

# NEVADA WING MONTHLY BLAST E-NEWSLETTER

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Hi, everybody! Well, the deed is done, the Change of Command for Nevada Wing has happened. This will be my last BLAST as our new Vice Commander, Maj Rich Hazeltine, will be taking it over next month. It has been fun doing the BLAST the past couple of years and I hope you've enjoyed it. 😊

Keep in mind this is a two-month BLAST so it's a big one and will include holiday season events.

There are some things happening at Wing level. We're meeting with two other organizations on a potential joint project to create a shared meeting and Headquarters (HQ) facility. As you may know, the owner of the property where our current HQ is located wants to sell so we have been looking into options for a new HQ.

Also, we are actively working on revamping the Wing website. No, really, we are! Capt Tooker, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aguiar and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Surwill are in the process right now. Along with that, they are working on a Wing calendar that can be used and posted to by all units. These projects will take a little time, but it is happening.

Speaking of media-type happenings – please don't forget to submit articles to Silver Wings. Tell folks outside the Wing about your activities; in fact, I'm taking several copies of Silver Wings to Washington DC to give to our Congressional representatives and Senators. Include a couple of pictures if you like (but don't get carried away 😊). The Wing PAO staff does not write the articles – **YOU DO!**

And now, without further adieu....

## **From the Squadrons:**

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

**Promotions:** Frank Goodwin to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.

**Other Items:** The squadron held its annual Christmas Potluck featuring the Mountain Belles providing Christmas music and Nevada County (CA) Search and Rescue gave a presentation about their role at the Paradise wildfires.

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## NV-047, Carson City Composite:

Promotions: Anastazia Rudolph to C/SMSGt.



Other Items: The squadron participated in Wreaths Across America in December, garnering over \$765 from its efforts. The focus was on the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, interment place for over 1700 veterans, which had not been recognized prior to 2017.

## NV-054, Reno Composite:

New Members: Cadets Kenneth Bettejar, Makani Johnson, and Brian Norman.

Promotions: Michael Cleveland to Capt; Mark Donberger to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt; Jason Scharoun to C/2d Lt; Mia Schnelker to C/SSgt; and William Neahusan to C/SSgt.

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**New Qualifications:** Lt Col Stacy Haruguchi, Ground Team Member 2; Capt Mike Cleveland, Ground Branch Director; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Gerry Elder, Ground Team Member 2; 2d Lt Stephen Schnelker, Mission Radio Operator and Mission Observer; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ruben Schaber, Transport Mission Pilot; SM CB Wilson, Mission Scanner; 2d Lt Andrew Spanier, Mission Scanner; 2d Lt Charles Morris, Mission Staff Assistant; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mark Silver, Public Information Officer; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Joseph Nishikida, Urban Direction Finding and Ground Team Member 3; Capt Sandy Munns, CAP Instrument Pilot.

**Membership Anniversaries:** Lt Col Sandra Steffensen, 10 years; Capt David Blondfield, 7 years; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Gerry Elder, 4 years, and C/2d Lt Anna Beckstead, 2 years.

**New Primary Duty Assignments:** 2d Lt Jon Plamondon, Personnel and Administration Officer.

**New Professional Development Achievements:** SM David Morgan, Level I; 2d Lt Charles Morris, Information Technology Officer (no rating).

**Other Awards:** SAR Base Member of the Year, Capt Mike Cleveland; Senior Volunteer of the Year, Lt Col Sandra Steffensen; Public Affairs Officer of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mark Silver; New Member of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ruben Schaber; Senior Member of the Year, Capt Bob Meurer; Ground Team Member of the Year, Lt Col Sandra Steffensen; Pilot of the Year, Capt Sandy Munns; Cadet of the Year, C/2d Lt Jason Scharoun; Cadet Officer of the Year, C/2d Lt Anna Beckstead; Cadet NCO of the Year, C/SSgt Lucy Wadleigh; Cadet leadership Award, C/A1C Parker Pippo; Cadet Airman of the Year, C/SrA Amelia Kowalczyk; New Cadets of the Year, C/SSgt William Neahusan and C/SrA William Vavra.

**Other Events:** Honor Flight; O-Rides; Wing Communications SAREX; 2 monthly SARexes; Sparks Christmas Parade; Operation Santa Claus; holiday party; a rocketry exercise; Awards Banquet, and a board game night.

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

**New Members:** C/AB Aiden Hemenway, C/AB Ryder Nay.

**Promotions:** Dalton Stradtman to C/CMSgt; Cassie Valenti to C/CMSgt; Helli Petrasca to C/SMSgt; Costa Stamanis to C/SMSgt; Robert Stamanis to C/TSgt; Gabriel Thatcher

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to C/SrA; Trevor Wilcox to C/SrA; Quintin Healey to C/A1C; and Shayla Pedersen to C/A1C.

Membership Anniversaries: Capt Sal Cinnante, 5 years.

## NV-067, Douglas County Composite:

Notable Events: C/Capt Ivan Altunin completed his first Form 5 check ride in a Civil Air Patrol glider. His check pilot, CAP Lt Col Elizabeth Tattersall (I.), administered the check ride. He plans on soon working towards earning his powered aircraft private pilot's certificate. C/Capt Altunin also attended the Region Cadet Leadership School at Nellis AFB in December.





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## NV-068, Humboldt County Composite:

Promotions: Seamus Maloon to C/Amn.

Notable Events: The Winnemucca City Council has voted in favor of renaming the Winnemucca Municipal Airport, adding "Franklin Field" to honor long-time squadron member Lt Col Irl (Leon) Franklin and recognize his contributions to aviation in the Winnemucca community. The signage stone has been ordered and private donations are sufficient to cover the cost. When the stone is completed and shipped to Winnemucca, a date for the field dedication will be determined.



## NV-069, Nellis Composite:

New Members: SM Christopher McGoffin; Cadet Casey McGoffin.

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## NV-070, Las Vegas Composite:

New Members: Capt Shaharazad Purvis; SM Taryrece Culbertson-Swint; Cadets Ryan Blum, Tanner Goddard, Roselyn Ramirez, and Nathan Spear.

Promotions: Chaya Sherman to C/CMSgt; Ethan Estes to C/CMSgt; Michael Ramirez to C/TSgt; Zach Mower to C/TSgt; Mckinley Swank to C/SrA; Erik Price to C/A1C; Peyton Huntsman to C/A1C; Lailia Gregston to C/A1C; Christian Ceser to C/A1C, and Mason Corday to C/Amn.

Other Awards: Maj David Compson, Pacific Region Commander's Commendation; Maj Gary Van Cott, Pacific Region Commander's Commendation; Capt Wayne Mowery, Pacific Region Commander's Commendation; Capt Shaharazad Purvis, CAP Achievement Award.

## NV-077, Vegas Valley Composite:

Promotions: Coye Shelton to C/2d Lt.



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*New Primary Duty Assignments:* C/2d Lt Coye Shelton to Cadet Commander.

*Other Awards:* Maj Kenneth Lucia, Pacific Region Commander's Commendation.

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

*New Members:* Cadets Jesse Houghton and Tanguy Klaham.

*Promotions:* Alica Walker to C/TSgt; Ed Patrick Garrido to C/SrA; Nicholas Bainbridge to C/SrA; Jeremy Zagorski to C/A1C; Justice Lavin-Newton to C/Amn, and Jan Matute to C/Amn.

*New Primary Duty Assignments:* 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Michael Atkin, primary Homeland Security Officer and assistant Health Services Officer; SSgt Thomas Wireman, assistant Homeland Security Officer.

*New Professional Development Achievements:* Capt Michael Lipka, Safety (Senior), Professional Development (Technician), Command (Technician); 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Carolyn Castro-Goodson, Administration (Senior); 2d Lt Nicholas Sacco, Public Affairs (Technician), Officer Basic Course; SSgt Thomas Wireman, Logistics (Technician); SM Robert Sacco, Level I.

*Operations Qualifications:* C/Amn Jan Matute, GES; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Alexander Sternhill, 2d Lt Nicholas Sacco, SSgt Thomas Wireman, C/CMSgt Timothy Gelfer, and C/SSgt Lourdes Castro-Goodson, ICUT; C/Amn Justice Lavin-Newton, OPSEC.

*Birthdays:* David Pierce; Tiffany Putt-Bradley; Thomas Wireman; Carolyn Castro-Goodson, and Joe Rogers.

*Other Awards:* C/Amn Justice Lavin-Newton, Cadet of the Month.

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*Other Events:* 802<sup>nd</sup> Winter Gala; Wreaths Across America; 66<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron Tour; Day with Nellis Honor Guard; HDAW Color Presentation; Coral Academy Career Day.

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## *Wreaths Across America*



## *Heavy Duty Aftermarket Week (HDAW) 2019 Color Presentation*



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## Coral Academy Career Day



Well, that's it for this edition of the BLAST. As a reminder, from here, Maj Hazeltine will be taking the helm. Please don't forget to send him your information by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to his Wing e-mail address, [Richard.hazeltine@nvwg.cap.gov](mailto:Richard.hazeltine@nvwg.cap.gov). Let him know what's going on with your squadron so he can put it in and the whole Wing can learn about what you're doing.

And of course, 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. Without you, there is no us (Nevada Wing). Thanks for all your support regarding the BLAST!

**NEVADA WING – EVERY DAY!**

Best Regards,

*Deborah Pierce*

**Col Deborah Pierce, CAP**  
Nevada Wing Commander