief of Staff Army

Col Dave Chauvin, Chief of Staff Air

Col Michael Matthews, Director of Staff (Air)

COL Amy Klima, J9 Director

COL Kevin Remus, JAG

COL Matt Jonkey, NVNG LL

MAJ Todd Brown, Army Chaplin

CW4 Steve Nielsen, State Command Chief

CCM Cameron Pieters, Command Senior Enlisted Leader

CSM Dennis Basilio, State Command Sgt. Maj.

SCCM Kevin Brun, State Command Chief

Dave Fogerson, Division of Emergency Management Chief

Cheryl Tyler, State Admin



Senior Leader Offsite, Aug. 4, 2023

# 145TH NGAUS CONFERENCE SET FOR AUG. 18-21 IN RENO



The 145th General Exhibition and Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States is set for Aug. 18-21 in Reno, Nevada. More than 2,000 Army and Air National Guard officers from all 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia gather to connect, party and get down to business setting the NGAUS upcoming legislative agenda.

For more information on the conference, [click here](#).

For a complete schedule of events, [click here](#).

Nevada garnered a total of 16 awards to be presented during the conference later this month in Reno. Award winners include:

**Montgomery Medal**

USO Nevada

**Charles Dick Medal of Merit**

Governor Joseph Lombardo

U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen

**Patrick Henry Award**

Lindsay Knox

Bill Lerner

Lorri Mills

Larry Mosley

Tim Robb

Kimberly Weingartner

**Distinguished Service Medal**

Fred Barton

BG Michael Hanifan (ret.)

MAJ Karen-Nicole Randel

**Meritorious Service Medal**

CMSgt Jason Farnsworth

**Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award for Company Grade Officers**

Capt Vicenza Dall

CPT Jacob Sanford

**Eagle Rising Award for Warrant Officers**

CW3 Nicolas Allred

# 152 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY



## NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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Lieutenant Colonel John Brownell  
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel John Brownell,

I would like to personally congratulate you on the selection of the Nevada Air National Guard 152nd Force Support Squadron as the Fiscal Year 2022 Air National Guard Unit -- National Guard Excellence in Diversity Award winner. This award is presented to the Air National Guard unit which stands out from among all others by consistently and significantly contributing to diversity and inclusion initiatives and ideas, institutionalizing best practices, building measurable milestones, and attaining individual or group diversity and inclusion goals.

The dedication of the men and women of the entire Nevada Air National Guard 152nd Force Support Squadron plays a vital role in advancing my intent to maintain a ready, resilient force by recruiting, retaining, and promoting talented, capable, high-performing citizen Soldiers and Airmen from every racial, ethnic, and gender group, ensuring that our force reflects the diversity of the communities we serve.

Thank you for all you do to assist your unit to promote this critical effort and for being a role model for others to follow. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel R. Hokanson".

Daniel R. Hokanson  
General, U.S. Army  
Chief, National Guard Bureau

*Congratulations - well done!*

# PATRIOT RELIEF ACCOUNT EXTENDED TO ALL MEMBERS FACING HARDSHIP

The Patriot Relief Account is no longer exclusively for members currently deployed. The economic hardship factor now applies to all members thanks to a recent decision from Nevada National Guard leadership and the state administration office.

In 2005, the Nevada State Legislature enacted law to help Guardsmen with reimbursement of textbooks, reimbursement of Servicemember's Group Life Insurance premiums and monetary relief from economic hardship (up to \$5,000). To prove economic hardship, members must submit the application form either to their unit education officer or directly to the state administration office at 775-884-8467.

NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD  
APPLICATION FOR MONETARY RELIEF FROM ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Control No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Provides for monetary relief from economic hardships experienced by members of the Nevada National Guard.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**  
Within 30 days of the end of month for which hardship is claimed.

**PART A - PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Servicemember's Name (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (circle one):  
Home Address (street, city, state, ZIP): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (street, city, state, ZIP): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Servicemember (if servicemember, then enter "self"): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT REQUESTED (subject to availability of funds): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B - APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Fill out this form completely.
2. Ensure you have included ALL required documentation listed below, unless otherwise specified.
3. Send completed application and accompanying materials to the Office of the Military, ATTN: State Admin at the address below within 30 days of the end of the month for which hardship is claimed.

Unless otherwise noted, all applications **MUST** include the following:

- ☐ This application (be sure to sign in the signature field above).
- ☐ Signature of Unit Representative in field below.
- ☐ Proof of income and expenses (not required for financial hardship due to extenuating and/or unforeseen circumstances). Accepted documents include bank statements, pay stubs, Leave and Earnings Statements, a past due rent notice, past due bills or invoices, cost estimates for medical treatment, and quotation(s) from vendors.
- ☐ Completed State of Nevada Vendor Registration form, which can be found at the following link (not required for financial hardship due to extenuating and/or unforeseen circumstances):  
[https://controller.nv.gov/uploads/Files/controller2022mgov/content/Vendor/KTLVEN-01\\_Registration\\_Substitute\\_IRS\\_Form-W-9.pdf](https://controller.nv.gov/uploads/Files/controller2022mgov/content/Vendor/KTLVEN-01_Registration_Substitute_IRS_Form-W-9.pdf)

Hardship is due to a medical condition, a doctor's confirmation of the situation.

**PART C - UNIT REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION**

This individual is currently a servicemember in good standing of the Nevada National Guard, State Admin of any changes to this individual's status.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nevada National Guard  
Application for Monetary Relief  
From Economic Hardship Form**

# NEVADA GUARD



## NEVADA'S 82ND STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



### MARKSMANSIP

#### Southern Nevada Small Arms Range

- \$17 MIL for design and construction of new Southern Nevada Small Arms Range
- This will be a much-needed facility for Clark County

### PHYSICAL FITNESS

#### New Nevada Army Guard ACFT Facility

- Funding for new Army Combat Fitness Test training centers
- New center to help troops prepare for new U.S. Army fitness test standards.

### FACILITY UPDATES

#### Camp Washoe/AASF

- Acquisition and renovation of Camp Washoe, formerly Naval Reserve Building.
- Renovation and remodel for Nevada EOC, CSMS and AASF.

### NEW POSITIONS

#### Programs/Cyber Security

- Cyber Security Specialist
- Administer of Youth Programs
- Psychological Health Manager
- Pay increase for state positions.

The 82nd Nevada Legislative Session concluded in June 2023. The biennial session brings Nevada lawmakers to Carson City for four months every other year. This year, Nevada lawmakers thanked members of the Nevada National Guard with the above laws and capital improvement projects. In total, these funds include \$56 million for the Nevada National Guard, primarily with money from the state general fund, with about 68 percent of funds going to much-needed renovations and facility upgrades. Additional funds will support 20 new positions in the Nevada Office of the Military, including five positions in the State Admin office and \$1 million in one shot state funds for facility projects, said Cheryl Tyler, Nevada Office of the Military.



# SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE



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## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Chapel Services
- Bible Studies
- Baby Dedication Services

## SUPPORT SERVICES

- Conduct Weddings
  - Conduct pre-marital counseling
  - Provide marriage counseling
- Conduct Notifications for our Fallen Service Members (and follow up with Families)
- Conduct Funerals for Families of Service Members
- Conduct Memorial Ceremonies & Services
- Home Visitations to pray for Sick Service Members and their Families
- Hospital Visitations for Support and/or Prayer
  - For Service Members & Their Families
  - When sick or injured and need support
- Hospital Visitations when service members have a newborn baby to pray over their family
- Chaplain Briefings for units with new incoming Soldiers

## INVOCATIONS & BENEDICTIONS

- For Change of Command, Change of Responsibility, Award & Promotion Ceremonies
- Premobilization & Redeployment Briefings and Ceremonies
- ROTC Graduation Ceremonies

## COUNSELING

- Grief counseling, leadership stress, counseling for EO and SHARP, religious support, stress, conflict resolution, anger, depression, suicidal thoughts, finances
- Unit-related, managing emotions, career, decision-making skills, etc.

## EVENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- Conduct Strong Bonds Relationship & Life Skills Training Courses
  - Programs for:
    - strengthening marriages
    - supporting singles in their relationships
    - building mental & emotional life skills
- Conduct ASIST, Safe Talk & ACE-SI Courses
  - To help Service Members grow more confident and comfortable in supporting suicidal service members
  - To help Leaders grow more aware of supporting their service members
- Spiritual Fitness and/or Resiliency Training (for ROTC, Units, RTI, etc)
- Yellow Ribbon Support for Premobilization & Redeployment
- Recruit Sustainment Program Support (for new incoming Soldiers)
- Purple Resolve Training
- Leadership Development training

The Nevada National Guard Chaplain Corps both Army and Air gathered in Las Vegas for their annual Chaplain Annual Sustainment Training in July. The training provided a great opportunity for the men and women who serve those who serve to refresh, reflect, and grow in their caring skills. BG Troy Armstrong, Land Component Commander, Nevada Army Guard, attended and gave the Chaplain Corps some encouraging words.

Additionally, he was able to assist in a couple promotions. 2LT Dhabhi Lewis was promoted to 1LT Chaplain and SSG Damien Jorgensen was promoted to SFC. MAJ Troy Dandrea, SFC Damien Jorgensen, and SGT Coleman Monahan were awarded an Army Achievement medal for their excellent work in preparing, coordinating, and executing this training. SSgt Janica Buri was coined by BG Armstrong for going above and beyond in her assistance with the preparation and execution of the training. The theme of the training was Unity, throughout the workshop there were sections that helped each person examine their own skills and identify their personality traits, mixed in with opportunities to work with their team and combine their skills to develop a new ministry project to serve the men and women of the Nevada National Guard. Each ministry project that was developed was exciting and fresh and combined their skills, gifts and character traits for maximum potential of success. The Chaplain Corps had guest speakers that helped them grow in their counseling and listening skills.

They were treated with key note speaker retired (MSG) Stan Harvey who inspired them to pursue excellence in all they do and to allow the calling that has been placed on their lives be multiplied as they serve the men and women of the Nevada National Guard.

The goal was to develop a culture of unity within the chaplain corp, and I strongly believe that we have established what that looks like and how that feels. Our challenge is to continue to grow as a chaplain corps family and to set the example within our ranks of the men and women we serve as we attempt to enrich the military culture.



# NVNG *Chaplain Corps*



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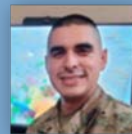
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# Nevada National Guard

## Resiliency Resources




Scan the QR code to access the Nevada National Guard's Resiliency Resources.

### Psychological Health Services

For Service Members. Individual, Couples and Family Counseling. Referral services for family members. Call us--we will assess your needs and refer as needed.


 Tara Pushkin, LCSW, DPH | Army Guard (South)

 (702) 856-4936

### Psychological Health Manager:

All service members, civilian employees and immediate family members. Individual Couples, and Family counseling. Free video counseling available as needed.


 Felipe Payumo, LCSW, MBA | (South)

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### Psychological Health Therapist :

All service members and immediate family members. Individual Couples, and Family counseling. Free video counseling available as needed.

 Deken Gossett, LMFT | North

 (775) 544-0365

 Esther Mata, LCSW | (South)

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### Social Work Case Manager


 Mikie Franklin, LCSW | (North)

 (775) 887-7210


### Military Family Life Counselor:

All service members and immediate family members. Individual, Couples, and Family Counseling. Non-medical counseling. Free video counseling available as needed.

 Katherine Souza, Ph.D., LMFT | North


 (571) 621-4835

 Brooke Rothford, LPCC | South

 (702) 831-1054

### Military One Source:

Members of the military and their family members who are enrolled in DEERS. Non-medical counseling.

 1-800-342-9647

### Chaplain Services:

Service Members, Couples, and Family Counseling & Support.

 Chaplain Brown | State Chaplain/Army Guard (North)

 (775) 220-1524


 todd.v.brown.mil@army.mil

 Chaplain Crandell | Air Guard (North)


 (775) 788-4651


 donald.crandell@us.af.mil


 Chaplain Gilliam | Air Guard (North)

 (775) 788-8785

 shay.gilliam@us.af.mil

 Chaplain Dandrea | Army Guard (South)

 (702) 856-4990

 troy.t.dandrea.mil@army.mil

### Sexual Assault Prevention Response:

 Jheremy Perkins | JFHQ-State SAPR

 (775) 384-5840

 Michelle Middleton | 152d AW SAPR PM

 (775) 240-5922



# Nevada National Guard

## Resiliency Resources

### Nellis AFB Mental Health:

Title 32/Title 10 orders. Some exceptions.  
Inquire with DPH.

(702) 653-3880

### Nellis AFB Family Advocacy:

AGR Members only, however, classes provided are available for any service member that can get onto the base.

Barbara

(702) 653-3881

### Equal Opportunity:

TSgt Adam Willett | NVANG EOA

adam.willett@us.af.mil

Cecilia Anaya | NVNG EEO

cecilia.r.anaya.civ@army.mil

MSG Richard Miller | NVARNG EO NCO

Richard.I.miller184.mil@mail.mil

(775) 886-7600 | EO/EEO HOTLINE

<https://nv.ng.mil/pages/departments/eeo.aspx>

### NVNG Family Programs:

To provide assistance to military members, military retirees and military families, whether Active Duty, National Guard Reserve, deployed or home.

1-833-251-8350

### Child & Youth:

Elizabeth Erway

(702) 694-4476

elizabeth.erway.ctr@gmail.com

Sonnet Soto

(775) 384-5801

sonnet.a.soto.ctr@army.mil

### Work for Warriors:

James Baker | Program Manager

Office: (775) 384-5812 | Cell: (775) 443-2587

[www.workforwarriorsnv.org](http://www.workforwarriorsnv.org)

### Transition Assistance Advisor

Carmen Rank

Office: (775) 384-5837 | Cell: (775) 312-0088

### Personal Financial Counselors :

Robert (Bob) | PFC (North)

(775) 447-5239

PFC2.NV.NG@zeiders.com

Jessica Barron, PFC (South)

(210) 202-9551

PFC.lasvegas.usar@zeiders.com

**Vet Centers:** Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard Service Members who have served in combat theater or area of hostility Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard Service Members who have experienced sexual trauma/harassment. Bereavement counseling available to parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel (including Reservists and Guardsmen) who dies in the service of their country.

(702) 791-9170 | Las Vegas Vet Center

(702) 791-9100 | Henderson Vet Center

(775) 323-1294 | Reno Vet Center

### Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)

Nadia Noel | North

(775) 384-5846

nadia.noel2.ctr@army.mil

Alicia Belcher | South

(702) 632-0590

alicia.m.belcher.ctr@army.mil

### Veteran Crisis Line

988 Press 1

Text 988