

# NEVADA WING MONTHLY BLAST E-NEWSLETTER

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Hi, everybody! As you may have heard, we're about to have a Change of Command for Nevada Wing. I will have the honor of serving as your new Wing Commander, effective January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Now, we normally do those kinds of things every four years at the Wing Conference. The reason and timing for the change? Well, Col Lynn does such a great job as our Wing Commander that they're promoting her! She will move to the position of Pacific Region Vice Commander. I plan to build on Col Lynn's excellent leadership and work with you all to keep Nevada Wing the BEST in CAP. I don't intend to make any major changes for about the first six months or so, **except**...we'll need to make a couple of changes in the Command Staff. Now, Lt Col Irby will stay as Vice Commander for Special Projects, Maj Grindstaff as Safety Officer, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Tooker as Public Affairs Officer. But we'll need a new Vice Commander. Maj Rich Hazeltine has graciously agreed to serve in that position. Since he's moving to Vice Commander, we'll need a new Chief of Staff too. Lt Col Tom Cooper has been so kind as to accept that important job. Thanks to both of you for your willingness to serve – and thanks to the rest of Wing Staff and the Commanders as well for **your** continued service!!

And now for what else is happening in Nevada Wing...drumroll, please...

## **From the Squadrons:**

### **NV-027, Tahoe-Truckee Composite:**

Membership Longevity: Maj Sandra Stark and Lt Jim Marymee both completed 30 years of CAP membership.

Other Items: The squadron held its annual Awards Dinner on December 13.

### **NV-054, Reno Composite:**

New Members: SM David Morgan.

Promotions: Anna Beckstead to C/2d Lt; Trace Conklin to C/Amn, and William Neahusan to C/SrA.

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**New Qualifications:** Capt Robert Meurer, Instructor Pilot and Transport Mission Pilot; Capt William Munns, Orientation Pilot; SM David Welch, GES; SM Crofton Wilson, ICUT, Transport Mission Pilot, and Orientation Pilot.

**Membership Anniversaries:** 2d Lt Robert Daniel, 14 years; 2d Lt Jeanine Silver, 1 year; 2d Lt Michael Walker, 1 year.

**New Primary Duty Assignments:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cale Dunlap, Squadron Leadership Officer.

**New Professional Development Achievements:** 2d Lt Mark Donberger, Finance (Senior rating), Logistics (Technician rating); 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Gerry Elder, Grover Loening Award (Level III), Capt William Munns, Personnel (No rating); Lt Col Sandra Steffensen, Personnel (Technician rating), and SM David Welsh (Level I).

**Other Events:** During the month, the squadron participated in an Honor Flight event, O-Rides, the Wing Communications SAREX, and held a board game night.

## **NV-065, Henderson Composite:**

**Promotions:** Dana Surwill to C/2d Lt; Heili Petrisca to C/MSgt; Payce Anderson to C/SrA, and Trevor Wilcox to C/A1C.

**New Qualifications:** Capt Robert Surwill, Transport Mission Pilot.

## **NV-067, Douglas County Composite:**

**Other Events:** Installed new antenna for the Ready Op mission communications system, with many thanks to Carson City Composite for their assistance. Participated in the Wing Communications SAREX.

## **NV-068, Humboldt County Composite:**

**New Members:** C/AB Seamus Maloon.

**Promotions:** Timothy Vaughan to 2d Lt.

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**Other Item of Interest:** It has been proposed to rename the Winnemucca Municipal Airport to add “Franklin Field” to honor long-time squadron member Lt Col Irl (Leon) Franklin and recognize his contributions to aviation in the Winnemucca community.

## **NV-070, Las Vegas Composite:**

**New Members:** SM Steven R. Steel; SM Joseph A. Vargas; C/AB Krystal Birkan; C/AB Siana Manor.

**Promotions:** Joseph F. Visalli to Maj; Stephanie A. Mack to Capt; Dustin L. Prosser to Capt; David Hollander to 2d Lt; Kyle Alamshawl to C/2d Lt; Grant Bachmura to C/CMSgt; Ethan Estes to C/SMSgt; Chaya Sherman to C/MSgt; Karina N. Bir to C/SSgt; Zach Mower to C/SSgt; Michael Ramirez to C/SSgt; Nikki M. Preusse to C/SrA; Nazmul High to C/A1C; Martin Schissler to C/A1C; James Paul Vogel Jr. to C/A1C; Christian Ceser to C/Amn; Lailia Gregston to C/Amn; Erik Price to C/Amn; Peyton Huntsman to C/Amn.

## **NV-802, Jack Schofield School:**

**New Members:** C/AB Michael Chupp.

**Promotions:** Marcfred Garrido to C/SSgt; Moshe Vaz to C/SSgt; Alici Walker to C/SSgt; Ed Patrick Garrido to C/A1C; Grace Bainbridge to C/A1C.

**Operations Qualifications:** C/Amn Jeremy Zagorski, GES; Capt Michael Lipka, ICS400, MSA and MSO; C/2d Lt Nathan Harris, IS100 and IS700; C/SSgt Alica Walker, IS100; C/SSgt Marcfred Garrido, IS100; C/SSgt Moshe Vaz, IS100; C/CMSgt Timothy Gelfer, IS700; C/AB Michael Chupp, OPSEC.

**Birthdays:** SSgt Thomas P. Wireman Jr.; Cadet Justice Lavin-Newton.

**Membership Anniversaries:** Capt Jazmin Goodson, 8 years; C/SrA Nicholas Bainbridge, 1 year; C/A1C Grace Bainbridge, 1 year.

**Other Events (with photos):**

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Open House at North Las Vegas Airport:





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Veterans' Day Parade:





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Visit to the Veterans' Administration:



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Well, that's about it for December's edition of the BLAST. Please don't forget to send me the scoop on what's been happening at your squadron by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to my Wing e-mail address listed below. Please don't send stuff anywhere else or I probably won't get it. Folks, if you don't send the info, I don't know about it and can't put it in the BLAST. Let everybody in the Wing know what's going on with your squadron – yes, toot your own horn! 😊

As always, the entire Nevada Wing Staff thanks you **all** for what you do on behalf of our wing and our organization. Thanks for your membership, your dedication, and your hard work. We wish **each and every one** of you a healthy, happy and prosperous Holiday Season!

**NEVADA WING – EVERY DAY!**

Best Regards,

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