

NEVADA WING MONTHLY BLAST E-NEWSLETTER

July 2018



Hi there, everybody! 'Tis I, your fearless (?) Vice Commander with my first BLAST E-newsletter with the NVWG squadrons' accomplishments, promotions, and general information! This BLAST covers June 2018 – and maybe a little other stuff too.

You might have heard or possibly seen BLASTs from time to time in the past. As you might know, the BLASTs are intended to be a method to inform everyone in Nevada Wing about the things that are going on within the squadrons...and maybe a tidbit or two about what's going on at the Wing level as well. It's based on what YOUR commanders have submitted regarding your activities along with anything from Wing Staff members. Given our geographical challenges, it's easy to be "in the dark" about what's going on elsewhere. Northern squadrons don't know what's up in the South, and vice versa. But when it comes down to it, we are ONE WING. North, South, doesn't matter. Remember... **NEVADA WING – EVERY DAY!!**

What's going on in Nevada Wing, you ask...well, now...

I'm going to take a sec here before I get rolling with the squadrons' info to talk about something near and dear to my heart - AND on my plate at the moment. Some of you may have seen this before. Folks, as you know, the way we reward our members' hard work is through recognition. Awards and promotions are important tools with which to thank our members for their contributions and doing those presentations are some of the best things Commanders get to do. It just plain feels GOOD on both sides of that equation – it feels good to get an award and it feels pretty dang good to give one, too. As a plus, your squadron morale will likely improve if folks see these things happening. So...commanders, encourage your members to progress through their specialty tracks. Communicate with your professional development and personnel officers. Personally review your members' track progression and promotion eligibility regularly. If a member earns an award or a promo – let them know you care – take a few minutes and put them in for it! That goes for everyone, not just commanders – although please do observe the chain of command.

And now, a word from our NVWG Public Affairs Officer, 1st Lt Maryan Tooker..."I'd like to welcome 2Lt Mark Aguiar as the new Deputy Public Affairs Officer for Nevada Wing. Mark brings a great deal of enthusiasm, knowledge, and innovation to support the Wing program."

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Here's a tidbit from our Wing Historian, Lt Col Thom Cooper: "Check out this really cool historic film clip at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8SGutCZ5Gc>

Now, without further adieu -

From the Squadrons:

NV-027, Truckee-Tahoe Composite:

New Senior Members: Cindy Crawford and Frank Goodwin

Promotions: Daniel Holbrook to C/2Lt and Wyatt Deupree to C/SSgt

Qualifications: Capt Mark Ledwith to Mission Observer

Other Items: Participated as Honor Guard at memorial service for WWI veteran Joseph J. Dugan. Squadron Color Guard led the Truckee 4th of July Parade and won the "Best Youth Float" award.

NV-047, Carson City Composite:

Promotions: Anastazia Rudolph to C/SSgt

Encampment attendance: C/SSgt Anastazia Rudolph; C/Amn Samuel L Pry; C/Amn Samuel J Pry-Henion; C/Amn Jacob Pry-Ware.

NV-051, Pahrump Composite:

Promotions: Nevaeh Black-Ritchie to C/Amn

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Other Items: The squadron Honor Guard led the Pahrump 4th of July Parade:



From the Pahrump Valley Times

And the squadron also announces the possible formation of a new Canine Unit:



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NV-054, Reno Composite:

New Members: Senior Member Dean Bergquist and Cadet Logyn Walker

Promotions: Jeanine Silver to 2Lt; Andrew Eschen to C/MSgt; Chayton Johnson to C/MSgt; Thomas Johnson to C/MSgt; Danri Nugman to C/A1C; Jason Scharoun to C/SMSgt; Mia Schnelker to C/A1C, and William Vavra to C/Amn.

Operations Qualifications: 1st Lt Gerry Elder, Ground Team Member 3 (GTM3) and Ground Team Leader (GTL); 2d Lt Jeremy Hall, GTM3 and GTM2; 2d Lt Jon Plamandon, Mission Scanner; 2d Lt Andrew Spanier, Mission Radio Operator; C/MSgt Ananya Phonchana, ICUT, and C/Amn William Vavra, GES.

Membership Anniversaries: 2d Lt Andrew Spanier, C/SrA Lucy Wadleigh, and C/Amn Amelia Kowalczyk – 1 year each

New Primary Duty Assignments: 1st Lt Mike Cleveland, Operations Officer

Cadet Achievements: C/Amn William Vavra, Curry Award; C/SMSgt Chayton Johnson, IS 100 and IS 700

Other Items: Held monthly SAREX, participated in the Honor Flight program at Reno-Tahoe Airport, conducted glider O-Rides, and the squadron Color Guard presented the colors at a Reno Aces baseball game as well as the Carson City Airport Open House.

NV-065, Henderson Composite:

New Cadet Members: Mason Enright, Daniel Coffey, and Payce Anderson

Promotions: 1st Lt Ollins to Capt; 2d Lt Addleman to 1st Lt; Callie Addleman to C/1st Lt; Derek Yu to C/2d Lt; Dylan Collins to C/MSgt; Hayden Aguon to C/SrA, and Heili Petrisca to C/SrA.

New Qualifications: 1st Lt Addleman, UDF; Capt Surwill, CERT.

New Duty Assignments: C/1st Lt Addleman as Cadet Commander

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Other Items: The high altitude balloon launch project is still in planning for the second launch.

NV-067, Douglas County Composite:

Other Items: Glider O-Rides for cadets and seniors are taking place once a week at Silver Springs Airport, usually on Saturday. Cadet Nance from Reno Composite and Cadet Altunin have been progressing toward obtaining a private pilot's license.

NV-077, Vegas Valley Composite:

Promotions: C/CMSgt Shelton and C/CMSgt Feldman have passed their Mitchell exams.

NV-802, Jack Schofield School:

Promotions: Nicholas Sacco to 2Lt; Lauren Flores to C/SrA, and Patrick Garrido to C/Amn.

Operations Qualifications: 2d Lt Nicholas Sacco, GES

Birthdays: Capt Michael Lipka; C/2d Lt Kastantinos Zakis; C/CMSgt Nathan Harris; C/TSgt Genie Salazar; C/A1C Marcfred Garrido; C/SrA Lauren Flores, and C/Amn Karla Espinoza.

Membership Anniversaries: C/CMSgt Nathan Harris; C/MSgt Nicholas Bradley; C/A1C Lauren Flores, and C/SrA Jake Gardner.

New Primary Duty Assignments: 2dLt Nicholas Sacco, Recruiting and Retention Officer; SSgt Thomas Wireman, Jr, Finance, Transportation, and Logistics Officer, and SM Tiffany Putt-Bradley, Activities Officer.

New Professional Development Achievements: Level I – 2d Lt Nicholas Sacco and SM Tiffany Putt-Bradley; Level IV – Capt Michael Lipka.

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Other Events: Squadron Color Guard participated in the Veterans' Picnic and Coral Academy of Science 8th Grade and High School events. Two CERT training sessions were held. The squadron CAC representative traveled to the Wing Staff/Commanders' meeting in Hawthorne. C/CMSgt Hathan Harris and C/TSgt Genie Salazar participated in the Pacific Region Honor Guard Academy. Eight members of the squadron traveled to Mesquite, NV for Encampment: 1st Lt Alexander Sternhill (Instructor), 2d Lt Michael Scheidle (Transportation), C/MSgt Nicholas Bradley, C/A1C Marcfred Garrido, C/Amn Ed Patrick Garrido, C/Amn Grace Bainbridge, C/Amn Nicholas Bainbridge, and C/Amn Thomas Wireman III.

WHEW! You folks have been BUSY! I heard from almost all squadrons; doing this BLAST was hard work! And I thank you for that. As I said, without your input, there is no BLAST. I hope you enjoy reading about what your fellow Nevada Wing members have been up to.

In closing, the entire NVWG 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.

NEVADA WING – EVERY DAY!

Best Regards,

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